

# JOHNSTON

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**NOVEMBER  
2024**

Hello Johnston Families,

As we embrace the cozy spirit of November, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for the love and support you show our school community every day. Your involvement truly makes a difference in creating a nurturing environment for our students.

November 2nd marks the beginning of our second quarter, a time often associated with giving thanks. I am incredibly grateful for the wonderful community we have and the amazing people who surround us. I'd especially like to recognize our dedicated staff. Their commitment to providing high-quality instruction, fostering positive relationships, and offering a diverse range of enrichment opportunities greatly enhances our students' experiences here at Johnston. Thank you, Johnston Staff, for all that you do! Your hard work and passion make a significant impact on our students' lives.

Important Dates:

- TEAMJohnston Parent-Teacher Organization: We invite you to attend our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, November 19th from 3:30-4:30 pm. This is a valuable opportunity to get involved in your child's school and how we can work together to support their school experience and success.
- Family Dinner and Community Resource Night: Join us for dinner and learn more about our community resources on Thursday, November 21st from 5:00-7:00 pm.
- Thanksgiving Break: Please remember that school will be closed from November 27th-29th for Thanksgiving break. We hope you enjoy this special time with family and friends.

As we enjoy the beauty of fall and prepare for the chill of winter, please remember to dress your child appropriately for the changing weather. Our students spend time outdoors before the bell rings at 8:22 a.m., during lunch recess, and sometimes during Fit-n-15 activities. Please note that supervision begins at 8:10 a.m., and we kindly ask that you do not drop off your children on school grounds before this time. If you're looking for before-school care, we offer a wonderful YMCA program that you might consider for your child. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our students safe and comfortable.

Finally, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who attended the Parent-Teacher Conferences and the grades 3-5 Showcase. Your active participation is truly appreciated. Your partnership in your child's education plays a vital role in maximizing their learning experience and helping to create a positive school environment. Thank you for being such an important part of our community!

Together, we can make this school year a memorable and enriching experience for our children.

Warm regards,



MaiKou Heu  
Principal

## Deans Den

Dean's Den: Mrs. LaBorde

### November 2024 Attendance Updates

When calling in your child for an attendance please **state the reason for the absence**. Our school contact number is as follows: 920.852.5505, then follow the prompts. When using Infinite Campus to report an absence, please state the reason for the absence online.

Robo calls go out to families at 9:00 AM each morning if your child is absent from school and we have not heard from you. Please contact the school and report the absence so it is not recorded as an unexcused absence.

Once a family hits 5 unexcused absences you are considered habitually truant. An attendance conference would then take place with the family.

If your child is late for school please **walk them inside or call the office** to let them know they are on their way into the building. At the elementary level, it is a requirement to walk your child into school to avoid an unexcused tardy.

Resources:

[Elementary Handout](#)

**ART News**

**Geometric Robot**  
2nd graders learned about geometric robots and applied them in their robots.

**What's Happened so Far...**

**Line Monster**  
Kindergarten learned about lines and create a line monster!

**Mushroom Forest**  
1st grade learned about horizon line and painted a mushroom forest.

## Important Dates

**November 14** - 3rd/4th Grade  
Concert 2:30-3:00/ 6:00-7:30 PM

**November 19** - TEAM Johnston  
Meeting 3:30 PM

**November 21**- Family Dinner and  
Community Resources Night 5 PM

**November 27-29** - No School-  
Thanksgiving Break

## This Month in Phy. Ed.

The 3-5th grade students will be putting their throwing and catching skills to the test as we lead into our Invasion games unit. During this unit we will be discussing different offensive and defensive concepts and strategies. We will be playing different fast paced games such as Catch 5, Capture the flag, and Ultimate football. Encourage your sons/daughters to have conversations about offense and defense while watching different sports at home such as soccer, football, and basketball.

The K-2nd grade students will be continuing to work through our Opposition unit where we are practicing underhand rolling, underhand throwing, and overhand throwing. We will then begin to get into our Eye Hand Coordination unit where students will be working on tracking objects and catching them. Provide your sons/daughters with some practice opportunities at home by tossing and catching with them.

Mr. Weinzetl

## Reminders

Parents please remember it is YOUR responsibility to notify the school and teachers that your child is absent by 9:00 am. Call the office at (920) 852-5505 and email your child's teacher to let them know your child will be absent and why. **Please list any symptoms your child has when notifying someone as well.** If your child rides the bus, contact Lamers at (920) 832-8800 to let them know they will not be riding the bus.

If you did not report your child's absence, you will receive a robocall in the morning or in the afternoon reminding you to call the school. If we do not receive a call or email from you, your child will be marked as unexcused

Please email Mrs. Lowry at [lowrybrenda@aasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:lowrybrenda@aasd.k12.wi.us) to let her know your child was absent and why.

## DO YOU HAVE A FACEBOOK?

Awesome, so do  
we! Like our page  
to see updates,  
events, and fun  
tidbits.



We are excited to announce the members of Student Council for the 2024-2025 school year. Although, we had some great applicants, not all candidates could be chosen at this time. Please do not give up on applying for future leadership opportunities in our school.

With Gratitude,  
Mrs. LaBorde

**Johnston Elementary**  
**2024-2025 Student Council Members**

Gabby	4th Grade	Mrs. Schmidt
Hana	4th Grade	Mrs. Schmidt
Kaylin	4th Grade	Mrs. Schmidt
Ellyanna	4th Grade	Mrs. Schmidt
Otillia	4th Grade	Miss Westfall
Violet	4th Grade	Miss Westfall
Samantha	4th Grade	Miss Westfall
Charlotte	5th Grade	Miss Herrera
Alaya	5th Grade	Miss Herrera
Aria	5th Grade	Miss Herrera
Celeste	5th Grade	Miss Herrera
Chelsea	5th Grade	Mrs. Westphal
Liam	5th Grade	Mrs. Westphal

**Student Council Meeting  
Dates**

- Tuesday, October 22nd, 12:05 PM
- Wednesday, November 13th, 12:05 PM
- Wednesday, December 18th, 12:05 PM
- Wednesday, January 15th, 12:05 PM
- Friday, February 21st, 7:40 AM
- Tuesday, March 18th, 7:40 AM
- Wednesday, April 16th, 12:05 PM
- Friday, May 16th, 7:40 AM

## Safety Patrol

### Week of November 4-8

Bennett T.            Tristan F.  
Michael R.            Annah J.  
Emma S.

### Week of November 25-27

Tristan F            Ellyanna K  
Blake L              Bennett T  
Arai L

### Week of November 11-15

Haven B              Thomas A  
Alaya K                Sebastian P  
Daniel P

### Week of November 18-22

Annah J                Malachi O  
Kabongo K            Alaya K  
Julius O

## Save the date!

Johnston YMCA 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center and DEI  
Coordinators Present:

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving and  
Community Resource Event at Johnston  
Thursday, November 21st 5-7:00pm

Come join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal prepared  
by the Ycare students and their families and visit with  
local community resources!

We will be looking for volunteers and donations at the start of November  
Watch for more information!

Information on  
how to register  
coming soon!

## Strings

The 5th grade Strings students have been preparing for our "Spooky Story with Sound Effects" informal concert presented to the Kindergartners. It will take place on the stage in the MPR on Thursday, October 31 at 8:40am and should last about 15-20 minutes. For our story, we chose "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything." We have been brainstorming to add musical sound effects to the story. It has been so much fun to hear all the creative ideas! This is storybook dress up day, so students should plan to wear that costume for our presentation. No masks or hats, please.

Mrs. Gurholt

Spanish Translation  
Hmong Translation



HEALTH SERVICES \* P.O. Box 2019, Appleton, WI 54911 \* 920-852-5344

### November—Diabetes Awareness Month

Diabetes is a chronic condition that occurs when the body can't produce enough insulin or can't use insulin properly, resulting in high blood sugar levels.

**Where does insulin come from and what role does it play?** Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas. It helps move sugar from the bloodstream into the body's cells to be used for energy. Think of this whole process like a lock and key system. Imagine that the body's cells have locked doors and insulin is the key that opens the locks to allow the sugar in. The pancreas is the company that makes the keys.

**What happens to insulin in diabetes?** There are three types of diabetes: Type 1, Type 2 and gestational diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune condition where the body mistakenly attacks the cells in the pancreas that create insulin. Eventually the pancreas can't make insulin anymore or can't make enough to keep up with the body's needs. The company has stopped manufacturing keys so there are little to no keys available to open the locks. In Type 2 diabetes, the body produces insulin but cannot use it properly. The company is still making keys but the locks are rusty so the keys don't open the locks as well. Gestational diabetes is a type of diabetes that occurs when a pregnant person is unable to produce enough insulin or use the insulin effectively. There are not enough keys and some of the locks are rusty.

**What are the common symptoms of diabetes?** Per the American Diabetes Association, some common symptoms of diabetes include:

- Urinating often
- Feeling very thirsty
- Feeling very hungry even though you are eating
- Extreme fatigue
- Blurry vision
- Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal
- Weight loss even though you are eating more (type 1)
- Tingling, pain, or numbness in your hands/feet (type 2)

**Can diabetes be prevented?** There is currently no known way to prevent Type 1 diabetes. Things that can help to lower chances of developing Type 2 diabetes include eating healthy, being active, and maintaining a healthy weight. The American Diabetes Association offers a free [60-second Type 2 Diabetes Risk Test](#).

For more information about diabetes, possible long term complications and how you can help, please visit the [American Diabetes Association website](#).



# Counselor CORNER



## November Life Long Skills

Each month I will give you information about the topics that your child(ren) will be learning during Lifelong Skills (LLS); LLS are my lessons that all students receive twice a month.

November Topic: Self Awareness

- Recognizing Emotions
- Coping Strategies

*World Kindness Day*  
Wed. 11/13

Choose to do a random act of Kindness for anyone.

Visit:  
[www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org) to learn more!

Let's Connect!

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LORYER@asd.k12.wi.us  
(920) 852-5505

Want your child to meet with me? Follow QR Code to sign up!



# Johnston MUSTANG MILE

## Raffle Donations

We accept donations throughout the year!

November Requests:  
Board Games  
Card Games  
Electronic Gadgets



Drop off your donations

Johnston Elementary | Mondays through Fridays | 8am-3:30pm  
Questions? Contact [reinholdanna@asds.k12.wi.us](mailto:reinholdanna@asds.k12.wi.us)

## TEAM JOHNSTON WHY JOIN THE PTO?



**NEXT MEETING**  
TUESDAY,  
NOV. 19TH

**DRAWING FOR**  
3 ALTITUDE  
TRAMPOLINE PARK  
JUMP PASSES!  
(FOR NEWCOMERS ONLY)

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

**STAY INFORMED!**

**CONNECT WITH PARENTS!**

**MAKE OUR SCHOOL BETTER!**

**SHARE YOUR IDEAS!**

**BE A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL!**

**SUPPORT YOUR CHILD!**

**WHEN?**  
3:30-4:30

**WHO?**  
Parents,  
Teachers & Staff

**WHERE?**  
Johnston's LMC

Notify Anna Reinhold if kids are coming

Joining TEAM Johnston is a simple step that makes a significant impact!  
Make a difference in your child's education today!

Questions? Please contact Anna Reinhold - Youth Advocate (and parent): [reinholdanna@asds.k12.wi.us](mailto:reinholdanna@asds.k12.wi.us)



November 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing this letter to inform you of our upcoming standardized English test, ACCESS for English Learner's (ELs). As mandated by Wisconsin law, one of our primary responsibilities is to assess the English language skills of eligible students and provide information to you. Our overall goal is to provide language and academic support so that ELs reach their full potential and participate fully in their educational experience. Students are only eligible to exit the EL program with a current ACCESS level. If your child does not take the ACCESS test during the testing window, he/she will not be able to exit EL programming this academic year.

In the next two to three months, the ACCESS test will be administered to all ELs in the Appleton Area School District. The results will provide information about the language and literacy needs of your child. After the tests have been corrected and scored, we will share the results with you.

In some cases, your child already participates in the district's EL / Bilingual Program. For others, there is no direct language service or services have been refused, but we are required by law to administer the assessment to all EL students. Please understand that discussion of any direct service will involve you, and no student will be placed in EL classes without your permission.

Johnston Elementary School will be administering the ACCESS test December 3 - 17, 2024. If you have any questions about the ACCESS test, please contact the EL teachers listed below at your child's school.

Thank you,  
Amy Swick  
EL/Bilingual Education Coordinator

Ramona Martin (all day)  
Email: [martinramona@asds.k12.wi.us](mailto:martinramona@asds.k12.wi.us)

Chia Vang (PM - only)  
Email: [vangchia@asds.k12.wi.us](mailto:vangchia@asds.k12.wi.us)

School Phone Number: (920) 852-5502 ext. 34122

## 3rd and 4th Grade Concert!



### Important 3rd and 4th Grade Concert Information



I am so excited to announce that on Thursday, November 14th, the 3rd and 4th grade students (this includes Mrs. Munson's 2/3 class) will be performing their concert. The concert will be held in the large gym at 6:00pm. Here are a few important details:

- Please have your student to the All Purpose Room (lunch room) at 5:45pm.
- Enter through door E (doors will not be unlocked until 5:45pm). Once you drop off your student, please make your way to the gym to find a seat.
- Parents should take student jackets etc. with them to the gym.
- No one will be allowed in the hallways for safety reasons. **Please only use door E to enter or exit the school.** There are bathrooms right as you enter.
- When the concert is over, students will be excused and you can exit through door E
- There is not a "dress code". I suggest something cool. It gets very hot in the gym.
- There will be a dress rehearsal for all the students in the school at 2:30pm. If you are not able to attend the evening concert, but can attend the dress rehearsal, you are more than welcome to come. Space will be VERY limited, so if you are able to come to the evening performance, please just come to that performance. Thank you for your cooperation with this.
- This is their only concert this year, so it is very important that all students attend.

If you have any questions, please email me at the email address below. The 3rd and 4th graders have been practicing very hard and I'm excited to have you listen to all their work!

Mrs. Pitts  
General Music Specialist  
[pittswendy@asd.k12.wi.us](mailto:pittswendy@asd.k12.wi.us)

## Student Council Food Drive



**Our annual food drive starts on Wednesday, December 4, 2024!**  
**Sponsored by: Johnston Student Council**

Our charity organization is the Salvation Army. We are asking for donations of canned or boxed food, such as pasta, dinner meals, bagged or boxed cereal, or any other non-perishable items. If you would like to donate any of these types of food, please bring them to your classroom between December 4th and December 13th. Class levels will be involved in a challenge to donate the most food! Boxes will be located in classrooms starting on Wednesday.

Please do not donate any glass or expired items.

## Contact Info

**Address:** 2725 E Forest St Appleton, WI 54915

**Phone:** 920-852-5505

**Email:** [lowrybrenda@asd.k12.wi.us](mailto:lowrybrenda@asd.k12.wi.us)

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