

Jayhawk Journal



Week of November 11 - 15

Principal's Corner

This past week we spent time with our staff to plan instruction and meet the needs of our students in all aspects of the classroom. During Professional Development Days, our staff is committed to taking in research, materials, and resources that will always benefit our students here at Johnson. I want to reiterate that when we work together, we can accomplish so much! Two-way communication is always the source of that, please know that our doors are always open; we appreciate all of you!

-Mr. Traub and Mrs. Samouelian

Staff Member of the Week:

We would like to congratulate Mr. Sproule for being voted this award by his colleagues this week!

Mr. Sproule is our Project Lead The Way Teacher here at Johnson. He has been a part of our school for many years and taught Informational Technology before his new role. Mr. Sproule is always willing to go the extra mile to build relationships with his students. He has a go with the flow attitude, and is a wonderful colleague to work with. No matter what is going on, he is always there to help!

PBIS Updates

This week we had our SOAR Assembly to look over the data we collect for our minor and major infractions. Historically, the month of October seems to show more infractions, as students are now getting less reminders as we move out of September. We believe it is important for students to see the data every month, as we focus on setting goals and making improvements every month. This week we talked about the expectations for hallways using our SOAR Matrix (see attached).

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Staff took advantage of the time we had for Professional Development and worked together to tailor instruction to meet the needs of our students!
- ⇒ Our SOAR Assembly took place and students were able to look over data and set goals for the month of November!
- ⇒ Our specials staff has worked hard to create engaging enrichment opportunities for our students during SGI Time!



Planning for the future:

November 2024

- 11/12 - PTA Meeting
- 11/14 - Bagel Day
- 11/15 - PTA Reflections Due
- 11/26 - SOAR Clubs
- 11/27 - 11/29 No School

Week At A Glance

Monday 11/11

Tuesday 11/12

Wednesday 11/13

Thursday 11/14

Friday 11/15

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

The great kids and staff that I work with. It is fun to be here!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Anywhere out of the Country

Foods:

Anything I don't have to make

Color:

Blue

College:

Western Michigan

TV Show:

Yellowstone

Sports Team:

Detroit Teams

School Subject:

Technology

Staff Member of the Week



Mr. Sproule

My hobbies:

Sports and enjoying time with family.

PTA Updates

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Thank you to everyone that has joined PTA! There is still time to become a member. When you join the Johnson PTA, you are showing your support for our students and staff. It does NOT mean you need to volunteer. Please become a member today.

<https://johnsonelementary.givebacks.com/>

Johnson spiritwear is available all year. Check out <https://www.johnsonupperpiritwear.com/> to order some Johnson clothing today.

Feel free to reach our PTA at johnsonupperpta@gmail.com with any ideas or questions you may have.

Reflections Update

Last call for REFLECTIONS! Please [click here for more info.](#)

Entries are due by Nov. 15.

Save the date for our next PTA meeting on November 12th at 6 pm.

Don't forget that we have a Dave and Buster's fundraising campaign happening! [Click here](#) for more info!!

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2024-2025
**CALL FOR
ENTRIES!**

Accepting Imperfection

Explore the arts and express yourself!



DANCE
CHOREOGRAPHY



FILM
PRODUCTION



LITERATURE



MUSIC
COMPOSITION



PHOTOGRAPHY



VISUAL ARTS

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:

11/15/2024

Questions? Send an email to:
reflections@livoniaptsacouncil.org

Scan to visit LPTSAC Reflections site
for official Rules and Entry Form



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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU November 2024

| | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>MICHIGAN SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM NO COST FOR MEAL **ALL ENTREES INCLUDE CHOICE OF SIDE ITEMS AND MILK** **COST FOR MILK ONLY: 0.60** THIS MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p> | | | | | | <p>31 PUMPKIN PRETZEL (31g Carbs) Cheese Cup(13g Carbs) Green Beans (3gCarbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs) <i>Happy Halloween!</i></p> | <p>01 CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p> | | | 02 |
| <p>03 "FALL BACK"  Turn Clocks BACK in FALL Set Clocks Back 1 Hour First Sunday in November</p> | <p>04 NACHO SUPREME (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p> | <p>05 NO SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p> | <p>06 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p> | <p>07 ROTINI W/MEAT SC (24g Carbs) Roll (16g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p> | <p>08 CHEESY BREADSTICKS (28g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Sweet Peas (11g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p> | 09 | | | | |
| 10 | <p>11 BURRITO (41g Carbs) Cilantro-Lime Rice (39g Carbs) Peas & Carrots (10g Carbs) MUNCHABLE</p> | <p>12 CHICKEN NUGGETS (13g Carbs) Roll (19g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) MUNCHABLE</p> | <p>13 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs MUNCHABLE</p> | <p>14 PHILLY CHEESESTEAK SUB (32g Carbs) Fruit/Vegetable (Carbs Vary) MUNCHABLE</p> | <p>15 CALZONE (35g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Fruit MUNCHABLE</p> | 16 | | | | |
| 17 | <p>18 PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BITES (37g Carbs) Potato (30g Carbs) Juice (16g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/ CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p> | <p>19 TWIN MINI CHEESEBURGERS (30g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p> | <p>20 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p> | <p>21 TACO IN A BAG (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p> | <p>22 CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH (39g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p> | 23 | | | | |
| 24 | <p>25 PIZZA CRUNCHERS (41g Carbs) Green Beans (3g Carbs) Fruit (Carbs Vary) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p> | <p>26 TURKEY PRETZEL (31g Carbs) Cheese Cup (13g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs)  YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p> | <p>27 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING RECESS</p> | <p>28 NO SCHOOL  HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</p> | <p>29 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING RECESS</p> | 30 | | | | |
| 12/01 | <p>12/02 NACHO SUPREME (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p> | <p>03 CRUNCHY TACO STICK (32g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Green Peas (11g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p> | <p>04 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p> | <p>05 ROTINI W/MEAT SC (24g Carbs) Roll (16g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p> | <p>06 CHEESY BREADSTICKS (28g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Sweet Peas(11g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p> | 07 | | | | |

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JOHNSON POSITIVE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS MATRIX

| | ANTI-BULLYING BE AN UPSTANDER | BUS | ARRIVAL/ DEPARTURE | HALLWAYS | CLASSROOMS | ELECTRONICS SOCIAL MEDIA | BATHROOMS | CAFETERIA | RECESS/ PLAYGROUND |
|------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| STAY SAFE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk: • Report to an adult immediately | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep body to self • Stay in seat until bus stops • Face front, sit up • Indoor voice • Follow adult directions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Keep body to self • Quiet • Stay in line • Follow Adult directions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk (on right side of hall) • Keep body to self • Silent • Stay in your spot in line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Keep body to self • Use objects appropriately • Use furniture safely • Ask permission to leave | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phones are turned off and in locker during school • School appropriate content • Treat others with respect online • Do not share personal information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Wash hands with soap • Keep water in sink • Report all problems to an adult immediately • Return to class immediately | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Keep body to self • Ask permission to leave | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep body to self • Use equipment safely • Follow all staff directions • Stay on playground • Report all problems immediately to the nearest adult |
| OWN OUR SCHOOL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe: • Look for others that need a friend • Make an effort to include | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Do not damage bus property • Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be polite, greet others • Keep areas clean • Hold the door for others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Be respectful of displays or student work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep our school clean • Keep desk and locker clean/organized • Greet visitors politely | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log off when done • Put devices away after use • Charge equipment after use | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Respect school property • Flush (toilet paper only) • Turn off water when done • Report all problems to an adult immediately | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up after yourself • Put trash in trash can • Help clean table tops and under tables | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Take care of equipment • Take care of school property |
| ACT RESPONSIBLY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk: • Invite people who are being disrespected to join you and move away | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow bus rules • Keep track of your belongings (coat, backpack, lunchbox, etc.) • Share seats when necessary • Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus • Keep body inside the bus • Sit respectfully and quietly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep track of your belongings (coat, backpack, lunch box, etc.) • Stand/sit in line appropriately • Quiet voice • Follow directions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report problems to an adult • Follow directions • Stay safe • Ask permission to leave • Take the most direct route/no wandering • Electronic devices remain in locker | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come to school and be on time • Work hard • Be prepared with materials • Be an active listener • Show parents daily planner/notes • Volunteer to help out • Take care of school materials and supplies • No electronic devices, unless given permission • Keep backpacks and purses in lockers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use equipment with care • Put devices away after use • Visit only approved sites • Follow teacher directions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use restroom closest to your class • Use sink and toilet appropriately • Wash hands • Make sure you are presentable before you leave • Return to class quickly • No electronic devices • Report all problems to an adult immediately | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep track of your lunch/ lunch box • Keep yourself clean (face, clothes, hands) • Help others clean up | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow recess rules • Keep track of borrowed equipment and return when you are done • Report problems immediately to the nearest adult • Electronics remain in locker |
| RESPECT EVERYONE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop: • Interrupt and model respect, rather than watch or join in | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Solve problems peacefully • Respect personal space • Be polite and use manners • Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Be aware of others and personal space • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Stay in your spot in line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet voice • Respect personal space • Be friendly, give nice greetings • Use manners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Raise hand to speak • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Solve problems peacefully | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat others with respect online • Share/take turns • Sign out when done | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect privacy of others • Respect personal space • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Use patience and wait your turn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Stay in your spot in line • Be polite and use manners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a good sport • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Solve problems peacefully • Include others • Be an upstander • Report problems immediately to the nearest adult |

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[E-Backpack Mail - Click & Scroll to Find Out What's Happening! \(livoniapublicschools.org\)](http://livoniapublicschools.org)



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HEALTH CHECKLIST

When should I keep my student home from school?

- ✓ If your student is running a fever, or has run a fever in the past 24 hours (The CDC states that students be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine prior to returning to school).
- ✓ If your student has vomited in the past 24 hours, or is very nauseous.
- ✓ If your student has any type of infectious disease (i.e. pink eye, strep throat, head lice, influenza, etc).
- ✓ It is more difficult to determine whether your student should stay home when he/she has a runny nose, persistent cough, stomach ache, headache, etc.

Some rules of thumb to consider are:

- ✓ Will your students be able to manage his/her symptoms during the 7-hour school day? (Remember, we cannot administer, or allow students to bring and self-administer, "over the counter" meds, such as cough drops, cold medicine, Tylenol, etc).
- ✓ Will he/she be able to concentrate on schoolwork, complete assignments, participate in class and the daily routine?
- ✓ Are the symptoms likely to infect other students who will be in close proximity?
- ✓ Would I want a fellow classmate with the same symptoms to be sitting next to, or across from, my student all day?

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our students healthy!

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ICHAT: Our parent volunteers are awesome and we could not do it without you! If you will be volunteering at Johnson or driving students for field trips, LPS requires you to have a completed iChat background check approved prior to the event. Completing the form is simple and quick. Go to www.livoniapublicschools.org click on the "Parents" tab, then click on "Forms" and click on the iChat box to access the form.

Student Emergency Cards: We ask that ALL Jayhawk families go onto parent connect and review their student information that is listed. Please confirm your emergency contact information. This information is added to the PINK STUDENT EMERGENCY CARD we print for students. Emergency cards will be printed on Tuesday, September 3 and we ask that all data be updated and confirmed by that time. Thank you for helping up keep your kids safe!

Food Update: Students will receive free breakfast and lunch from the state of Michigan regardless of income status. If your student would like to purchase snacks from our snack bar, please know that they can use cash or you can put money on their lunch account by going to the "Parent" tab on the LPS web page, then click on "My Payments Plus Student Lunch Accounts" and you can put money on their account for use at the lunch snack bar.

COMMUNICATION - The beginning of the day and the end of the day are always busy times in the school office. At Johnson, we realize there are always unexpected circumstances that arise and we will do everything in our power to accommodate unplanned interruptions. We also ask parents to call the office after 9:00am and prior to 3:00pm if they are making alternate transportation arrangements for their students' trip home. Teachers frequently use the end of the day time for classroom reorganization, recess and/or specials and catching up to a class can be a challenge. We appreciate your help. The office phone number is (734)744-2740.

OFFICE HOURS - Mr. Traub, Principal and Mrs. Samouelian, Assistant Principal, are available via email, telephone and in person. If you have any questions or concerns, please set an appointment to discuss your situation privately with one of our Administrators. The Johnson school office is open M-F from 7:45am to 4:15pm. Teachers are generally unavailable during the day as they are teaching. If you have a concern, please reach out to teachers via email or contact the office directly at (734) 744-2740. Students will not be permitted back into the building for forgotten items once the office is closed for the day!

SACC: Affordable School Aged Child Care, is still available at Johnson. Simply call (734) 744-2966 to make arrangements for your students before or after school caregiver needs. SACC opens at 7:00am and closes at 6:00pm daily.

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Transportation: In order to receive Bus Transportation, you must live in an area eligible for transportation and you MUST apply for transportation. If you believe your student is eligible for transportation, simply apply for bus service following the steps on the attached transportation information form at the end of this newsletter. If you want to see if you have transportation, simply login to Parent Connect and you will be able to see your student's transportation arrangements if they have been completed. If you have applied for transportation and still have not received transportation, we encourage you to reach out to transportation directly at (734)744-2156.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL - Oftentimes a student will come to the office with a medical need. The office staff is able to dispense medication as needed as long as the medication is: 1) Delivered to school by a parent in the original unopened package or prescription container, {NO MEDICATION can be brought to school by students} 2) As long as there is an individual, signed medical authorization on file for each medication {form available in the office and online} Medication includes but is not limited to cough drops, aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, prescription drugs, creams, lotions, vitamins, inhalers, EpiPens, etc.... We cannot administer any medication that is not listed on file in the office. Please reach out to Jill Jablonski in the office to set up a time to bring in medications and to review your student's medical needs when they are in the building.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK (BIAB) - FREE weekend meals and snack packs are available for those families that could use a little extra help. Johnson has teamed up with Blessings in a Backpack to offer weekend meal assistance to families that are struggling for whatever reason. A form is attached to the newsletter for your convenience. Simply complete the form and have your student return it to the office. Mid September, delivery will begin.

Back to school Helpers: We know that heading back to school and getting back into a routine can be a source of stress for kids and families. We are here to help with those days that are just not going perfect! We have two amazing staff members here to help our students transition back into the classroom. Ms. Dimmer and Ms. Jablonski are here to assist students with those first week jitters and help provide a familiar face. If you have a student that could benefit from their help, please reach out to the office and we will be sure to arrange a conversation to help your student!

Emergency Drills: As we head back to school, student safety is always a priority. We will be having several different drills coming up to acclimate the students to emergency procedures. We encourage you to let students know we are working in their best interest and we ask that they follow instructions given by staff during these drills so we can ease their concerns and keep them safe. Thank you for working with your students and supporting our safety drills.

"The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice."

- Peggy O'Mara

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