

# Jayhawk Journal



**Week of November 18 - 22**

## Principal's Corner

We are headed into our last full school week of November. It is crazy how fast the school year goes. I continue to be amazed at how hard our staff has been working to meet the needs of our students. Small Group Instruction continues to be utilized to help work with all of our students. Just a quick reminder that buses AB and U will be canceled through Wednesday (see attached). We appreciate your patience and grace as we navigate more cars in the loop, we continue to work together, thank you!

-Mr. Traub

## Staff Member of the Week:

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Grzech for being voted this award by her colleagues this week!

Mrs. Grzech is our speech teacher and is currently in her third year here at Johnson. She always finds a way to make things work for her students. Mrs. Grzech is wonderful with our kids and makes them feel right at home. She also is an amazing colleague that will help any coworker who may be in need. We are lucky to have her here at Johnson and are thankful for all that she does for us!

## PBIS Updates

This week we talked about the expectations for arrival and dismissal using our SOAR Matrix (see attached) on the morning announcements. Just a quick reminder that we will run SOAR Clubs on Tuesday, November 26th (day before Thanksgiving break). Clubs will be 10 SOAR Bucks, once again. Talk to your student about what clubs they have attended so far, and ask what is their plan for next week. Students will continue to earn SOAR Bucks for showing SOARing behavior here at Johnson!

## Points of Pride

- ⇒ Our Student Leadership Team celebrated World Kindness Day by spreading cheer and encouragement to all!
- ⇒ Our PTA was able to run the raffle of prizes for our students who met goals for the Color Run Fundraiser!
- ⇒ Our Peer Connectors Group was able to celebrate an event with Bagels with a Buddy this week in the cafeteria!



## Planning for the future:

### November 2024

11/26 - SOAR Clubs

11/27 - 11/29 No School

### December 2024

12/2 - 12/6 Holiday Shop

12/10 - SOAR Celebration

## Week At A Glance

Monday 11/18

Tuesday 11/19

Wednesday 11/20

Thursday 11/21

Friday 11/22

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**My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...**

Getting to work with the amazing staff and students!

**Some of My Favorite Things:**

**Place To Travel :**

Ocean City, NJ

**Foods:**

Dark Chocolate

**Color:**

Purple

**College:**

Misericordia University

**TV Show:**

Gilmore Girls

**Sports Team:**

Philadelphia Phillies

**School Subject:**

Science

**Staff Member of the Week**



**Mrs. Grzech**

**My hobbies:**

Golf, reading, and spending time with my 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](mailto:johnsonupperpta@gmail.com) with any ideas or questions you may have.

## Fundraiser Update

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

Save the date for our next PTA meeting on January 14th at 6 pm.

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# **Important Reminders**

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Hello Johnson Family,

Just a reminder that Bus U will be cancelled starting on Friday, November 15th, and will be cancelled through Wednesday, November 20th. In addition to Bus U, Bus AB will also be cancelled for the same duration.

Please be patient on Friday and next week in the parent drop off lanes as we anticipate more traffic with the cancellation of BUS AB and BUS U on 11/15, 11/18, 11/19, 11/20. Plan on a few extra minutes with the additional traffic. Perhaps you could car pool with neighbors to help. Reminder school drop off opens at 8:15 and school is dismissed at 3:30. Thank you for supporting staff as we will be managing the additional traffic as best we can. Thanks for helping to keep our students safe.

- Mr. Traub and Mrs. Samouelian

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## Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU November 2024

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

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

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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](http://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.

**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.

**“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”**

**- Winston Churchill**

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