Jayhawk Journal



Week of November 25-29

Principal's Corner

As we head into Thanksgiving Break, I would like to take the time to share how thankful I am to be here. This building and community are filled with genuine, kind, and caring people. It is a blessing to be here at this school to share these moments with all of you! No matter what your family traditions may be, I wish you all a well rested and peaceful long weekend ahead. I hope you all take the time to reflect upon what you are thankful for and enjoy! As always, Happy Thanksgiving and GO LIONS!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Kathy is our Kitchen Manager here at Johnson. In addition to making great meals and running our kitchen, she is a dedicated staff member who is beloved by both colleagues and students. She has a wonderful sense of humor and spreads joy to all that she interacts with. She always takes the time to paint murals for the seasons to help brighten the hallways. We are lucky she is ours!

PBIS Updates

This week we talked about the expectations for the classrooms using our SOAR Matrix (see attached) on the morning announcements. Just a quick reminder that we will run SOAR Clubs this 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 this week. Students will continue to earn SOAR Bucks for showing SOARing behavior here at Johnson!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ This week our Guiding Coalition (School Academic Team) met to discuss plans moving forward for the school year.
- ⇒ Our teachers have worked very hard to plan our SOAR Clubs for this week!
- ⇒ Our PTA continues to help and support our school with various needs during the year, thank you for all you do!



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 11/25

Tuesday 11/26

Wednesday 11/27 No School

Thursday 11/28 No School

Friday 11/29 No School

My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Getting to work with all of the great kids and staff members!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel:

Florida

Foods:

Mexican

Color:

Black

College:

Michigan

TV Show:

Sports

Sports Team:

Detroit Lions

School Subject:

Art

Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Kathy

My hobbies:

Crafting

PTA Updates

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Johnson PTA is excited to bring back the Holiday Shop for the students during the week of Dec. 2 -6. Students will shop during the school day with their class. We need volunteers to help make this a success. Please consider signing up for a shift. https://bit.ly/johnholiday24

Johnson spiritwear is available all year. Check out https://www.johnsonupperspiritwear.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.

We hope you can join us at Skate Night scheduled for Monday, Nov. 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the Skatin Station in Canton. Please see the flyer.

Youth Making a Difference is a program that encourages and recognizes volunteer efforts by K-12 students. We'd love to see how our Johnson students volunteer! Please see attached forms.

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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Johnson PTA Presents

Holiday Shop 2024 December 2-5

Gifts are priced between \$1.00 and \$15.00, with most items being \$3.00 - \$8.00.

Cash/Check payable to Johnson PTA accepted.

Cash preferred.

ALL students should have the enclosed gift list planner filled out to help with shopping.

Students will go with their class during the school day.





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Youth Making a Difference

Commitment Form - Johnson Upper Elem School

Name	_
Grade/ Teacher	_
Activity - (please describe)	
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Commitment forms due: Dec. 19, 2024 Completed projects due: Feb. 2025- exact date TBD	
Student Signature:	_
Parent/Guardian Signature:	



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Youth Making A Difference

Student Responsibilities

- Choose a volunteer activity that you would like to do.
- Fill out your Youth Making a Difference Commitment Form. Turn this in by your school's deadline.
- Keep a record of your volunteer activity. It may be pictures, a journal, drawings, a poster, etc.
- Create a display highlighting your activity. tri-fold poster board is used but use your imagination and be creative!
- Turn the project display in by the deadline determined by your school.
- A celebration displaying all projects will be held in April

- Shovel snow for a needy neighbor.
- Decorate a nursing home for the holidays.
- Recycle bottle/can collections.
 Do odd jobs for someone other than in your household.
- · Read to senior citizens.
- Volunteer at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
- Be a parent helper.
- · Clean school or church grounds.
- · Help a teacher.
- Collect food or clothing for a local shelter.
- Sing holiday songs to hospital patients, senior citizens or people living in shelters.
- Establish and fill animal feeding stations this winter.
- Use your imagination!

Some Suggested Activities

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E-Backpack Mail - Click & Scroll to Find Out What's Happening! (livoniapublicschools.org)



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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU November 2024

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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
	Talk: Report to an adult immediately	Keep body to self Stay in seat until bus stops Face front, sit up Indoor voice Follow adult directions	Walk Keep body to self Quiet Stay in line Follow Adult directions	Walk (on right side of hall) Keep body to self Silent Stay in your spot in line	Walk Keep body to self Use objects appropriately Use furniture safely Ask permission to leave	Phones are turned off and in locker during school School appropriate content Treat others with respect online Do not share personal information	Walk Wash hands with soap Keep water in sink Report all problems to an adult immediately Return to class immediately	Walk Keep body to self Ask permission to leave	Keep body to self Use equipment safe Follow all staff directions Stay on playground Report all problems immediately to the nearest adult
тоон	Observe: Look for others that need a friend Make an effort to include	Put trash in trash can Do not damage bus property Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus	Be polite, greet others Keep areas clean Hold the door for others	Put trash in trash can Be respectful of displays or student work	Keep our school clean Keep desk and locker clean/ organized Greet visitors politely	Log off when done Put devices away after use Charge equipment after use	Put trash in trash can Respect school property Flush (toilet paper only) Turn off water when done Report all problems to an adult immediately	Clean up after yourself Put trash in trash can Help clean table tops and under tables	Put trash in trash ca Take care of equipment Take care of school property
٠.	Walk: Invite people who are being disrespected to join you and move away	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	Keep track of your belongings (coat, backpack, lunch box,etc.) Stand/sit in line appropriately Quiet voice Follow directions	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	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	Use equipment with care Put devices away and charge them after use Visit only approved sites Follow teacher directions	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	Keep track of your lunch / lunch box Keep yourself clean (face, clothes, hands) Help others clean up	Follow recess rules Keep track of borrowed equipme and return when yo are done Report problems immediately to the nearest adult Electronics remain in locker
	Stop: Interrupt and model respect, rather than watch or join in	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	Follow directions Be aware of others and personal space. Use respectful words, body language, and voice Stay in your spot in line	Quiet voice Respect personal space Be friendly, give nice greetings Use manners	Follow directions Raise hand to speak Use respectful words, body language, and voice Solve problems peacefully	Treat others with respect online Share/take turns Sign out when done	Respect privacy of others Respect personal space Use respectful words, body language, and voice Use patience and wait your turn	Follow directions Use respectful words, body language, and voice Stay in your spot in line Be polite and use manners	Be a good sport Use respectful work body language, and voice Solve problems peacefully Include others Be an upstander Report problems immediately to the nearest adult

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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.

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.

"What if today, we were just grateful for everything?"

- Charlie Brown