

Jayhawk Journal

Week of December 2 - 6

Principal's Corner

We hope that your long weekend was a time to relax and create memories with family and friends. Just a reminder that both bus AF and AE will not be running this week (see attached). We ask for your patience and understanding as we will see an increase in traffic and will need to work with parents who may not be familiar with our car line. Please see the blurb about the upcoming I-Ready Test for your students. A special thank you to PTA for getting the Holiday Shop up and running this week ahead!

-Mr. Traub

I-Ready Testing Window December 2nd - 12th:

This week the testing window will open for both I-Ready Math and Reading for our students. You will get more specific testing times from your teacher. Just a reminder that we use the information from this test to measure growth, plan lessons, and guide us during small group instruction. Please speak to your student about the importance of doing their best for this test!

PBIS Updates

Clubs were once again a great time for both our staff and students. We will be having the SOAR Celebration (which happens at the end of every trimester) on Tuesday, December 10th. This will be a movie with a chance for students to buy popcorn and snacks with their SOAR Bucks. Students will be eligible to attend the celebration if they have gone the trimester without receiving 3 minors or one major. Each trimester, students start with a clean slate, so all students start with a new chance!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Students were able to make the best of a short week!
- ⇒ SOAR Clubs were once again a huge hit with our students participating in so many great choices from our teachers!
- ⇒ Our students were able to participate in an assembly to pie Mr. Traub and Mrs. Samouelian for raising over \$23,000 for our Color Run this year! Thank you PTA!



Planning for the future:

December 2024

- 12/2 - 12/6 Holiday Shop
- 12/10 - SOAR Celebration
- 12/12 - Bagel Day
- 12/13 - 1/2 Day a.m.
- 12/16 - No School
- 12/18 - Report Cards

Week At A Glance

- Monday 12/2 PJ Day
- Tuesday 12/3
- Wednesday 12/4
- Thursday 12/5
- Friday 12/6

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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.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.

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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Good Afternoon,

*This message is for parents/guardians of students who ride **Bus AE** or **Bus AF** to and from Churchill High School, Frost Middle School, Johnson Upper Elementary, ROSEDALE Elementary, and Grant Elementary.*

Due to the ongoing bus driver shortage in our LPS Transportation Department, we will need to **cancel Bus AE and Bus AF next week, Dec. 2-6 for both morning and afternoon**. We have several drivers who are on medical leave, and three new drivers who will be in training. This is creating the unavoidable cancellation of these bus routes for next week. We apologize for the inconvenience.

As has been previously communicated, school districts across the state and nation are experiencing driver shortages. Here in LPS, we have used many stop-gaps that include utilizing licensed staff from other departments to cover routes and keep the wheels of the department turning as we transport approximately 7,000 students to and from school each day. We have made significant progress in recruiting, hiring, and training new drivers. We know that this is an inconvenience for our families, but please know, we would not cancel routes unless it was absolutely necessary.

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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.



All items provided by



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JOHNSON UPPER
ELEMENTARY

DAVE & BUSTERS FUNDRAISER



**\$20
POWER
CARD**

\$10 GOES TO PTA

FUNDRAISER RUNS THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2024



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Youth Making a Difference

Commitment Form - [Johnson Upper Elem](#) School

Name _____

Grade/ Teacher _____

Activity - (please describe)

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! \(livoniapublicschools.org\)](http://livoniapublicschools.org)



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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU November 2024

<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" </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				
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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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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.

"The only approval you need is your own."

- Amanda Gorman

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