

Jayhawk Journal



Week of December 9 - 13

Principal's Corner

Just a reminder that both bus V and AA 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. Thank you to our PTA and all the parent volunteers for running our Holiday Shop last week, it was a success! We always go into the break with a Holiday Spirit Week. Please see the attached flyers that will help you plan for our Spirit Week which will be from the 13th-20th.

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Ackley is our Art Teacher here at Johnson. She has so many great ideas and really brings out so much creativity from our students. She is dedicated to teaching the fundamentals of art to all. In addition to her great work in the classroom, she puts in just as much effort to display the beautiful work of our students. From Johnson to Central Office, she finds ways to show off student work!

PBIS Updates

Once again, we will be having the SOAR Celebration (which happens at the end of every trimester) this week 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! Thank you to Phoenix Theaters for the popcorn!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Thank to our PTA and all of our Parent Volunteers for our Holiday Shop!
- ⇒ Lions Spirit Day was fun for both Lions and Packers fans in our building!
- ⇒ Our students have put so much effort into I-Ready Testing this week!



Planning for the future:

December 2024

- 12/10 - SOAR Celebration
- 12/12 - Bagel Day
- 12/13 - 1/2 Day a.m.
- 12/16 - No School
- 12/18 - Report Cards go live in Parent Connect

Week At A Glance

- Monday 12/9
- Tuesday 12/10
- Wednesday 12/11
- Thursday 12/12
- Friday 12/13 Half Day a.m.

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

I love my Jayhawk Family!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Visit Family

Foods:

Mexican

Color:

Yellow

College:

Wayne State University

TV Show:

I don't watch TV

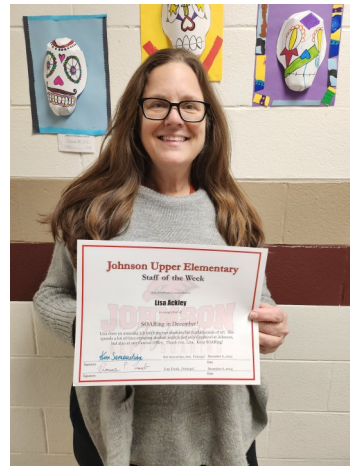
Sports Team:

I don't have one

School Subject:

Art and Science

Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Ackley

My hobbies:

Reading and brain puzzles.

PTA Updates

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We cannot thank you enough to all of our parent volunteers who helped out with the Holiday Shop this week. Our students did a great job with taking advantage of this opportunity. We will notify our community when volunteer opportunities are needed once again this school year!

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.

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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IMPORTANT: Bus V and Bus AA Canceled Next Week

Good Afternoon,

*This message is for parents/guardians of students who ride **Bus V** or **Bus AA** to and from Churchill High School, Frost Middle School, Johnson Upper Elementary, Kennedy Elementary or Randolph Elementary.*

Due to the ongoing bus driver shortage in our LPS Transportation Department, we will need to **cancel Bus V and Bus AA next week, Dec. 9-13 for both morning and afternoon.**

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 Spirit Week December 13-20



Friday December 13th - Holiday Color Wars (5th Grade Red, 6th Grade Green)



Tuesday December 17th - Ugly Holiday Sweater Day



Wednesday December 18th- Holiday Pajama Day



Thursday December 19th - Ribbons and Bows



Friday December 20th - Festive Friday



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Johnson Spirit Week December 13-20

Friday December 13 - Holiday Color Wars (5th Grade Wears Red, 6th Grade Wears Green)

Tuesday December 17 - Ugly Holiday Sweater Day

Wednesday December 18 - Wear your favorite Holiday Jammies!

Thursday December 19 - Ribbons and Bows (Bowties, Ribbons, and Bows, dress like a present!)

Friday December 20 - Festive Friday (Dress for a funny day in however you and your family celebrate!
Be an elf, wear a santa hat, have fun with it!)



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CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP 2024

**CAMPERS WILL BE PUT THROUGH DRILLS IN THE FOLLOWING SPORTS:
BASEBALL, BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL**

- **GRADES: 1ST - 8TH**
- **WHAT TO BRING:** SHOES, GYM CLOTHES, EQUIPMENT (BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, ETC.), AND A SACK LUNCH.
- **EQUIPMENT PROVIDED:** BASEBALL EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE THEIR OWN.
- **EXTRAS:** ALL CAMPERS WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT!

DECEMBER 26 & 27		JANUARY 2 & 3
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REGISTER

8.00AM - 3.00PM
\$120 - ALL 4 DAYS OF CAMP
OR
\$50/DAY OF CAMP
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
COACH FEIGEL: AFEIGEL@LIVONIAPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG

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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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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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Recess Update: As snow begins to fall, just a reminder that boots will be necessary to play in the snow during recess. Students can bring shoes and leave boots in their lockers during the day. Students in shoes will still be allowed outside, but will be playing on the blacktop areas. Make sure that students are dressed appropriately and are warm for outdoor recess. We will continue to go outside as long as it is 15 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer.

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!

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.

“Be happy. Be bright. Be you!”

- Anonymous

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