

Jayhawk Journal



Week of December 16 - 20

Principal's Corner

Thank you to all of our parents and community members for your patience as we dealt with traffic from bus shortages the last two weeks. There are none this week, and we expect the parking lot to be back to normal. This last week before break, we enjoy having a little fun with Spirit Week. Please see the attached flyers to help plan out the days. I hope that you all enjoy whatever you and your family decide to do over the break. We wish you peace and relaxation as we head into the New Year!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Schoff is our Team Leader here at Johnson. She is in her first year here at Johnson after working many years at Frost Middle School. She has been a great addition to our team! She has a positive attitude and always brings a smile to whatever she is doing. She is calm and kind to everyone she meets. Mrs. Schoff works great with colleagues and always does what is right for students!

PBIS Updates

Thank you to our PTA for supplying candy and to Phoenix Theaters Laurel Park for donating enough popcorn to feed all of our students! The SOAR Celebration was a fun day for students who earned it for the first trimester. Just as a reminder, with every trimester, each student gets a fresh start. We will have another one on March 11th, which will be for the second trimester. This week we focused on the hallways (see attached SOAR Matrix) on the morning announcements. Keep SOARing!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Students have worked very hard and tried their best for our I-Ready Testing!
- ⇒ Our SOAR Celebration was a great day to recognize so much great behavior by our students!
- ⇒ Spirit Week kicked off with so much Red in 5th Grade and Green in 6th Grade, this is going to be a fun week!



Planning for the future:

December 2024

- 12/16 - No School
- 12/18 - Report Cards go live in Parent Connect
- 12/23 - 1/3 Holiday Break
- 1/6/25 - School Resumes
- 1/20/25 - No School

Week At A Glance

- Monday 12/16 No School
- Tuesday 12/17
- Wednesday 12/18
- Thursday 12/19
- Friday 12/20

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Meeting all the new people that I work with!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Anywhere with a beach!

Foods:

Pasta

Color:

Yellow

College:

Eastern Michigan

TV Show:

Friends

Sports Team:

Red Wings

School Subject:

Math

Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Schoff

My hobbies:

Playing with my kids, going on walks.

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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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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JOHNSON UPPER
ELEMENTARY

DAVE & BUSTERS FUNDRAISER



**\$20
POWER
CARD**

\$10 GOES TO PTA

FUNDRAISER RUNS THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2024



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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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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.

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.”

- Albert Einstein

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