# Johnston Community Connection January 2025

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! As we step into January, I hope this season brings a fresh start and renewed energy for all of us. The turn of the year is a wonderful time to reflect on how far we've come and to set goals for the months ahead. I am so grateful for your continued partnership in your child's education and growth. Together, we are laying the foundation for lifelong learning and success.

#### **Upcoming Assessments**

January is a busy month as we gear up for important mid-year assessments. These assessments help us measure your child's progress and identify areas where they may need additional support. Here are the key dates to keep in mind:

- Week of January 2nd-16th: Winter iReady Diagnostic
- Week of January 15th -29th: K-3 AimswebPlus Early Literacy Screener & Additional Diagnostics administered (More information to come.)
- January 29th: Progress Reports sent home in folders

Please ensure your child gets plenty of rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time, especially on testing days. Your encouragement and support at home make a world of difference!

#### **Looking Ahead**

As we move through this month, our focus remains on building strong skills, fostering curiosity, and celebrating individual achievements. Each student has unique strengths, and we are committed to helping them shine. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning journey.

#### Inspiration for the New Year

Every morning, we're sharing this message with our students: "Work hard, be yourself, and do the right thing." It's a simple yet powerful reminder that they have the potential to accomplish great things. Encourage your child to set small, meaningful goals and celebrate their progress, no matter how small. Together, we can help them develop confidence and a love for learning.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for being such an integral part of our school community. Let's make this January a month of growth, joy, and success for all!

Warm regards,

MaiKou Heu Principal

## **Important Dates**

January 17: No School

January 20: No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 21: TEAMJohnston Meeting 3:30

PM

### Meet My Milestones



### Safety Patrol

#### Week of January 2- January 10 Week of January 21 - January 24

Saleenah T Annah J Elizabeth W Alaya K
Thomas A Ellyanna K Aria L Sebastian P

Kayden J Noah G

### Week of January 13 - January 16 Week of January 27 - January 31

Michael R Malachi O Henry C Samantha S
Liam R Kabongo K Bennett T Haven B
Julius O Tristan F

### Reminders

Parents please remember it is YOUR responsibility to notify the school and teachers that your child is absent by 9:00 am. Call the office at (920) 852-5505 and email your child's teacher to let them know your child will be absent and why. Please list any symptoms your child has when notifying someone as well. If your child rides the bus, contact Lamers at (920) 832-8800 to let them know they will not be riding the bus.

If you did not report your child's absence, you will receive a robocall in the morning or in the afternoon reminding you to call the school. If we do not receive a call or email from you, your child will be marked as unexcused

Please email Mrs. Lowry at lowrybrenda@aasd.k12.wi.us to let her know your child was absent and why.

We want to take a moment to remind everyone of our school's <u>Student Use of Personal Electronic Communication</u>

<u>Devices</u> policy to ensure a safe and focused learning environment for all our students.

#### **Cell Phones and Smart Watches**

Cell Phones: Students are required to turn off their cell phones during school hours and keep them in their backpacks.

Smart Watches: While we understand the convenience of smart watches, their use on campus should be limited to telling time only.

#### No Photos or Recordings

To protect the privacy and safety of everyone on campus, taking photos or recordings is strictly prohibited.

#### **Our Recommendation**

We kindly ask that these items remain at home to minimize distractions and ensure a smooth and safe school day.

#### **Please Note**

The school is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal electronic devices brought to campus.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a positive and focused educational environment. If you have any questions or need clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out.

### This Month in Phy. Ed.

During the month of January all K-5th grade students are starting the Nutrition unit. During this unit the K-2nd grade students are learning about the 2 healthy hydration methods (water and milk) and the 5 food groups (Grains, Vegetables, Fruits, Protein, and Dairy). The younger students are also learning about "Always and Sometimes foods." Always foods are healthy foods that you should always be eating. Sometimes foods are unhealthy foods that are okay to have but only sometimes. The 3-5th grade students dig a little deeper as they are learning about the 2 healthy hydration methods, the 5 food groups, the benefits of hydration, as well as the number of servings you should be having for each food group.

Encourage your sons and daughters to have conversations about nutrition at the dinner table. Discuss which foods are always or sometimes foods and which foods belong to which food group.

Have a great New Year!

Mr. Weinzetl

## 5th Grade Strings

Hello from the Strings room!

On Tuesday, January 28 5th grade students in their 2nd year of playing will attend a workshop at Appleton East HS in the afternoon from 1:15-2:45pm. During the workshop, students will play music that they have been working on in class along with other Strings students from the East cluster. This workshop is an excellent opportunity for students to gain ensemble playing skills and a sense of community within the Strings program.

Please return permission slips by Thursday,
January 16 to your child's homeroom teacher.

They were handed out on 1/3.

Thank you, Mrs. Gurholt

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# Counselor

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#### January Life Long Skills

Each month I will give you information about the topics that your child(ren) will be learning during Lifelong Skills (LLS); LLS are my lessons that all students receive twice a month.

January Topics: Acceptance, Diversity, & Inclusion

- Acceptance & Celebrating Self
- Celebrating Diversity & Including others

NO School 1/1, 1/17 & 1/20

Looking for fun ways to celebrate MLK Jr. Day,

#### Visit:

https://www.lawrence.ed u/ideas/events/mlk-day

Want your child to meet with me? Follow QR Code to sign up!



Let's Connect!

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If you want to be the best, then be the best at being YOU! When you learn to love yourself you'll love others better, too!





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### What's Happened so Far...

### Textured Bird

2nd graders learned about different types of textures and applied them in their bird project.





#### **Clay Donuts**

3rd graders learned about a contemporary artist, Jae Young Kim. He is known to make bright and colorful clay donuts despite of his red and green color blindness. 3rd graders got to recreate their own inspired piece.

### Triple P - Positive Parenting Program



#### Raising Confident, Competent Children

Jane Yeager, Community Health Specialist

Learn how to help your children become confident and successful at school and beyond, including strategies for having healthy selfesteem, being a good problem solver, and becoming more independent.

FREE parenting resources and kids activity books will be given out. Johnston students are welcome in YCare during the seminar.

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Location: Johnston LMC

#### JOHNSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Johnston School, in partnership with parents and community, promotes and challenges the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of all children in an inclusive, diverse environment.



Triple P leaches families with children 0-12 years of age how to spend less time battling challenging behavior and more time building close relationships. You'll develop positive parenting skills to manage stress and encourage healthy habits, and that can mean more good days for your family.







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#### HAND WASHING CAN SAVE LIVES!



Hand washing is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Many diseases and illnesses are spread by not washing hands with soap and water. It is best to wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds. Although soap and water are more effective at removing germs, alcohol-based hand rubs significantly reduce the number of germs on skin and are fast acting.

- Per the CDC, handwashing:

  Reduces the number of people who get sick with diarrhea by 23-40%

  Reduces diarrheal illness in people with weakened immune systems by 58%

  Reduces respiratory linesess, like colds, in the general population by 16-21%

  Reduces absenteeism due to gastrointestinal illness in schoolchildren by 29-57%

- Wet your hands with clean running water and apply soap. Use warm water if it is available.
  Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all surfaces, making sure to clean in between fingers,
- hour hands together to make a lattice and scruol an surfaces, making sure to clean in detween ingers, thumbs, the back of your hand and your wrists. Continue rubbing hands for 20 seconds. Need a timer? Imagine singing "Happy Birthday" twice to a

- Rinse hands well under running water
  Dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer. If possible, use your paper towel to turn off the faucet

nber: If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer to clean hands.

#### When using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer

- Apply product to the palm of one hand Rub hands together Rub the product over all surfaces of hands and fingers until hands are dry.

#### en should you wash your hands

- sould you wash your hands?
  Before preparing or eating food
  After going to the bathroom
  After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has gone to the bathroom
  Before and after tending to someone who is sick.
  After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
  After handling an animal or animal waste
  After handling garbage
  Anytime your hands are visibly dirty
  Before and after treating a cut or wound



## TEAM Johnston PTO

NEXT FIFI D TDID MEETING TUESDAY. JAN. 21ST

PROVIDE ITEMS FOR KIDS FROM **OUR CLOTHES** CLOSET

WHEN? 3:30-4:30

WHERE? JOHNSTON'S LMC PROVIDE MEALS FOR STAF DURING CONFERENCES

TEAM JOHNSTON HELPS...

> THE MUSTANG MILE & THE JOHNSTON CARNIVAL

FULFILL TEACHERS

REQUESTS

FUND

PROJECTS

Questions? Please contact Anna Reinhold - Youth Advocate (and parent): reinholdanna@aasd.k12.wi.us

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