

Jayhawk Journal



Week of January 20 - 24

Principal's Corner

Just a couple of weeks into the new year, and I am so proud of the way our students have returned back to school after the break. Even the cold and a few indoor recesses did not stop the flow of our week! As many of you may know, I am the biggest Lions fan and I am so happy to see all of the joy it brings our school to participate in these Spirit Days. I hope we get a few more of these days to fill our halls with Honolulu Blue and Silver! Hoping everyone enjoys the long weekend and stays warm! Goooo LIONS!!!!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Tzelepis is a paraprofessional for our RISE Program here at Johnson. She has a calm demeanor and can always help out any student in need when called upon. She is a tremendous team player and gets along with anyone that she works with. As an employee, she is dependable, dedicated, and sets a great example for all to see. She is always willing to do whatever it takes, she is great!

PBIS Updates

This week we focused on classroom expectations (see attached SOAR Matrix) on the morning announcements. At the end of the month, we will have our SOAR Clubs again on Friday, January 31st. Clubs will cost 10 SOAR Bucks. Please take the time to discuss a plan on how your students are earning SOAR Bucks between now and then. As we return from breaks, we always take the time to focus on routines and procedures. Have your student tell you what are their daily routines.

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Our Student Leadership Team met once again to help with school initiatives!
- ⇒ Lions Spirit Day brought the ROAR!
- ⇒ Our School PBIS Team met to help plan out the rest of the year!
- ⇒ PTA continues to contribute so many great things to help our community!
- ⇒ Every classroom had a student nominated for student of the week!



Planning for the future:

January 2025

- 1/20 - No School
- 1/23 - Bagel Day
- 1/31 - SOAR Clubs

February 2025

- 2/10 - Skate Night

Week At A Glance

- Monday 1/20 No School
- Tuesday 1/21
- Wednesday 1/22
- Thursday 1/23
- Friday 1/24

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

The great kids and the great support staff!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Anywhere with a warm beach!

Foods:

Pasta

Color:

Blue

College:

Michigan

TV Show:

HGTV

Sports Team:

Lions

School Subject:

Math

Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Tzelepis

My hobbies:

Reading and working in the garden.

PTA Updates

Week of January 20th

Don't forget to purchase your yearbook. Go to <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016976710002014> and create an account. Type in Passcode: 1016976710002014

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.

Chili Cook-Off

Don't forget about the Livonia PTSA 9th Chili Cook-Off at Franklin High School on January 18th. See the attached flyer.

Save the date for our next PTA meeting on February 11th at 6 pm.

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COOKE PTA AND SEPAC PRESENTS:

SKATE NIGHT

at Riverside Arena

**Friday,
January 17**

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm
FREE Admission and Skate
Rental—event sponsored
by Cooke PTA

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES WITHIN
LIVONIA AND NORTHVILLE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH AN IEP

Riverside Arena
36635 Plymouth Rd
Livonia, MI 48150

**SENSORY FRIENDLY:
LIGHTS UP AND SOUND
DOWN**

Wheelchairs/strollers are welcome on the rink!
The skater is the only one who requires a ticket.

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LIVONIA PTSA COUNCIL'S
9TH ANNUAL

Admission Fee **\$5**

**This is a Cash Only Event!*

Chili Cook-off

Franklin High School
31000 Joy Rd, Livonia, MI 48150

SATURDAY
January 18 11AM-2PM

1st place winner receives a \$500 grant, courtesy of The Livonia Kiwanis Early Risers, for their LPS School, and bragging rights for 365 days!

VOTE FOR People's Choice Best Chili!

THE EVENT INCLUDES:
Admission gets you refreshments and unlimited chili samples from all of our entrants (while supplies last). 3 tickets to vote for People's Choice Chili.

Raffles, Bake Sale, and Snacks!

Think you have a winning Chili? Register online or download the entry form at livoniaptsacouncil.org



Questions? lptsacouncil@gmail.com


LIVONIA EARLY RISERS
LivoniaKiwanis.org


Livonia **PTSA** Council

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JOHNSON UPPER
ELEMENTARY

DAVE & BUSTERS FUNDRAISER



**\$20
POWER
CARD**

\$10 GOES TO PTA

FUNDRAISER RUNS THROUGH
FEBRUARY 13, 2025



19375 VICTOR
PKWY, LIVONIA

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Order your **Johnson Yearbook**

Customize your 2 FREE pages!

The 2 CUSTOM pages are FREE and are ONLY printed in your book.

To purchase and customize your Yearbook, use the QR code below, or:

- Go to www.treering.com/validate
- Enter the passcode: 1016976710002014



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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 and charge them 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.

“Do you realize what you are doing? What you’re capable of?”

- Dan Campbell

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