

Jayhawk Journal



Week of February 3 - 7

Principal's Corner

This week was filled with so many fun things throughout the building. I want to thank our teachers once again for making SOAR Clubs such a fun and unique experience for our students, it is one of the things that I am most proud of! This week Mrs. Samouelian and I made it out to 6th Grade Camp, always a top highlight of the year. Thank you to our parents who chaperoned! Don't forget that we kick off every month with PJ Day as we "Roll Into" February on Monday. Looking forward to the month ahead!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Chichila is our Learning Specialist here at Johnson. Mrs. Chichila is always on top of whatever needs to be done. She is organized and so helpful to her Johnson community. Whether it is going above and beyond to make sure students get what they need, facilitating a student meeting, or Rocking our March is Reading Month, we can always count on her and her wonderful attitude!

PBIS Updates

This week we focused on hallway procedures (see attached SOAR Matrix) on the morning announcements. With COGAT Testing happening for 6th grade, it is important we focus on noise levels in the hallways this week. SOAR Clubs were filled with many options this week and this continues to motivate our students to earn their SOAR Bucks and participate. We will be looking over January data in our SOAR Assembly this week to set goals for the upcoming months. Let's continue to SOAR!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Our first group of 6th Grade Students from Mrs. Thome's, Mrs. Rose's, and Mr. Koehler's class went to camp!
- ⇒ We started the Student Academic Service Center to provide students with help and interventions for school work!
- ⇒ Staff did a great job planning SOAR Clubs and students had fun in them!



Planning for the future:

February 2025

- 2/3 - "Roll Into" PJ Day
- 2/10 - PTA Skate Night
- 2/11 - PTA Meeting 6 p.m.
- 2/12 - Bagel Day
- 2/17 - No School
- 2/27 - Family Trivia Night

Week At A Glance

- Monday 2/3 PJ Day
- Tuesday 2/4
- Wednesday 2/5
- Thursday 2/6
- Friday 2/7

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Being with the best students in LPS. Supporting learners as they meet their goals and become more confident.

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Disney World

Foods:

Pizza

Color:

Purple

College:

Madonna

TV Show:

Friends

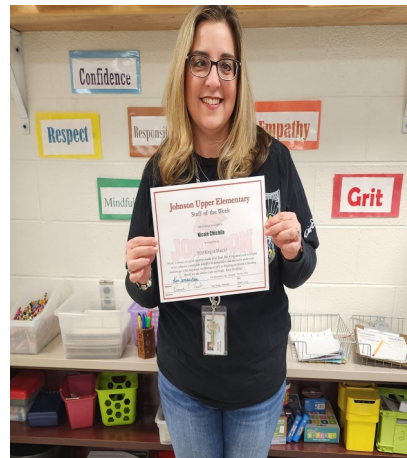
Sports Team:

Detroit Lions

School Subject:

Reading

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Mrs. Chichila

My hobbies:

Spending time with my family, reading, and being outside with nature.

PTA Updates

Week of February 3rd

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

Shout out to the students who submitted cover designs for our Yearbook Cover Contest. Designs can be seen here. <https://docs.google.com/presentation/>

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.

Save the date for Skate Night at Skatin' Station on Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

Reflections Entry

Congratulations to Sienna W. whose Reflections entry in the literature category received an Award of Excellence! Her entry will move on to the state level!

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

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JOHNSON UPPER
ELEMENTARY

DAVE & BUSTERS FUNDRAISER



**\$20
POWER
CARD**

\$10 GOES TO PTA

FUNDRAISER RUNS THROUGH
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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 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.

"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."

- Beverly Stills

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