# Jayhawk Journal



#### Principal's Corner

As a principal, I always enjoy watching our staff and students enjoy celebrating those little holiday moments. This week we ended with a little fun as 6th Grade Students celebrated in classrooms and our 5th Grade had a fun day at Riverside Area. As always, thank you for our parent volunteers for helping out and making our field trips such a success! As we prepare for March Is Reading Month ahead, be on the lookout for some more information as to how your family can help encourage our programs.

-Mr. Traub

## **Points of Pride**

- ⇒ Our PTA met again this week and continues to plan fun events for our students for the remainder of the year!
- ⇒ Students were able to participate in our Valentine's Raffle this week!
- ⇒ We held SOAR Assemblies this week to set goals for the months ahead!
- ⇒ Our March Is Reading Month Committee has put together a fun-filled camping theme for the month ahead!



#### Week of February 17 - 21

#### Staff Member of the Week:

We would like to congratulate Mr. Oliver for being voted this award by his colleagues this week!

Mr. Oliver is a Paraprofessional for our RISE Program here at Johnson. He is in his first year here, and he has been a tremendous addition to our staff. He has built so many trusting relationships in the short time he has been here. He is dedicated to helping out any student or staff member he comes in contact with. He is always positive and passes that energy to anyone around him!

### **PBIS Updates**

This week we focused on arrival and dismissal procedures (see attached SOAR Matrix) on the morning announcements. We looked over January data in our SOAR Assembly on Tuesday to set goals for the upcoming months. Thank you to our PTA for putting together stuffed animals and other prizes this week for our Annual Valentine's Raffle. Students were eager to participate and we were able to draw our winners at the end of the day on Friday. We continue to work with PTA for our incentives!

# <u>Planning for the future:</u> <u>February 2025</u>

- 2/17 No School
- 2/27 Family Trivia Night
- 2/28 SOAR Clubs

#### <u> March 2025</u>

3/7 - Half Day a.m.



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# My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Hanging out with the great students.

Some of My Favorite Things: Place To Travel : California Foods: Cheeseburgers Color: Green College: Michigan State Michigan State TV Show: Lost Sports Team: MSU Basketball School Subject: Science

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Mr. Oliver

## My hobbies:

Golf, snowboarding, going to the gym.

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# **PTA Updates**

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Don't forget to purchase your yearbook. Go to <u>https://www.treering.com/purchase?</u> <u>PassCode=1016976710002014</u> 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. <u>https://docs.google.com/presentation/</u>

Johnson spiritwear is available all year. Check out <u>https://</u> <u>www.johnsonupperspiritwear.com/</u> 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 Trivia Night on February 27th from 6 to 7 p.m. Teams of 2 to 5 people will compete to answer fun trivia questions!

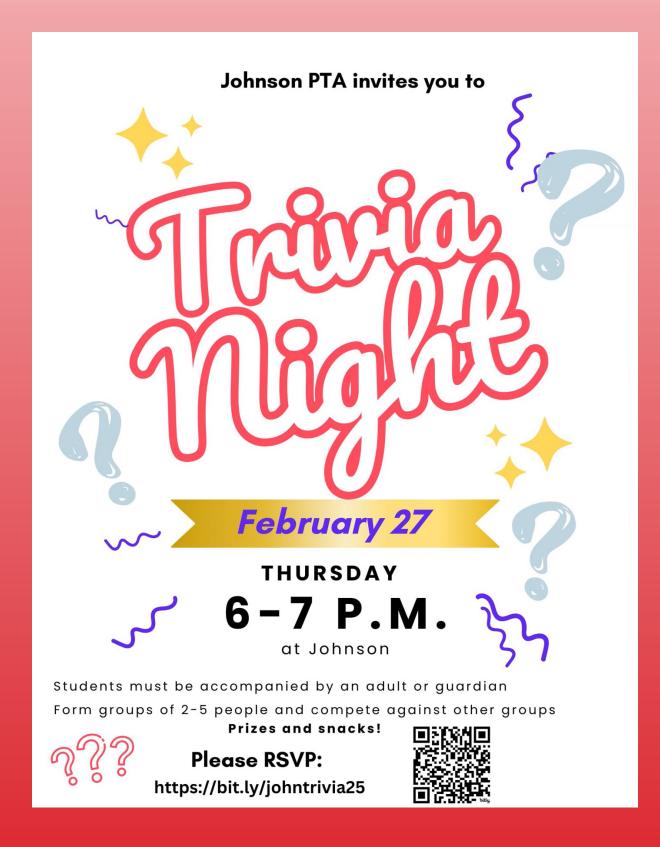
# Founder's Day

Johnson PTA is proud to recognize Tom Traub as our staff nominee and Yolexy Portillo as our parent nominee. These 2 individuals proudly support Johnson and the PTA's mission. Congratulations!



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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

15125 Farmington Road • Livonia • MI • 48154

Phone (734) 744-2500

Hello, Sixth Grade Families!

The countdown to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Livonia Day of Music begins!

On March 13, 2025, all LPS sixth grade students will be treated to performances by our High School band, orchestra, and vocal music programs. Following the concert, music professionals will assist students in trying out their top instrument choices (based upon their experiences in sixth grade music). Students who have an interest in Middle School instrumental music will have a good idea of the instrument choices that are the best fit for them in Middle School band or orchestra. Students who would like to elect choir in Middle School will meet with a professional and receive a mini-clinic and information about their vocal part for next year.

Your child participated in the *Selmer Music Guidance Survey* during their music class. This survey asks students to compare musical patterns by ear - a research backed indicator of musical aptitude (Gordon, 1967). While all students can learn and benefit from a school music experience, we feel your child will likely find success and enjoyment in an instrumental or vocal music program.

Students in the school band, orchestra, and choir are automatically part of a community! Your child will enter Middle School and will immediately be able to connect with a group of students who share a common interest! That's a great feeling for kids who are entering a new building with new challenges.

Our current Middle School music students have the opportunity to take other electives in addition to their scheduled music class, and your child can too! Our Middle School music students are active in sports, clubs, and other activities, and your child can do the same, while playing in the band or orchestra, or singing in the choir!

Participating in music ensembles is only the beginning of an amazing adventure that builds confidence, a sense of purpose, and often leads to lifelong friendships forged in this fun, shared journey. We hope that you encourage your child to continue their music experience in Middle School to explore and grow their talent.

Gordon, E. (1967). A three-year longitudinal predictive validity study of the musical aptitude profile. University of Iowa Press.

William Green, Director of Elementary Programs and District Services

Kevin Etue, Director of Secondary Programs and District Services

Purpose, Passion, Pride

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### Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU February 2025



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E-Backpack Mail - Click & Scroll to Find Out What's Happening! (livoniapublicschools.org)



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	ANTI-BULLYING	BUS	ARRIVAL/	HALLWAYS	CLASSROOMS	IS MATRIX ELECTRONICS	BATHROOMS	CAFETERIA	RECESS/
STAY SAFE	<ul> <li>BE AN UPSTANDER</li> <li>Talk:</li> <li>Report to an adult immediately</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Keep body to self</li> <li>Stay in seat until bus stops</li> </ul>	• Walk     • Keep body to self     • Quiet	<ul> <li>Walk (on right side of hall)</li> <li>Keep body to self</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Walk</li> <li>Keep body to self</li> <li>Use objects</li> </ul>	SOCIAL MEDIA     Phones are turned off and in locker during school     School appropriate	<ul> <li>Walk</li> <li>Wash hands with soap</li> <li>Keep water in sink</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Walk</li> <li>Keep body to self</li> <li>Ask permission</li> </ul>	Keep body to self     Use equipment sa     Follow all staff
		<ul> <li>Face front, sit up</li> <li>Indoor voice</li> <li>Follow adult directions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stay in line</li> <li>Follow Adult directions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Silent</li> <li>Stay in your spot in line</li> </ul>	<ul><li>appropriately</li><li>Use furniture safely</li><li>Ask permission to leave</li></ul>	<ul> <li>School appropriate content</li> <li>Treat others with respect online</li> <li>Do not share personal information</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Report all problems to an adult immediately</li> <li>Return to class immediately</li> </ul>	to leave	<ul> <li>directions</li> <li>Stay on playgrour</li> <li>Report all problem immediately to the nearest adult</li> </ul>
SCHOOL	Observe:     Look for others that     need a friend     Make an effort to     include	<ul> <li>Put trash in trash can</li> <li>Do not damage bus property</li> <li>Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Be polite, greet others</li> <li>Keep areas clean</li> <li>Hold the door for others</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Put trash in trash can</li> <li>Be respectful of displays or student work</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Keep our school clean</li> <li>Keep desk and locker clean/ organized</li> <li>Greet visitors politely</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Log off when done</li> <li>Put devices away after use</li> <li>Charge equipment after use</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Put trash in trash can</li> <li>Respect school property</li> <li>Flush (toilet paper only)</li> <li>Turn off water when done</li> <li>Report all problems to an adult immediately</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clean up after yourself</li> <li>Put trash in trash can</li> <li>Help clean table tops and under tables</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Put trash in trash</li> <li>Take care of equipment</li> <li>Take care of schoo property</li> </ul>
ACT RESPONSIBLE	Walk:     Invite people who are being disrespected to join you and move away	<ul> <li>Follow bus rules</li> <li>Keep track of your belongings (coat, backpack, lunchbox,etc)</li> <li>Share seats when necessary</li> <li>Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus</li> <li>Keep body inside the bus</li> <li>Sit respectfully and quietly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Keep track of your belongings (coat, backpack, lunch box,etc.)</li> <li>Stand/sit in line appropriately</li> <li>Quiet voice</li> <li>Follow directions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Report problems to an adult</li> <li>Follow directions</li> <li>Stay safe</li> <li>Ask permission to leave</li> <li>Take the most direct route/no wandering</li> <li>Electronic devices remain in locker</li> </ul>	Come to school and be on time     Work hard     Be prepared with materials     Be an active listener     Show parents daily planner/hotes     Volunteer to help out     Take care of school materials and supplies     No electronic devices, unless given permission     Keep backpacks and purses in lockers	<ul> <li>Use equipment with care</li> <li>Put devices away and charge them after use</li> <li>Visit only approved sites</li> <li>Follow teacher directions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use restroom closest to your class</li> <li>Use sink and toilet appropriately</li> <li>Wash hands</li> <li>Make sure you are presentable before you leave</li> <li>Return to class quickly</li> <li>No electronic devices</li> <li>Report all problems to an adult immediately</li> </ul>	Keep track of your lunch/lunch box     Keep yourself clean (face, clothes, hands)     Help others clean up	<ul> <li>Follow recess rule</li> <li>Keep track of borrowed equipm and return when are done</li> <li>Report problems immediately to th nearest adult</li> <li>Electronics remain in locker</li> </ul>
NESFECT EVENTONE	Stop:     Interrupt and model     respect, rather than     watch or join in	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	Follow directions     Be aware of others     and personal space     Use respectful words,     body language,     and voice     Stay in your spot     in line	<ul> <li>Quiet voice</li> <li>Respect personal space</li> <li>Be friendly, give nice greetings</li> <li>Use manners</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Follow directions</li> <li>Raise hand to speak</li> <li>Use respectful words, body language, and voice</li> <li>Solve problems peacefully</li> </ul>	Treat others with respect online     Share/take turns     Sign out when done	Respect privacy of others     Respect personal space Use respectful words, body language, and voice     Use patience and wait your turn	<ul> <li>Follow directions</li> <li>Use respectful words, body language, and voice</li> <li>Stay in your spot in line</li> <li>Be polite and use manners</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Be a good sport</li> <li>Use respectful we body language, a voice</li> <li>Solve problems peacefully</li> <li>Include others</li> <li>Be an upstander</li> <li>Report problems immediately to th nearest adult</li> </ul>

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**Black History Month:** One way we honor Black History Month is by saying an inspiring quote at the end of the morning announcements. It can be from a poet, activist, politician, or inspirational leader. This month we encourage students to find a quote and submit it to Mr. Traub. If chosen, they will have the opportunity to come read it on the morning announcements.

**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 <u>www.livoniapublicschools.org</u> 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.

**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.

**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!

**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.

"All great achievements require time."

- Maya Angelou

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