

Jayhawk Journal



Week of February 24 - 28

Principal's Corner

What a week, from 6th Grade Camp to the 5th Grade Basketball Tournament! One thing is true, we simply cannot do it all without the volunteers and family members that make this a great place to be. Thank you to all who helped volunteer or chaperone to make this happen. I-Ready Testing will take place the next 2 weeks in the building. Please reach out to your teacher to get specific times. These tests are important as it gives us data to measure growth and help develop lessons for our students.

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Ms. Cross is a 5th grade teacher here at Johnson. She can be seen helping out wherever it is needed. From the parking lot, to the lunchroom, to covering for a colleague, she is a tremendous part of our team. She builds student independence in her classroom with high expectations and building relationships. She would do anything to help a student or colleague, and we are lucky to have her!

PBIS Updates

This week we focused on recess and playground rules (see attached SOAR Matrix) on the morning announcements. This week ahead, we will have our SOAR Clubs on Friday, the 28th. Once again, I cannot thank our staff enough for all that they put into this. This continues to be a highlight of our school and we look forward to when we run these monthly. This week it will cost 10 SOAR Bucks, so discuss with your student if they have enough and what is their plan for Friday.

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Our PTA was represented well at the LPS Founder's Day Banquet this week!
- ⇒ 6th Grade Students enjoyed a Winter Wonderland at Howell for camp!
- ⇒ 5th Grade vs Parents Basketball was a fun event had by all who joined!
- ⇒ Our March Is Reading Month Committee is ready for "Camp Read A Lot!"



Planning for the future:

February 2025

2/27 - Family Trivia Night

2/28 - SOAR Clubs

March 2025

3/7 - Half Day a.m.

3/10 - No School

Week At A Glance

Monday 2/24

Tuesday 2/25

Wednesday 2/26

Thursday 2/27

Friday 2/28

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

The community feel that we have!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Any Great Lakes

Foods:

Ice Cream

Color:

Yellow

College:

Eastern Michigan

TV Show:

Will Trent

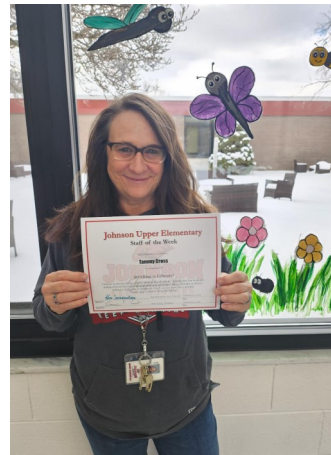
Sports Team:

Detroit Lions

School Subject:

Science

Staff Member of the Week



Ms. Cross

My hobbies:

Camping, reading.

PTA Updates

Week of February 24th

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.johnsonupperpiritwear.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 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 was 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!

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

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Johnson PTA invites you to

Trivia Night

February 27

THURSDAY

6-7 P.M.

at Johnson

Students must be accompanied by an adult or guardian
Form groups of 2-5 people and compete against other groups

Prizes and snacks!



Please RSVP:

<https://bit.ly/johntrivia25>



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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 2nd 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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..... NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

FREE TUTORING

Tuesdays, 4:30pm–7:30pm, Carl Sandburg Library

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Thursdays, 5:30pm–8:30pm, Civic Center Library



Select your own tutor!
Tutoring for all subjects!
For all grades!

Sign Up Now!



For more information, contact **Joshua Kemp-Robrecht** at
jkemprob-2027@livoniapublicschools.org

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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU February 2025

<p>MICHIGAN SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM NO COST FOR MEAL **ALL ENTREES INCLUDE CHOICE OF SIDE ITEMS AND MILK** **COST FOR MILK ONLY: 0.60** THIS MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>				<p>01/30 MACARONI & CHEESE (38g Carbs) Roll (15g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>31 CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>02/01</p>
<p>02/02 GROUNDHOG DAY</p> 	<p>02/03 PIZZA CRUNCHERS (41g Carbs) Green Beans (3g Carbs) Fruit Carbs Vary SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>04 TACO STICK (32g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Green Peas (11g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>05 DOMINO'S DAY</p>  <p>CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>06 SLOPPY JOE ON A BUN (33g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>07 CHEESY BREADSTICKS (38g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Sweet Peas(11g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>08</p>
<p>09</p>	<p>10 BURRITO (41g Carbs) Cilantro-Lime Rice (39g Carbs) Peas & Carrots (10g Carbs) MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>11 CHICKEN NUGGETS (13g Carbs) Roll (19g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>12 DOMINO'S DAY</p>  <p>CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>13 PHILLY STEAK SUB (32g Carbs) Fruit/Vegetable (Carbs Vary) MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>14  CALZONE (35g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Fruit MUNCHABLE HEART COOKIE (22g Carbs)</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 NO SCHOOL M-W RECESS</p> 	<p>18 TWIN MINI CHEESEBURGERS (30g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>19 DOMINO'S DAY</p>  <p>CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>20 TACO IN A BAG (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>21 CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH (39g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 PIZZA CRUNCHERS (41g Carbs) Green Beans (3g Carbs) Fruit Carbs Vary YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>25 MINI CORN DOGS (24g Carbs) Baked Beans (29g Carbs) Tater Tots (30g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>26 DOMINO'S DAY</p>  <p>CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>27 MACARONI & CHEESE (38g Carbs) Roll (15g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>28 CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>03/01</p>
<p>03/02</p>	<p>03/03 NACHO SUPREME (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>04 TACO STICK (32g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Green Peas (11g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>05 DOMINO'S DAY</p>  <p>CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>06 ROTINI W/MEAT SC (24g Carbs) Roll (16g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>07 ELEMENTARY HALF-DAY TEACHER WORKDAY)</p>	<p>08</p>

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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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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 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.

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.

“I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up.” - Rosa Parks

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