

Jayhawk Journal



Week of March 3 - 7

Principal's Corner

This was another week full of plenty of action and fun throughout the building. Family Trivia Night, 6th Grade Camp, and SOAR Clubs were all a part of the way to end the month of February! As we head into the month of March, please see the attached flyers for March Is Reading Month. This month we will transform Johnson into "Camp Read A Lot!" Materials have been sent home with your students to help guide them on the activities to earn badges and prizes for the month ahead. Let's get Reading!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mr. Pensari is an ASD Teacher for our RISE Program here at Johnson. He is new to the building and has made such a huge impact in the short time that he has been here. He has a positive and calm demeanor, and projects that to anyone that he meets. He is dedicated to doing whatever it takes to reach the needs of his students. He collaborates well with his colleagues and fits in perfectly here!

PBIS Updates

This week we focused on technology and social media (see attached SOAR Matrix) on the morning announcements. It is important that parents take the time to check on your student and the type of activities they are engaging in on their phones and on the internet. Use the matrix to help guide your conversations. This week we had our SOAR Clubs, again. Thank you to our staff for their dedication to bringing this project to life, it is a sight to see! Looking forward to our Celebration on March 11th!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Our PTA put together a night of fun with our first ever Family Trivia Night!
- ⇒ Students gave their best effort on our I-Ready Test this week, we are proud of their progress!
- ⇒ Our final group of 6th Graders went out to the Howell Nature Center for 6th Grade Camp!
- ⇒ Our SOAR Clubs continue to be a positive experience for both staff and students involved!



Planning for the future:

March 2025

- 3/6 - Battle of the Books
- 3/7 - Half Day a.m.
- 3/10 - No School
- 3/11 - SOAR Celebration
- 3/11 - PTA Meeting @ 6pm
- 3/14 - Bagel Day

Week At A Glance

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

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Getting to work with a great staff.

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Upper Peninsula

Foods:

Steak

Color:

Blue

College:

Michigan

TV Show:

Big Bang Theory

Sports Team:

Detroit Lions

School Subject:

Reading

Staff Member of the Week



Mr. Pensari

My hobbies:

Exercising

PTA Updates

Week of March 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.

Thank you to all who participated in Family Trivia Night! It was a night of fun, looking forward to Bingo Night together on April 30th!

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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MARCH IS READING MONTH!

March 1, 2025

Dear Johnson Families,

Welcome to Camp Read-A-Lot! We are kicking off March is Reading Month with a backpacking adventure to 6 National Parks. Along the way, students will read and participate in reading activities and spirit days! Our hikers will carry a trail map documenting their journey with earned badges (stickers). These badges will be placed on their map. It will take 3 badges (activities) to reach a National Park. When students reach a National Park, they will need to complete the corresponding National Park Super Sleuth. Students can pick up a Super Sleuth from Mrs. Acker during their LMC time. Once completed, they can return their Super Sleuth to their classroom teacher for a special "Park Pass". A "Park Pass" is an outdoor vinyl sticker.



Attached to this packet is a calendar of spirit days that will take place throughout the month of March. Students can only earn one badge per week for participating in spirit days, but are welcome to dress up for all! Additionally, there is a choice board of activities for students to choose from. Each activity will provide a badge on their trail map.

Students will earn prizes at each National Park. Any student reaching the final park, Isle Royale will be invited to a camping themed celebration. We hope everyone has fun on their hiking (reading) adventures. Let's get reading and start earning badges!

Sincerely,
Johnson Upper Elementary School

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March

Reading Month Activities at Johnson

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1.
2.	 <p>3. Pajama Day! Curl up with a good book and READ School Wide DEAR</p>	<p>4. Read & Relax</p>	5.	 <p>6. BOB BATTLE OF THE BOOKS Read & Relax</p>	<p>10. Wear Your Camp Read A Lot Shirt or a shirt with words</p>	11.
9.	 <p>10. No School READ ALL DAY</p>	<p>11. Read & Relax</p>	12.	13. Read & Relax	<p>14. Wear Your Camp Read A Lot Shirt or a shirt with words</p>	15.
16.	<p>17. Lucky Readers Wear Green! Drawing for a chance to win a free book of your choice!</p> 	<p>18. Wear your flannel and dress like you're going hiking because reading takes you places</p> 	<p>19. Dress like a superhero</p> 	<p>20. Throwback Thursday "In My Reading Era" Dress to represent your favorite decade!</p> 	<p>21. Wear Your Camp Read A Lot Shirt or a shirt with words And ROCK YOUR SOCKS!!</p> 	<p>22. World Down Syndrome Day</p>
23.		24.	25.	26.	28.	

READY, SET...

SPRING BREAK!

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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU March 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>02/27 MACARONI & CHEESE (38g Carbs) Roll (15g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>02/28 CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>03/01</p>
<p>03/02 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS! </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  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 HALF-DAY ELEMENTARY TEACHER WORKDAY</p>	<p>08</p>
<p>09  DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!</p>	<p>10 NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>11 CHICKEN NUGGETS (13g Carbs) Roll (19g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>12 DOMINO'S DAY  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</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 SHAMROCK PRETZEL (31g Carbs) CHEESE CUP (13g Carbs) Mixed Veggies (10g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>18 TWIN MINI CHEESEBURGERS (30g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>19 DOMINO'S DAY  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</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>NO SCHOOL MARCH 24-MARCH 28, 2025 SPRING RECESS</p> 						

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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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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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..... 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
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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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MARCH INTO READING MONTH! Reading month is a special time of the year for our students. Please take a moment to read the attached calendar for all our special events, activities and festivities! We hope every student will participate and enjoy some of their favorite titles during our read and relax time too!

Lost and Found: Please be sure to stop in and take a look, it is overflowing. We have many, many designer brands, hoodies, coats, water bottles, etc...ALL items will be donated at the end of school year. Please take a look prior. We will be posting photos of leftover items on Facebook once the inventory gets more manageable. There are more than 100 clothing items!

Spring Pictures: Spring Picture Day is scheduled for March 18th. All students will have their photo taken. You can look at your student's photo online once they are uploaded and decide if you would like to purchase them. It is a simple online purchase!

FREE PICTURES for VOLUNTEERS! If you have time on March 18th, we will need a few volunteers to help us manage getting the kids to and from pictures. Volunteers will receive a free basic picture package. If you are available and interested, please call the office directly at (734) 744-2740. Thank you for your help and support.

6th Grade Camp: This week we concluded our 6th grade camp trips and the kids had an amazing time at Howell Nature Center. A BIG thank you to chaperones, staff and all who helped to make it a successful, fun trip! The kids look forward to this time each year and it is a special experience we are happy we could provide.

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.

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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.

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.

"Your success and happiness lie in you."

- Helen Keller

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