

Jayhawk Journal

Week of March 31 - April 4

Principal's Corner

With just a quick blink of the eye, we are somehow headed into Spring Break! Thank you to our wonderful community for all that you do, let's keep making some great memories. Spring Break is an important time for all. No matter what you chose to do, whether it be traveling or staying back, we hope that all of our families enjoy the week to relax, recharge, and make the best of the week ahead! Once we return to school, April and May will move quick with so much on the calendars. Wishing you all well!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mr. Wright is a 6th Grade Teacher here at Johnson. He is essential to keeping the day to day running here at Johnson. From leading the bus lines, to helping our PBIS Team, there is so much that he is a part of. Mr. Wright has a sneaky sense of humor that always spreads joy to anyone around him. He is well respected by his students and staff and so many people follow the example that he is!

PBIS Updates

This week we focused on classroom behavior (see attached SOAR Matrix) on the morning announcements. As always, a huge THANK YOU to our staff this week for putting together SOAR Clubs to end the week! This continues to be an amazing experience for our whole building in which we get to reward positive behavior throughout the building. As we get into Trimester 3, we will have a SOAR Assembly when we return to look over data from February and March to set goals for April. Keep SOARing!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Spirit Week was a blast had by all!
- ⇒ We worked with Frost Counselors and Administration for their Open House!
- ⇒ We continue to provide SOAR Clubs for our students on a monthly basis, and our staff goes above and beyond for it!



Planning for the future:

April 2025

- 4/3 - LPS Fine Arts Festival
- 4/7 - Skate Night @Skatin Station 6 p.m.
- 4/9 - PTA Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- 4/17 - Bagel Day
- 4/18 - No School

Week At A Glance

Monday 3/31

Tuesday 4/1

Wednesday 4/2

Thursday 4/3

Friday 4/4

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Working with the great staff and students!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Glenn Arbor

Foods:

BBQ Ribs

Color:

Blue

College:

Michigan

TV Show:

Anything Sports

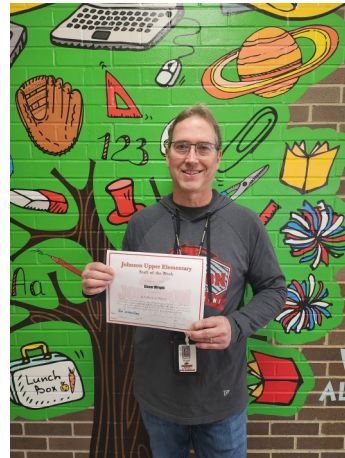
Sports Team:

Detroit Lions, Michigan

School Subject:

Science

Staff Member of the Week



Mr. Wright

My hobbies:

Golfing and hanging out with my family.

PTA Updates

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Youth Making A Difference

Students participating in YMAD, please have projects turned in on Friday, March 21st or on Wednesday, April 9th to the office. A PTA representative will collect them. We can't wait to see all the amazing projects! Participants mark your calendar for the YMAD celebration on Wednesday, April 23rd at Churchill.

Johnson spiritwear is available all year. Check out <https://www.johnsonupperpiritwear.com/> to order some Johnson clothing today.

We need you! If you are interested in a position on the PTA board for next school year, please email johnsonupperpta@gmail.com and a member of the nominating committee will be happy to help.

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!

Transportation Appreciation

The Livonia PTSA Council is collecting donations for the Transportation, Maintenance, & Warehouse staff members in the district. Families can purchase items from our Amazon wish list or make a monetary donation through our Memberhub site.

[Donate here](#) [Amazon list](#)

Save the date for our next
PTA meeting on April 9th
at 6 pm.






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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU April 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>				03/27 SPRING RECESS CONTINUES	03/28 SPRING RECESS	29
30	<p>31</p> <p>NACHO SUPREME (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>04/01</p> <p>FISH STICKS (22g Carbs) Green Peas (11g Carbs) Giant Goldfish Graham (19g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>02</p> <p>DOMINO'S DAY</p>  <p>CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs SOY PBJ(28g Carbs)</p>	<p>03</p> <p>SLOPPY JOE ON A BUN (33g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	<p>04 <i>Tigers'</i>  <i>Opening Day!</i> HOT DOG ON BUN (33g Carbd) Green Beans (3g Carbs) White Cheddar Popcorn (9g Carbs) SOY PBJ (28g Carbs)</p>	05
06	<p>07</p> <p>BURRITO (41g Carbs) Cilantro-Lime Rice (39g Carbs) Peas & Carrots (10g Carbs) MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>08</p> <p>CHICKEN NUGGETS (13g Carbs) Roll (19g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>09</p> <p>DOMINO'S DAY</p>  <p>CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>10</p> <p>PHILLY STEAK SUB (32g Carbs) Fruit/Vegetable (Carbs Vary) MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>11</p> <p>CALZONE (35g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Fruit MUNCHABLE</p>	12
13	<p>14</p> <p>PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BITES (37g Carbs) Potato (30g Carbs) Juice (16g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>TWIN MINI CHEESEBURGERS (30g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>DOMINO'S DAY</p>  <p>CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs TURKEY&CHEESE STICKS/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>TACO IN A BAG (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) Egg Cookie (22g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p><i>Good Friday</i></p>	19
20	<p>21</p> <p>PIZZA CRUNCHERS (41g Carbs) Green Beans (3g Carbs) Fruit Carbs Vary YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>MINI CORN DOGS (24g Carbs) Baked Beans (29g Carbs) Tater Tots (30g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>DOMINO'S DAY</p>  <p>CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>MACARONI & CHEESE (38g Carbs) Roll (15g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	26

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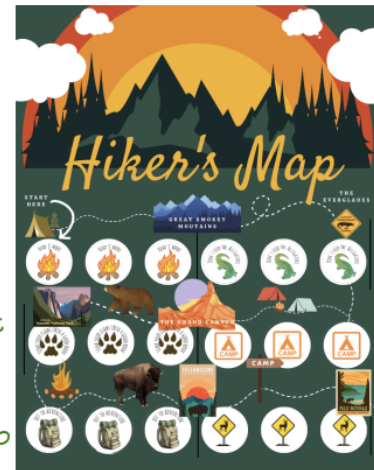
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MARCH IS READING MONTH!

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

2025

Reading Month Activities at Johnson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1.
2.	3.  Pajama Day! Curl up with a good book and READ School Wide DEAR	4. Read & Relax	5.	6.  BOB BATTLE OF THE BOOKS Read & Relax	10. Wear Your Camp Read A Lot Shirt or a shirt with words	11.
9.	10.  No School READ ALL DAY	11. Read & Relax	12.	13. Read & Relax	14. Wear Your Camp Read A Lot Shirt or a shirt with words	15.
16.	17. Lucky Readers Wear Green! Drawing for a chance to win a free book of your choice! 	18. Wear your flannel and dress like you're going hiking because reading takes you places 	19. Dress like a superhero 	20. Throwback Thursday "In My Reading Era" Dress to represent your favorite decade! 	21. Wear Your Camp Read A Lot Shirt or a shirt with words And ROCK YOUR SOCKS!! 	22. World Down Syndrome Day
23. 	24.	25.	26.	28.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">READY, SET...</p> <h1 style="color: green; font-family: cursive;">SPRING BREAK!</h1> </div>	

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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
jkemprob-2027@livoniapublicschools.org

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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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Testing Update: Testing season is around the corner here at Johnson. This year, 5th Grade will be take M-STEP for ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. 6th Grade will be taking M-STEP for ELA and Math. All students will take the final i-Ready Test for both Math and ELA before school is out. Look for specific dates and times from your teacher. Now is time to set a routine of a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

Battle of the Books Winners: BATTLE OF THE BOOKS has finished and our students were amazing participants. It was great seeing the students discuss, debate and enjoy reading some amazing stories. The fifth grade group BANANA MINIONS won first place for the fifth grade competitors. Bookworms were second and Radioactive Readers were third. The sixth grade first place winning group was The Gilded Guys, second place was Piper's Pickles and third place was 4 pickles in a jar.

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.

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.

"It's kind of fun to do the impossible."

- Walt Disney

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