

Jayhawk Journal



Week of Nov 27 - Dec 1

Principal's Corner

We hope that you have taken the time to relax, reflect, and enjoy the long weekend we just had. We will have four weeks between now and our next break before the Holidays. A lot of things still are ahead for our students, we will continue to learn and grow together! Please take the time to read both the Academic and PBIS Updates to be ready for what is coming ahead this month!

-Mr. Traub

Academic Update:

As we begin to wrap up the trimester, we always want to keep parents in the loop of our students and the progress that they are making. Our final day of the first trimester will be December 6th. We will have report cards ready to go out to parents on December 20th. Report Cards will be available online using Parent Connect. Students will take the I-Ready Diagnostic this month as a check-in to see their growth and to give our staff data points to help plan to meet the needs of our students using small group instruction.

PBIS Update

This week students will be able to participate in our SOAR Clubs again this month for 15 SOAR Bucks. Clubs will take place on Friday, December 1st. We will also have our SOAR Celebration on December 12th to celebrate our students who went the first trimester without getting one major or 3 minor infractions. This week we focused on how to keep the restrooms clean. We have attached the SOAR Matrix to review with your students as we wrap up the trimester!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Our teachers worked hard to set up clubs and great options for our students this week!
- ⇒ Our staff had a great meeting on Tuesday, and were able to compete in the 2nd Annual Turkey Bowl at Johnson!
- ⇒ Our PTA continues to work hand in hand with our staff to plan great things for our students this year!



Planning for the future:

December 2023

- PTA Holiday Shop 12/11-12/14
- 1/2 Day a.m. 12/15
- No School 12/18
- Report Cards on Parent Connect 12/20
- Holiday Break 12/25/23 - 1/7/24

Week At A Glance

Monday 11/27

Tuesday 11/28

Wed 11/29

Thursday 11/30

Friday 12/1

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PTA Updates

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The PTA is happy to provide the Holiday Shop during the week of Dec. 11-14 for students to shop at. Most items in the shop are priced between \$2-\$12. We are looking for volunteers to help the students with shopping/money. If you are able to help, [please sign up here](#). More information about the Holiday Shop will be sent home soon.

Johnson PTA now has an email! If you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact us at johnsonupperpta@gmail.com.

Youth Making a Difference is a program that encourages and recognizes volunteer efforts by K-12 students. We'd love to see how our Johnson students volunteer! Please see attached forms.

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

The Livonia PTSA Council is hosting an IEP Binder Organization event at Riley Upper Elementary on Wednesday, November 29th. Please RSVP by Friday, November 24th! <https://forms.gle/R1aG2CocGCwYezUU6>

Don't forget to order your year-book through Treering! [Click here](#)

-We will not have a meeting in December. We look forward to seeing you on January 11th at our next monthly meeting.

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The Arc
Northwest Wayne County

HOLIDAY HOOPLA AT THE ARC NW

Fun for families and children.
Visit Santa in a sensory friendly environment!

Thursday, December 7, 2023

4:00-6:00 PM

7170 N. Haggerty Rd.
Canton, MI 48187

**PLEASE RSVP
TO LANA**

Irichardson@thearcnw.org

313-532-8524

by

Nov. 24, 2023



SNACKS!

GAMES!

**NEW
FRIENDS!**

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Youth Making a Difference

Commitment Form - Johnson Upper Elem School

Name _____

Grade/ Teacher _____

Activity - (please describe)

Commitment forms due: by Dec. 20, 2023

Completed projects due: March

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent email address: _____



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Youth Making A Difference

Student Responsibilities

- Choose a volunteer activity that you would like to do.
- Fill out your Youth Making a Difference Commitment Form. Turn this in by your school's deadline.
- Keep a record of your volunteer activity. It may be pictures, a journal, drawings, a poster, etc.
- Create a display highlighting your activity. tri-fold poster board is used but use your imagination and be creative!
- Turn in the completed project by the deadline determined by your school.
- A celebration displaying all projects will be held in April

Some Suggested Activities

- Shovel snow for a needy neighbor.
- Decorate a nursing home for the holidays.
- Recycle bottle/can collections. Do odd jobs for someone other than in your household.
- Read to senior citizens.
- Volunteer at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
- Be a parent helper.
- Clean school or church grounds.
- Help a teacher.
- Collect food or clothing for a local shelter.
- Sing holiday songs to hospital patients, senior citizens or people living in shelters.
- Establish and fill animal feeding stations this winter.
- Use your imagination!

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Livonia
PTSA Council



LIVONIA PTSA COUNCIL PRESENTS IEP BINDER ORGANIZATION EVENT

Riley Upper Elementary Library
Media Center

15555 Henry Ruff Rd, Livonia, MI 48154

Wednesday **NOV. 29TH** 6 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE IEP EVENT WHERE YOU WILL BE GIVEN MATERIALS TO ASSEMBLE AND ORGANIZE YOUR OWN IEP/504 BINDER FOR YOUR CHILD(REN). THERE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSIONS OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU. PLEASE HELP US ENSURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH MATERIALS FOR EVERYONE BY COMPLETING THE RSVP FORM NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

- **This is an adult only event*
- RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/R1aG2CocGCwYezUU6>
- ✉ lptsacouncil@gmail.com



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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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CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S

JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEARBOOK!

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU November 2023

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					**UPPER EL 3 rd CHOICE OPTIONS** Turkey & Cheese and Ham & Cheese Wraps Offered Daily	
10/29	10/30 HOT DOG ON BUN (33g Carbs) Baked Beans (29g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	10/31  MACARONI & CHEESE (38g Carbs) Roll (15g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	11/01  DOMINO'S DAY CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	11/02 MINI CORN DOGS (24g Carbs) Baked Beans (29g Carbs) Tater Tots (30g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	11/03 CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	04
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12	13 SOUTHWEST PULL-APART (33g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) Fruit MUNCHABLE	14 CHICKEN NUGGETS (13g Carbs) Roll (19g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	15  DOMINO'S DAY CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs MUNCHABLE	16 ROTINI W/MEAT SC (24g Carbs) Roll (16g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	17 CALZONE (35g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Fruit MUNCHABLE	18
19	20 PANCAKE/SAUSAGE ON A STICK (21g Carbs) Potato (30g Carbs) Juice (16g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/ CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	21 TWIN MINI CHEESEBURGERS (30g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	22	23 	24	25
NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING RECESS						
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Project Lead The Way: Project Lead The Way is our new class that is part of our specials rotation here for grades K-6 in Livonia Public Schools. Our teams have been working hard to provide your students with such a wonderful and unique opportunity. Please see the website attached in this link to look into the curriculum and resources for yourself! [PLTW Google Site](#)

Food Drop Off: Safety is our top priority of our students, and that is what guides our decisions. We encourage you to drop off food or lunches for a student if they are forgotten, things happen. Recently we have noticed an influx of family members ordering food from Door Dash or Grub Hub to be dropped off for students. We are asking that this does not continue, as this is not conducive for an Elementary school. On top of safety concerns, the food is coming later than expected, and it then throws off the schedule of the student as they are done with lunch or just went to recess. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

Proper Attire for Recess Update: All students will be able to go outside, but when there is snow they will need boots to go in the snow. Students who wear shoes will be allowed to play on the blacktop. We will resort to indoor recess when it is below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. We will be using Accuweather.com to make that determination. We will also be taking into the consideration of the real feel and wind chill.

DROPOFF AND PICKUP TIMES - Students cannot be dropped off for school in the morning prior to 8:15am. This is when the doors open for breakfast and when staff is available to supervise students. Prior to this time, all school doors are locked. Students are not to be left unattended, arrangements must be made. Also, dismissal is at 3:30pm daily and at 11:45am on half days. It is required that all students who are picked up in the car loop be picked up no later than 3:45pm. Staff is not available to supervise students beyond that time. The district offers a SACC program for those students that cannot be picked up by 3:45pm. Please contact SACC at (734)744-2966 to make arrangements.

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!

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EMERGENCY CARD INFORMATION - It is required that each family review the emergency contact information that is on file at Johnson. You can view this information in parent connect. **WHY?** in the event of an emergency, sick child, severe weather, we may need to reach you. The process to verify your emergency contact information is correct is simple. Simply log into Parent Connect and follow the prompts.

ATTENDANCE LINE - It is vital for academic success that your student be in attendance daily, ready to learn. If your student is absent on any given day, please contact the school office and let them know. This helps reduce phone calls home to verify a student's absence and it helps keep accurate attendance records. A reminder, if a student has a fever or has vomited, they are not to return to school for 24 hours once the fever is gone and/or vomiting has stopped. In this time of concern over congested or cold/coughing students still coming to school, we will leave this judgment to the parents. We simply ask you to make sure your student is healthy and not a distraction to the learning environment. Thank you for your cooperation. The attendance line is available at (734) 744-2740 ext 1.

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) - We work in conjunction with BIAB to provide weekend meals to those families in need of food assistance. If this is something you would like to participate in, all you have to do is fill out the form that came home with students today or simply contact the office at (734) 744-2740 and we will sign you up. Delivery will begin the following week.

SOCIAL MEDIA - JOHNSON has a Facebook page filled with stories of our daily student activities/projects/concerts and general shenanigans. Be sure to like our page to see our students and staff in action! In addition, Johnson is fortunate to have an amazing PTA and they have a facebook as well! Information about how to join the PTA, events, volunteering, contributing and general information are included in the welcome packet.

"Strive for progress, not perfection."

-Unknown

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