

Jayhawk Journal



Week of October 2-6

Principal's Corner

I cannot believe it, but here we are already in the month of October! This year we have worked hard on establishing routines and procedures with our students and they have done a great job in working with us. We are excited to open up the Jayhawk Pop-Up Shop so students will be able to use their SOAR Bucks that they have earned. I am looking forward to a wonderful month!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Grzech is our speech teacher and is currently in her second year here at Johnson. She always finds a way to make things work for her students. Mrs. G is wonderful with our kids and makes them feel right at home. She also is an amazing colleague that will help any coworker who may be in need. We are lucky to have her here at Johnson and are thankful for all that she does!

Professional Development Day

This week students will not have school on Tuesday 10/3. These days are vital to our staff as they collaborate with one another to look over and reflect upon key information we have learned from our students the first few weeks of school. Teachers will be meeting with their Professional Learning Teams to go over data to help make instructional decisions in the upcoming months. This year we will be focusing on small group instruction each day that will help meet the needs of our students.

Points of Pride

- ⇒ For the third week in a row, a student from every single class was nominated for Student of the Week!
- ⇒ Our students have done an amazing job with our Color Run Fundraiser!
- ⇒ Our teachers have worked hard to get students acclimated to Johnson during the first month of school!



Planning for the future:

October 2023

- No School 10/3
- PTA Meeting 10/10
- Parent Teacher Conferences Oct 11-12
- No School 10/12
- Color Run 10/13
- Picture Retakes 10/26

Week At A Glance

Monday 10/2

Tuesday 10/3 No School

Wednesday 10/4

Thursday 10/5

Friday 10/6

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Getting to work with the amazing staff and students.

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Ocean City, NJ

Foods:

Dark Chocolate

Color:

Purple

College:

Misericordia University

TV Show:

Gilmore Girls

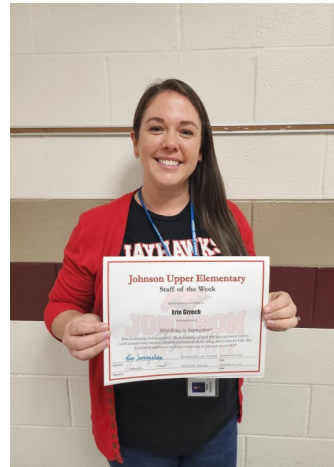
Sports Team:

Philadelphia Phillies

School Subject:

Science

Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Grzech

My hobbies:

Golf, reading, and spending time with my family.

PTA Updates

Week of October 2nd

-Don't forget to join PTA! When you join the Johnson PTA, you are showing your support for our students and staff. It does NOT mean you need to volunteer. Please become a member today.

<https://johnsonelementary.memberhub.com/>

We will be raffling off some Target gift cards in the next few weeks to show our appreciation for joining!

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

We will be asking for volunteers to help with the Color Run. Make sure you have filled out the iChat form so you'll be all set for the year when it comes to helping at the school. [Click here for the ichat form](#)

COLOR RUN- This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your support. Please register your student today! We have 162 students registered and have raised \$16, 710. Let's keep this going and reach our goal of \$20,000! Thank you to everyone that has registered and donated!

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

-Save the date for our next PTA meeting on October 10 at 6 pm. We can't wait to share what we have planned for this fall!

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Johnson Color Run Friday October 13th



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Johnson Upper Elementary School Student Rewards & Incentives

Johnson Upper Elementary School has fantastic STUDENT INCENTIVES for all students to earn!

To check out all the Rewards and Incentives, please visit our [School Web page](#), then click the orange *View Incentives* button.

We're offering Rewards and Incentives for individuals, classrooms, and an incentive for the entire school to enjoy as a team. Incentives were created to reward all students! Here are a few of our schoolwide incentives based on hitting overall raised amounts.

WHEN WE RAISE:

Register and share info- receive a waterproof Johnson sticker

Raise \$25- candy prize

Raise \$50 - silicone Johnson bracelet and multi-colored pen

Raise \$75- receive 1 packet of color to throw during the Color Run

Raise \$100- Raffle ticket to enter to win a prize + candy prize

Raise \$125 - Raffle ticket to enter to win a prize

Raise \$150- Raffle ticket to enter to win a prize

Raise \$200- Raffle ticket to enter to win a prize

~5 highest earners from each grade will get to go into the middle and throw color at staff members

~Highest overall earner for each grade (one in 5th, one in 6th) will be principal and assistant principal for the day

- Highest earning 5th grade classroom- choice of pizza, popcorn or ice cream party
- Highest earning 6th grade classroom- choice of pizza, popcorn or ice cream party
- Highest earning classroom overall- extra recess for 1 day
- Top 2 highest raising classroom teachers each get a \$75 Amazon gift card. Teacher must be a PTA member.
- Raise \$20,000- Mr. Traub will be pied with whip cream pies!
- Raise \$22,000- Mrs. Samouelian will be pied!

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Today begins a very important fun and healthy way to raise money for students of

Johnson Upper Elementary School

We want to promote a healthy and fun lifestyle to our students. Please help us reach our fundraising goal by supporting the Johnson Upper Elem Color Run. We have teamed up with *Get Movin'*® to make this event fun and profitable with online mobile friendly technology!

This is our big fundraiser of the year! The Johnson PTA is raising money to fund field trips, classroom activities, special events, the SOAR store, staff supplies and much more. Please help us reach our goal by sharing your student/s webpage with friends and family via social media or email. We truly appreciate your support!

Follow these 3 Simple Steps to get to goal fast!

1. First [Register](#) or re-[Login](#) to your parent dashboard and complete your child's student webpage with a PICTURE at getmovinfundhub.com.
School Identifier: 64eb691096aeb
2. Make an online donation using the red Donate button right away
3. Share with friends and family, they want to help!
 - Send 5-10 emails and/or text messages
 - Post Facebook or Twitter
 - Help your child reach their goal in 24/48 hours



Student Goals!

- Our goal is to have 100% of all students registered online! It's easy, FREE, and takes few quick minutes!
- Each student is encouraged to raise \$50.00
- Be an Overachiever Superstar by raising \$150

OUR TOTAL SCHOOL GOAL is \$20,000.00

Event Details:

- **Event Date: 10/13/2023**
- **Final Donation due date: 10/21/2023 11:59 PM**
 - Donations in the form of cash & checks (in-school donations), should be turned in to the school.
 - Please make checks payable to: Johnson Elementary PTA

****See other side for Our Awesome Student Incentives****



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[E-Backpack Mail - Click & Scroll to Find Out What's Happening! \(livoniapublicschools.org\)](http://livoniapublicschools.org)



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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 3rd CHOICE**

OPTIONS**

Turkey & Cheese and

Ham & Cheese Wraps

Offered Daily

10/01	10/02	10/03	04	05	06	07
	HOT DOG ON BUN (33g Carbs) Baked Beans (29g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	NO SCHOOL STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	MINI CORN DOGS (24g Carbs) Baked Beans (29g Carbs) Tater Tots (30g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	
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	NACHO SUPREME (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	CRUNCHY TACO STICK (32g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Green Beans (11g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	NO SCHOOL PARENT- TEACHER CONFERENCES	CHEESY BREADSTICKS (28g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Sweet Peas (11g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SOUTHWEST PULL-APART (33g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) Fruit MUNCHABLE	CHICKEN NUGGETS (13g Carbs) Roll (19g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs MUNCHABLE	ROTINI W/MEAT SC (24g Carbs) Roll (16g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	CALZONE (35g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Fruit MUNCHABLE	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BITES (37g Carbs) Potato (30g Carbs) Juice (16g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/ CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	TWIN MINI CHEESEBURGERS (30g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	TACO IN A BAG (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH (39g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	
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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 and charge them 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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The [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) is offered through the Federal Communications Commissions for families in the district. This program allows qualifying families to receive a \$30 credit each month toward their internet bill. For WOW and Spectrum subscribers (the 2 providers in Livonia), that could make basic internet package free.

A family who qualifies for free and reduced lunch would qualify for this program.

[Link to the Main Site](#)

Parent-Teacher Conferences - Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up around the corner. They will be held on the evening of Wednesday, October 11th. They will also be held all day and in the evening on Thursday, October 12th. Please reach out to your teacher to make sure that your conference has been scheduled for those times. We look forward to sharing the progress of your student with you on those dates!

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.

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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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.

"The future depends on what you do today."

-Mahatma Gandhi

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