

Jayhawk Journal



Week of October 9-13

Principal's Corner

What a busy week we have in front of us! Please make sure that you have signed up for a conference with your teacher this week for either Wednesday or Thursday. Our teachers and students have worked so hard and now is the time to meet with them to see our progress. We will continue to monitor the weather this week and will add a make-up date for the Color Run if needed.

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Thome is a 6th grade teacher who just joined our staff over this Summer. In her first fall as a Johnson Jayhawk, it is easy to see that she cares for her students and goes above and beyond to help all of her students. She is a dependable colleague and a team player to all she works with. The Johnson Community is so lucky to have her as part of our building and our Jayhawk Team!

PBIS Updates

Each week we reflect upon a section in our SOAR Matrix. This week we focused on being an Upstander! This was all about empowering students to speak up and help each other out when they feel someone needs it. We were able to host our first SOAR Assembly and look over our data from September. Students were able to reflect upon where we can improve to help our school. Our SOAR Pop-Up Shop opened this week and students were able to buy things with their SOAR Bucks.

Points of Pride

- ⇒ For the fourth week in a row, a student from every single class was nominated for Student of the Week!
- ⇒ Our SOAR Store Opened and students were able to use their SOAR Bucks!
- ⇒ Our students and teachers came together for our first SOAR Assembly!
- ⇒ Our community has done an amazing job on almost reaching our fundraising goal for this year's Color Run!



Planning for the future:

October 2023

- Applebee's Dine Out for PTA 10/9
- 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 10/9

Tuesday 10/10

Wednesday 10/11

Thursday 10/12 No School

Friday 10/13

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

How amazing the students and staff are!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Camping - All Over!

Foods:

Pizza

Color:

Pink

College:

Eastern Michigan

TV Show:

Big Brother

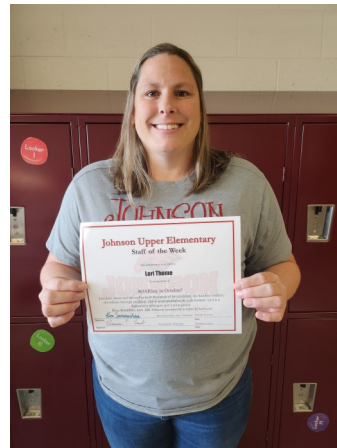
Sports Team:

Michigan

School Subject:

Math

Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Thome

My hobbies:

Camping, hanging out with friends and family.

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PTA Updates

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-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.

Instead of cooking on Monday, October 9, dine out at Applebee's on Middlebelt in Livonia from 4-9 p.m. and 20% of the proceeds will come back to Johnson PTA. Be sure to mention Johnson PTA. Dine-in or carry out will work. [Click here](#) for more info.

COLOR RUN- We have just one week left to raise funds for our first Color Run! We thank you so much for your generosity and support! **There is still time to donate!** Please share your child's page with friends, family, or through social media! **Volunteers** needed for the event! [Click here to sign up!](#) You must have an I-chat form completed and on-file. [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 256 students registered and have raised \$18,585. 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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When: Friday, October 13

Time: 6th grade- 2:00 p.m.

5th grade- 2:30 p.m

Students should wear a white or light-colored shirt for maximum color coverage.

Students are encouraged to wear hats/scarves/shower caps during the Color Run, especially if hair washing is a concern. Volunteers will do their best to keep color away from face, but often times color is everywhere! For students who choose not to have color thrown on them, they can hang out on the basketball courts where music will be playing and they can still watch the Color Run.

Parents will be welcome to cheer on the students. More details to follow.

Students will return to their classroom after the event and dismiss per usual procedures.

While the color should wash out of clothing, you may want to have your student consider what clothing and shoes they wear during the Color Run.

We are so grateful for your generosity and support of the Jayhawk Community!



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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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Literati BOOK FAIRS

Dear Jayhawk Families,

WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

Uncover your next favorite read on **October 9th-13th**, here at Johnson Upper Elementary. Every purchase supports our school! For even more fun, you can visit the fair during Parent Teacher Conferences on **October 11-12th**.

- **Payment methods:** We accept cash, credit and debit cards, check, or book fair gift cards.
- **Online fair:** Can't make the fair? No worries! Shop for exciting new books online at efairs.literati.com, and create student wishlists to share with friends and family. When you search for our school, double-check that you have the right city and state.
- **Book fair gift cards:** Gift cards are an easy payment method that won't get lost in a backpack. Buy them online for use at both our in-person and online fairs.
- **Volunteer:** If you would like to volunteer to help out at the fair, please sign up for a time slot here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A44ACA92CA7F94-44839629-johnson>
Volunteers get a 20% discount on all book fair purchases.

We can't wait for our students to experience our upcoming book fair! Thank you for helping to inspire a lifelong love of reading.

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










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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU October 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		
10/01	10/02 HOT DOG ON BUN (33g Carbs) Baked Beans (29g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	10/03 NO SCHOOL STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	04 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	05 MINI CORN DOGS (24g Carbs) Baked Beans (29g Carbs) Tater Tots (30g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	06 CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	07 
08	09 NACHO SUPREME (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	10 CRUNCHY TACO STICK (32g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Green Beans (11g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	11 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	12 NO SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	13 CHEESY BREADSTICKS (28g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Sweet Peas (11g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	14
15	16 SOUTHWEST PULL-APART (33g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) Fruit MUNCHABLE	17 CHICKEN NUGGETS (13g Carbs) Roll (19g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	18 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs MUNCHABLE	19 ROTINI W/MEAT SC (24g Carbs) Roll (16g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	20 CALZONE (35g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Fruit MUNCHABLE	21
22	23 PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BITES (37g Carbs) Potato (30g Carbs) Juice (16g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/ CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	24 TWIN MINI CHEESEBURGERS (30g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	25 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	26 TACO IN A BAG (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	27 CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH (39g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	28
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Parent-Teacher Conferences - Parent-Teacher Conferences are finally here. 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 this week!

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.

"We grow great by dreams."

-Woodrow Wilson

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