

Jayhawk Journal



Week of December 11 - 15

Principal's Corner

Here we are with two weeks to go before our break. A special thank you to our students who have put forth their best effort when it came time to take the I-Ready tests this week. We will be wrapping up testing this week. We will have a Spirit Week planned for the last week before break. More specific details will be emailed out this week. We are looking forward to the SOAR Celebration!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Nelson is a resource room teacher here at Johnson. She can be seen running the bus loops for arrival and dismissal, working the lunchroom, and doing anything she can to help our students. She is passionate about her work and always finds a way to help any student that she works with. She is a team player and is constantly bringing ideas to the table to help our staff and students!

PBIS Update

We will have our SOAR Celebration set for this Tuesday, December 12th to celebrate our students who went the first trimester without getting one major or 3 minor infractions. A special thank you to Phoenix Theatres Laurel Park for donating popcorn for our students! Our PBIS Team will be meeting this week to look over data and plan ahead for the year. This week we focused on classroom expectations. Please see the SOAR Matrix to review with your students as we wrap up the trimester!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Our PTA has put so much time and effort into organizing our Holiday Shop for our students next week!
- ⇒ Phoenix Theatres Laurel Park partnered up with our school and will be donating popcorn for our SOAR Celebration!
- ⇒ Our students have been working hard and have shown a commitment to doing their best on the I-Ready this week!

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 12/11

Tuesday 12/12

Wed 12/13

Thursday 12/14

Friday 12/15 Half Day a.m.



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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Working with the students and staff!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

National Parks

Foods:

Mexican

Color:

Yellow

College:

Michigan State

TV Show:

The NFL

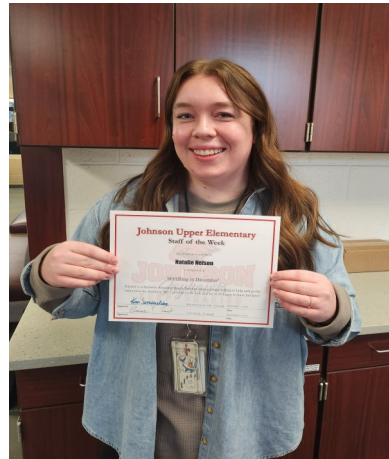
Sports Team:

Green Bay Packers

School Subject:

Math

Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Nelson

My hobbies:

Hanging out with friends, reading, walking my dog.

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PTA Updates

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Our Holiday Shop starts on Monday! 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.](#)

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

We have compiled a list of Johnson staff member's favorite things! If you are interested in learning what your child's teacher and staff members enjoy (or maybe need an idea this holiday season), please check out the link. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dEsre6aCBPrK-nJ-hAxpYKXOeCzIE9Aw/view?usp=sharing>

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

Stock up on frozen pizzas for over the holiday break! We are having another Buddy's dine out on Thursday, December 14th at Buddy's on Plymouth Road in Livonia from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and some of the proceeds will come back to Johnson PTA. Be sure to mention Johnson PTA. Dine- in or carry out will work.

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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CAPA ARTS CAMP 2024

SAT, JAN 13, 2024 9AM-4PM
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30AM

\$25

Open to 3rd-8th grade LPS students who are
interested in Acting, Dancing, or Singing!

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

T-shirt, snacks, pizza, and water
supplied with registration cost

A special showcase performance
for friends and family at 3pm

All campers must register and pay online by Dec. 23

<https://forms.gle/79gLPfMqkYuJ9Nwx6>



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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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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU December 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 OPTIONS Turkey & Cheese and Ham & Cheese Wraps Offered Daily	12/01 CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	12/02
12/03	12/04 TWIN MINI CHEESEBURGERS (30g Carbs) Green Beans (3g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	05 ROTINI W/MEAT SC (24g Carbs) Roll (16g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	06 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs MUNCHABLE	07 CHICKEN PARMESAN SANDWICH (47g Carbs) Tater Tots (30g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	08 PIZZA CRUNCHERS (41g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (8g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	09  HAPPY HANUKKAH 12/7 - 12/15
10	11 NACHO SUPREME (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	12 TURKEY & GRAVY (2g Carbs) Mashed Potatoes (21g Carbs) Corn (17g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	13 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	14 CRUNCHY TACO STICK (32g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Green Beans (11g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	15 HALF-DAY TEACHER WORKDAY NO LUNCH SERVED	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	19 SNOWMAN PRETZEL (30g Carbs) Cheese Cup (13g Carbs) Cheese Stick (2g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	20 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs MUNCHABLE	21  CHEF'S CHOICE 1 ST DAY OF WINTER	22 CHEF'S CHOICE	23
24 	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 HAPPY KWANZAA 12/26/2023-1/1/2024 	27	28	29	30
31	NO SCHOOL – WINTER RECESS DECEMBER 25, 2023 – JANUARY 5, 2024					01/06
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[E-Backpack Mail - Click & Scroll to Find Out What's Happening! \(livoniapublicschools.org\)](http://livoniapublicschools.org)



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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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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.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

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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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