Principal's Corner

We are two weeks in and I am so proud of all that we have accomplished so far! This week we were able to kick-off our Friday campaigns of both Student and Staff Members of the Week. This is truly the favorite part of our week. We look forward to recognizing as many students and staff members as we can for their tremendous work here. We had an amazing time with Spirit Day!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mr. Anderson is a 5th grade teacher here at Johnson. He is committed to building relationships with all of his students and goes out of his way to make sure they all feel welcomed in his class. In addition, Mr. Anderson has a wonderful sense of humor and can make anyone laugh in this building. He has proven that he is a team player and works well with his colleagues. We are so lucky to have him here at Johnson!

Points of Pride

⇒ We had our first Spirit Day and staff and students did not disappoint!
⇒ Students have responded to our SOAR Assembly and are leading by example!
⇒ Staff have gone above and beyond to welcome your students and create a wonderful learning environment here!

PBIS Updates

This week we reflected upon our assembly from last week and teachers started working on expectations with their students. We started reading over our SOAR Matrix on the morning announcements. This week we focused on the Arrival and Dismissal section. Feel free to look it over on the attached matrix in this letter. Students have been showing great behavior and SOAR Bucks are starting to be handed out to those students who are leading by example.

We look forward to a wonderful year!

Planning for the future:

September 2023

- Virtual Curriculum Night 9/14
- PTA Meeting 9/14 7 p.m.
- Detroit Lions Assembly 9/15
- Picture Day 9/26

Week At A Glance

- Monday 9/11
- Tuesday 9/12
- Wednesday 9/13
- Thursday 9/14
- Friday 9/15

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

The people here at Johnson!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel:
Somewhere Warm

Foods:
Chocolate Pretzels

Color:
Red and Black

College:
Michigan State University

Movie:
Spongebob Squarepants Movie

Sports Team:
Detroit Pistons

School Subject:
Science

My hobbies:

Tennis, Disc-Golf, and Aquariums

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PTA Updates
Week of September 11th

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://johnsononelementary.memberhub.com/

Johnson PTA is hosting a digital doughnut drive to kickoff the school year! Order your Krispy Kreme doughnuts online between 8/24-9/25, grab and go from one of many locations, and you’ll be giving back to Johnson!

Participating is easy, all they have to do is:

1 Visit: https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/12804
2 Choose the quantity & order delicious dozens
3 Pick up their Dozens at 370+ participating Krispy Kreme locations across the U.S.

You can also share the link above with your friends and family on social media, or send an email blast to your community to let them know they can support Johnson Upper Elementary PTA just by eating doughnuts!

-Save the date for our first PTA meeting on September 14 at 7 pm. We can't wait to share what we have planned for this fall!

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Join the
Livonia Orioles vs.
Northville Colts Football & Cheer
for their Inclusion Game on
Sunday, September 17, 2023.
Bentley Field
31971 Five Mile Rd.
Livonia, MI 48154
Games start at 9:00 am

We will have 50/50 raffles, Raffle Baskets, Concessions, and more.
The proceeds from 50/50 raffles, & raffle baskets will be going to The Miracle League of Plymouth

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Fall Picture Day is Coming!

School Name: Johnson Upper Elementary School
Picture Day Date: Tuesday, September 26
Picture Day ID: EVT373NBF

ACTION REQUIRED: CONFIRM PICTURE DAY DETAILS

Please note that your school's required Subject Data File for Picture Day is handled by your District Office. No action needed here.

PROMOTE PICTURE DAY!

Your personalized Picture Day kit, containing materials to help inform families of your upcoming Picture Day, is on its way!

Increase Picture Day awareness at your school with these additional digital resources.

Questions? Contact your Lifetouch Representative.

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HEALTH CHECK LIST

When should I keep my child home from school?

1. If your child is running a fever, or has run a fever in the past 24 hours, he/she should remain home. (The CDC states that children be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine prior to returning to school).
2. If your child has vomited in the past 24 hours, or is very nauseous, he/she should remain home.
3. If your child has any type of infectious disease (i.e. pink eye, strep throat, head lice, influenza, etc) he/she should remain home until under treatment.
4. It is more difficult to determine whether your child should stay home when he/she has a runny nose, persistent cough, tummy ache, headache, etc.

Some rules of thumb to consider are:

1. Will your child be able to manage his/her symptoms during the 7 hour school day? (Remember, we cannot administer, or allow children to bring and self-administer, “over the counter” meds, such as cough drops, cold medicine, Tylenol, etc.)
2. Will he/she be able to concentrate on schoolwork, complete assignments, participate in class and participate in lunch and recess?
3. Are the symptoms likely to infect other children who will be in close proximity?
4. Would I want a fellow classmate with the same symptoms to be sitting next to, or across from, my child all day?

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our students healthy!
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Become a member of the Johnson PTA!
Being a PTA member is a wonderful way to show your support of the Johnson school community. Our PTA sponsors many fun activities for our students throughout the year, and they need our help and support to do this. As a member you are not obligated to volunteer or attend meetings; however, we welcome all that are interested in helping at any level!

Click here to become a member online.

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!

SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH - Breakfast and Hot Lunch will be provided for free for all students this year. More information will be sent with flyers in our upcoming newsletters.

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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.

“Whatever you are, be a good one!” - Abraham Lincoln

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