Week of September 18-22

Principal's Corner

There is something about fall that makes it the best time of the year in my eyes. From a local high school football game, to a fun event in our community, these are the building blocks that bring our community together. We were lucky to have an assembly last Friday where students were able to have some fun and learn how to be a leader. We are looking forward to a wonderful rest of the year!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Ms. Cleveland is a 5th grade teacher here at Johnson. She is an amazing teacher who exudes positivity and personal best every day. Ms. Cleveland not only works hard for her students each and every day, but she is a supportive and kind colleague that helps others when they are in need. She is a fun person to have on our campus and we are so lucky to have her!

Points of Pride

⇒ A student from every single class was nominated for Student of the Week!
⇒ Teachers did a wonderful job preparing for Virtual Curriculum Night!
⇒ Our PTA meeting was held in person and we had the largest attendance we have had in the last few years!
⇒ The Detroit Lions put on an awesome assembly on how to be a leader!

PBIS Updates

This week we focused on the hallways and how we can show our SOARing behavior to make them perfect for the school year. You can see the expectations in the matrix attached. A big thank you to the Detroit Lions for coming out and talking to students about how to be a leader. This assembly fits well with what we teach our students as SOARing students, and how we go about using our PBIS Program at Johnson. This week our school PBIS team will meet to discuss our plan for the school year.

Planning for the future:

September 2023
• Famous Dave’s Dine-In or Take-Out PTA Fundraiser 9/20
• Picture Day 9/26

October 2023
• PTA Meeting 10/10
• Color Run 10/13

Week At A Glance

Monday 9/18
Tuesday 9/19
Wednesday 9/20
Thursday 9/21
Friday 9/22

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...
The wonderful staff and students.

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel: Anywhere I haven’t been before!

Foods: Chocolate Anything!

Color: Green and Pink

College: MSU (Go Green!)

Movie: Barbie

Sports Team: Green Bay Packers

School Subject: Social Studies

My hobbies: I love to spend my time reading, with friends and family, and shopping at Target.

Staff Member of the Week

Ms. Cleveland

Keep soaring Jayhawks!
-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 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- Wednesday, September 20- Famous Dave’s is donating 20% of orders to Johnson PTA. Take a night off from cooking and go to Famous Dave’s! Dine-in, takeout, and pick up orders made in store/by phone mentioning Johnson PTA will earn us the proceeds.

-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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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
E-Backpack Mail - Click & Scroll to Find Out What's Happening! (livoniapublicschools.org)

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PEOPLE-CENTERED DANCE COMPANY

~~~ SEASON 2 ~~~

CLASSES BEGIN OCT 2, 2023!
Mondays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Classes held at:
Michigan Dance Alliance
8000 Sheldon Center Rd
Canton, MI 48187

@peoplecentereddancecompany

PCDC is a competitive dance team for dancers with special abilities looking to learn and grow through the art of dance!

- Classes are held weekly every Monday
- Classes are $75 per month
- Monthly class fee will not include competition fees or costume fees

For more information or to register your dancer for Season 2, please visit our website!

www.PeopleCenteredDance.com | info@peoplecentereddance.com

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Lisa (Brazil) Ackley

I could use a hand...
- Hanging and taking down artwork
- Photographing and uploading artwork
- Prepping materials
- Doing other random things

Please contact me at:
Lbrazil@liveniapublicschools.org
if you are interested/available

We love:
Craft leftovers, small hand tools, sewing supplies, scrapbook supplies, yarn and crochet supplies, stamps and stamp pads, beads, hot glue sticks, etc

Good Day, Families!

About Me
- I was born in TX and have lived in 7 different states
- I have been teaching art for 25 years
- This is my 5th year with LPS and my 3rd at Johnson

I believe that learning how to “think like an artist” is a universal life skill. People who expect to fail can be reluctant to TRY; I want students to experience curiosity with techniques and materials in the art room.

About ARTSONIA
- Artsonia.com is a free, online portfolio for students.
- Family and friends are alerted when new artwork is uploaded throughout the year.
- You can upload artwork from home to add to your artist’s portfolio.
- THIS IS OUR FUNDRAISER. You can have ANY of your student’s artworks, from ANY year, printed on ANYthing from the gift shop at ANY time. A percentage of the purchase comes back to the art program.
- Please allow your artist to participate in our Artsonia program when you receive the email request.

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**Lifetouch**

**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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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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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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.

“No one is you, and that is your superpower!”

-Anonymous

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