



# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

February 15, 2019



**Feb 18, 2019**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**President's Day**

**Feb 21, 2019**  
**JES Play Auditions**  
**Info coming soon!**

**Feb 25, 2019**  
**PTO Meeting**  
**9:15 am**

**Feb 28, 2019**  
**Parent University**  
**BMS**  
**See attachment for more info**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,



Only 7 Weeks Until the STEAM Expo!! We need you! Does your student have a passion for science, engineering or technology? The STEAM Expo is a great way to get them involved in pursuing that passion and sharing it with others! All 4th and 5th grade students are invited to participate by completing a project at home and presenting it at the STEAM Expo! Last year we had over 20 Johnson students experience the fun and sense of accomplishment that comes with completing a self directed project and presenting to their community! I hope to double that number this year! We have a variety of project to choose from and students are welcome to design their own as well! Over the next few weeks, I will shine a spotlight on each project offering. Can't wait to see what inspires your STEAM kid!

~Ms. Nielsen - STEM Instructional Coach K-8



*Project Spotlight: Be Marie Cure or Thomas Edison*

Do a simple science investigation or experiment and explain how it works!

What do I need to do?

- Chose an interesting and safe experiment to do !

→ *You can design your own or choose one from all of the great resources out there!*

- Conduct the experiment.
- Record your observations.
- Create a presentation to share all you have learned !

→ *This can be on a science fair board OR a digital presentation.*

**GREAT RESOURCES FOR SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS:**

- <https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/>
- <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/projects.html>
- <http://www.scienceprojectlab.com/1st-grade-science-fair-projects.html>
- <https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/science-projects>
- <https://www.education.com/science-fair/>

**Did you Know??** Kids don't have to wait until they grow up to make huge discoveries and have impact on their world! [Click here](#) to check out the inspiring work of this young scientist.

*Eleven-year-old scientist Gitanjali Rao won the 2017 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge for inventing a device that detects lead in water.* →



Very truly yours,  
Alison Salerno  
Principal

# PARENT UNIVERSITY

There's something for everyone – grades K-12!

Topics include:

- *Kindergarten Orientation* • *Internet Safety*
  - *Preparing for College* • *Healthy Coping Skills*
- And so many more!*

Newly  
updated!

See the full list and register now:

<https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11614002>

**2.28.19\* • 6:30–8:30 PM • BMS**

*Interested in learning what's being done physically  
and emotionally to keep our kids safe?*

Join us for a valuable pre-session  
5:30–6:20 PM in the auditorium!

**FREE CHILDCARE:**

Must be 4 years old and potty trained.



\*Snow date: 3.6.19



# BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*promoting innovation, creativity, and excellence in learning for our children and the community.*

## WE JUST AWARDED **OVER \$43,000** IN GRANTS TO ADVANCE INNOVATIVE PROJECTS IN BETHEL SCHOOLS



The newly awarded grants will directly impact students in EVERY school in the district and fund a range of teacher-inspired inquiry- and project-based learning designed to engage students.

**FRANK A. BERRY SCHOOL** and **ANNA H. ROCKWELL SCHOOL** will pilot **virtual reality** tools in their English Language Arts classes to bring stories to life, use **SPLAT!** Technology to get students moving and coding in technology classes, and bring high-tech **document cameras** to classrooms so students can interact with lessons and share with their peers.

**R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL** will also benefit from **virtual reality** headsets and with another grant engage all students in their physical education classes with cutting-edge **wearable heart rate technology** to enhance all students physical activity levels.

**BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL** **virtual reality** will also be piloted and encourage students to deepen their understanding of the world, greater appreciation of cultures, and further curiosity. BMS students also will experience interactive classes with a new program “**Escape the Classroom**”, encouraging students to strategically work in teams to solve problems.

**BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL** will launch an **Anti-Defamation League** program called “**The Truth About Hate**”, increase student interest in reading through **Audible book subscriptions**, and increase an inclusive musical environment with the assistance of **Beamz Laser Technology**.

**ST. MARY SCHOOL** will encourage reading with the **Lexia Reading Program** and add an **innovative Engineering course** from **the Boston Museum of Science** that brings real-life science activities into the classroom and encourages all students to become scientists.

*Generous donations from Bethel residents and businesses continue to make these grants possible.*



**SAVE THE DATE**



**A KENTUCKY DERBY FUNDRAISER**  
*previously the Barnum Ball*

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30-10:30pm**  
The Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury

# HELP WANTED!



## **CAFETERIA SUBSTITUTES WANTED**

**We are currently looking for friendly individuals who are interested in working in all five of the Bethel Public Schools cafeterias on an on-call basis. Ideal candidates will be able to work well in a fast-paced group environment, be able to lift up to 40 lbs., enjoy children and have previous kitchen experience. Perfect opportunity for parents of Bethel students. Training is provided to the right candidates. Hourly rate of \$13.73.**

**Please apply at [bethel.k12.ct.us](http://bethel.k12.ct.us) under the About BPS tab, Employment in Bethel, Job Openings, Cafeteria - Cafeteria Sub.**



## Have you visited our website?

Check it out at <https://sites.google.com/view/rmt-johnson-pto>

## PTO Board 2019-2020

Our board is retiring this year - All positions available!  
Please come to a meeting or reach out to us if you're interested.

### Events:

- **Coffee Cart** – Donations are needed for the coffee cart! Cash donations can be sent in an envelope marked "PTO Coffee Cart" and are used for last minute needs (fruit, milk, creamer, etc.) Thank you to the families who have already contributed!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4BACA629A6FE3-johnson2>

### Fundraisers:

- **Spring Spirit Wear** – Order forms will come home soon.
- **Box Tops** – The top three cumulative classroom winners at the end of the year will get cash for their room 😊
- **Amazon Smile** – Shop smile.amazon.com to support Ralph M T Johnson PTO.  
Not set up? Go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/SupportJohnsonSchool>

### PTO Meetings:

- Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am – Raise a Reading Rockstar! with Ms. Siladi
- March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm – Budget discussions with Dr. Carver
- April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am – End of year activity planning

Have questions, ideas or want to be involved?  
The PTO is a very family-friendly - All are welcome, big and small!

Contact us at [rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com](mailto:rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com)  
<https://sites.google.com/view/rmt-johnson-pto>  
<https://www.facebook.com/RmtJohnsonSchoolPto>

# SAVE THE DATE: FOURTH GRADE SPRING FIELD TRIP

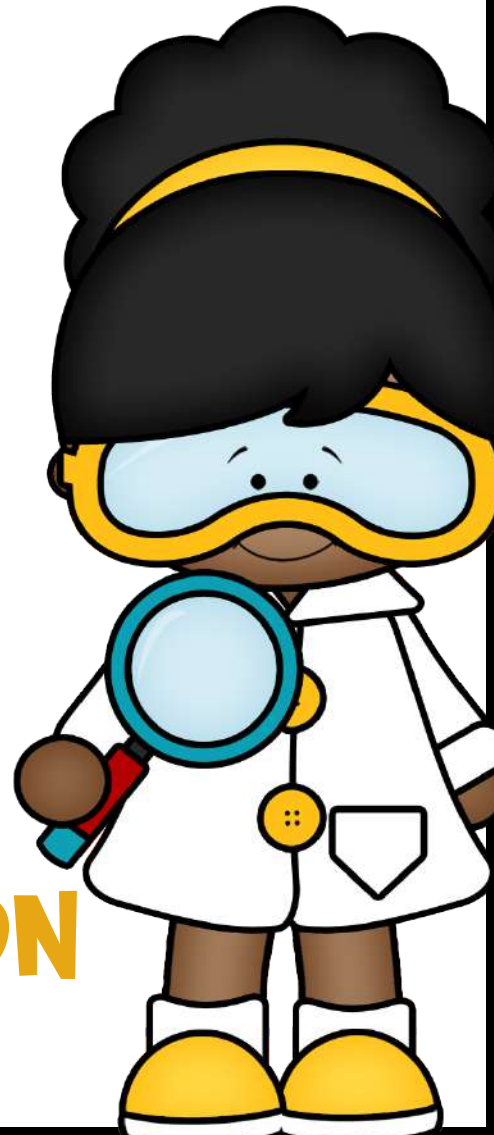
Who: All 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes

What: A fun filled,  
educational day at the  
Discovery Museum in  
Bridgeport, CT.

When: April 30, 2019

Price: \$30.00/student

**MORE INFORMATION  
WILL FOLLOW**



**R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**



**FRI. MAY 31 @7PM**

**SAT. JUNE 1 @2PM & @7PM**

**AT BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**TICKETS \$7.00 AT THE DOOR (CASH ONLY)**

**DOORS OPEN 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO SHOW TIME**





# **Johnson School's Yearbook Fourth Grade**

January 14, 2019

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Johnson School will be sponsoring a "Memory Book." The 2018-2019 yearbook is available for order by all students and staff.

This **year's book** will have individual students pictures, staff pictures, as well as over 35 pages of 1400 candid pictures highlighting various Johnson's activities. Due to a lot of hard work by a team of fifth graders, this year's book is sure to be an enjoyable success!

**The cost of the book is \$16.00.** Students and staff need to pre-order their book by returning order form, which can be found below.

***Books will not be available for purchase in June!!***

Students voted for the cover two weeks ago.

Michele Carpentier  
Yearbook Advisor

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**Johnson School's Yearbook Form Due Monday, February 4th in the Office.**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by: check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$16.00 per book) Parent/Guardian Signature

**Checks are to be made payable to the Johnson School Activity Fund**

CC: Alison Salerno



**PICK A PROJECT !**

**LEARN !**

**HAVE FUN !**

**STEM ROCKS!**



SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ARTS | MATHEMATICS

**EXPO 2019**

**APRIL 8TH - 5:30- 8:30 (TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED)**

**K-5 PRESENTERS WANTED!**

[Click here to find out more information on the EXPO website](#)

**QUESTIONS???**

**CONTACT ME**

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*Come celebrate the Sport of the Arts!*



*Friends and Family*

*March 8<sup>th</sup> 6 pm*  
*Bethel High School*



*All three Winter Guard Units will  
perform their 2019 programs!*

*This event is Free to All!*

Also featuring a debut performance from BMS SoundSport  
and musical interludes by the BHS Jazz Band.

Concessions • Merchandise for purchase & more!

For ways to support our event and program, please visit

[www.bethelwinterguard.com](http://www.bethelwinterguard.com)



# It's Softball Season!!



**Bethel Softball Association**  
invites you to register for the  
2019 Spring season!

*Registration is open from January 21 - March 4*

Fees:  
\$100 per player  
\$125 max per family  
Register by **MARCH 4**  
to avoid \$20 late fee  
and/or waiting list  
\*\* NO REFUNDS \*\*



Registration fees include uniform shirt, socks & FUN!

Coaches! Volunteers!  
Team/League Sponsors!  
We need you!  
Email if you are interested



We offer recreational teams for ages PreK 4 - 16.  
Spring Season runs April - June.  
All skill levels are welcome!!

Sign up today using our **ONLINE** Registration System  
[www.BethelCTSoftball.com](http://www.BethelCTSoftball.com)

Questions? [BethelCTSoftball@gmail.com](mailto:BethelCTSoftball@gmail.com)

