



# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

February 8, 2019



**Feb 11-15, 2019**  
**Kindness Week**  
See  
attachment

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

**Feb 13, 2019**  
**Winter Fling**  
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attachment

**Feb 18-19, 2019**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**President's**  
**Day Recess**

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

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

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

Next week Johnson School will be celebrating *Random Acts of Kindness Week* and supporting a very special charity, the Scotty Fund as well as a non-profit organization, the Women's Center. The mission of the Women's Center is to end the violence against women, men and children, to foster equality and empowerment for all. If you would like to contribute to this cause you can send in various items listed on the [flyer](#).

Our theme for the week is, "Bethel Runs on Kindness." Throughout the week, we will be participating in various activities to promote kindness. Some of the activities include: morning welcome by the Kindness Ambassadors, Greeting by Jazzy the Jaguar, Winter Fling, Kind notes to trusted adults, and more. On Friday, February 15th, we ask that students who purchased the "Bethel Runs on Kindness" t-shirts to wear it, demonstrating our solidarity and support for The Scotty Fund. Additionally, each day next week will have a particular [theme and color](#). We invite students to wear their kindness swag and color of the day.

In closing, please continue to join me in acknowledging acts of kindness, tweeting photos which build a culture of respect. Please use #bethelrunsonkindness.

Very truly yours,  
Alison Salerno  
Principal

## **Johnson School Celebrates Our Students at the Annual Elementary Arts Banquet**

On Monday, February 4, 2019 Johnson School had the pleasure of participating in the 20th Annual Celebration of the Arts, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, CT.

Our school honorees are fifth graders Preethika Shenoy and Aidan Badia. Both students were recognized for their outstanding citizenship, cooperative skills, and artistic ability in the performing and/or visual arts.

Both Preethika and Aidan are extraordinary students with exceptional skills in the arts. They are admirable individuals who are fair, honest, kind, compassionate, and helpful. They often exceed the expectations of their teachers and they are terrific role models for their peers.

Ms. McCue, Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Liquori, Mrs. Galante, and the students' families attended this wonderful event to celebrate the efforts and achievements of these two fine individuals. Congratulations!



Show your Johnson Pride!!!! Please wear something which goes along with the color of the day!

**Kindness Week Schedule:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Theme</b>
Monday 2/11	Yellow	Bethel Runs on Joy
Tuesday 2/12	Green	Bethel Runs on Positive Energy
Wednesday 2/13	Purple	Bethel Runs on Friendship
Thursday 2/14	Red	Bethel Runs on Love
Friday 2/15	Bethel Runs on Kindness T-Shirt	Bethel Runs on Kindness

***WE CANT HIDE OUR JOHNSON PRIDE!***



# Johnson School Kindness Week Donation Drive: Women's Center of Danbury



Johnson School is participating in Kindness week February 11th-15th. As part of Kindness Week, Johnson School will be hosting a Non-Perishable Food donation drive for the Women's Center of Danbury.

## The Women's Center is in need of:

- Non-Perishable Food Items
  - Paper Products
  - Laundry Detergent
    - Light Bulbs
    - Size 6 Diapers
    - Baby Wipes
- Gentle/Organic Soap & Shampoo for children with sensitive skin



## 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:

- **Tree of Warmth** – Feb 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Donate hats, gloves, socks, scarves to our Tree of Warmth winter drive. NO COATS, please.
- **Winter Fling** – **Weds, 2/13** – Looking for volunteers from 2:45-4pm for this fun event! Please volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/JohnsonWinterFlingVolunteer>
- **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** – Get ready to show your PRIDE! Order forms will come home soon.
- **Box Tops** – **Due next Friday, 2/15!** The top three cumulative classroom winners at the end of the year will get cash for their room - Make sure your teacher wins! 😊
- **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>

**Clean out your closets and help needy families in our community with Johnson's**



**We are collecting new winter gloves, hats, socks, and scarves! No coats, please.**

**When:** February 4 – February 15, 2019

**Where:** There will be a collection bin in the main lobby at Johnson School.

Any items not used within the Bethel Public Schools will be distributed first to the Bethel community.

If you have questions, please email the Johnson PTO @ [rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com](mailto:rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com)

*Thank you for supporting Johnson School and the Bethel Community!*

# Johnson School's Winter Fling

Join us for an after school event full of activities, such as dancing, games, manicures, arts & crafts, & more!



Wednesday February 13, 2019  
After School 3:00-4:00pm  
Cost: \$10.00 (per student)



Students will line up in the gym by homeroom for parent pick-up.

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to attend the Fall Fling on Wednesday, February 13th until 4:00 P.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am attaching cash to this form

\_\_\_\_\_ I am attaching a check made payable to Johnson School Activity Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ My Child's Homeroom Teacher

**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**





## Parent University

February 28, 2019

*Snow Date March 6, 2019*

## Helping Parents, Helping Children

Parent University is sponsored by:

- Bethel Family-School Partnership Committee
- Bethel Central PTO
- Bethel Public Schools

## *What is Parent University?*

Parent University is an evening packed with free educational workshops designed for parents of children entering kindergarten through Grade 12 to help you understand what programs are available in the Bethel Public Schools and provide you with ways you can support your child at home.

## *Why should I go?*

It's also an opportunity for you to get more involved in your child's education and get answers to questions – even some you didn't know you had.

Is it mean, rude or bullying? Learn how to identify problem behavior. Are you worried about emotional safety? Dr. Carver; Captain Stephen Pugner, Bethel Police Department; and our School Resource Officers will lead a valuable discussion on school safety at 5:30 PM in the auditorium.

All new incoming kindergarten families should attend the **Kindergarten Orientation** workshop. We also encourage you to attend the **Kickin' It in Kindergarten** workshop which focuses on preparing your child for kindergarten.

We also provide free child care from 5:30 PM-8:20 PM for children ages 4 and up who are toilet trained.

## *Where and when?*

All workshops are held at Bethel Middle School.

- Opening Presentation from 5:30 to 6:20 PM
- Session One is from 6:30 PM to 7:20 PM
- Session Two is from 7:30 PM to 8:20 PM

## *Do I need to register?*

Yes! Registration is open.




Go to <https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11614002> to register now!

## Session One Workshops- Time: 6:30-7:20 PM




Elementary Level	Grades K-5
<p><b>Kindergarten Orientation</b></p>  <p><b>Welcome to Kindergarten</b></p>	<p><i>This incoming kindergarten parent information session will explain the focus of our program. You will have the opportunity to meet the principals, ask questions, and relieve any anxieties you may have about your child's upcoming kindergarten experience.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Danielle Legnard, Berry School Principal Trisha Soucy, Rockwell School Principal</p>
<p><b>Help Your Child Get Organized</b></p> 	<p><i>This workshop will provide you with tips on how you can help your child improve their planning, prioritizing and organizational skills at home, in school, and beyond.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Amy Shulkin and Jessica Ray, School Psychologists</p>
<p><b>Keep It Cool: Ways to Help Your Child Cope with Stress</b></p> 	<p><i>Feelings affect a child's behavior. Come learn how you can help your child recognize his/her feelings and manage their emotions. Cutting-edge strategies for regulating stress (which can be utilized across school and home settings) will be shared at this workshop.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Kate Coffey, School Social Worker</p>
<p><b>Renovation Addict</b></p> 	<p><i>Dr. Carver will share an update about the renovation projects at both Rockwell and Johnson Schools.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Christine Carver, Superintendent</p>

Secondary Level	Grades 6-12
<p data-bbox="178 219 360 245"><b>College Checklist</b></p>  <p data-bbox="108 488 430 540"><b>This workshop is recommended for Grades 8-10 parents</b></p>	<p data-bbox="459 233 974 459"><i>Get started now! Parents are a critical component at the start of their child's college search. This workshop will provide you with a timeline on college exploration activities, important milestones, helpful resources available to you, and tips on how to stay on track in the process. Learn what role the school counselors play in helping students in their academic goals and career development.</i></p> <p data-bbox="459 496 898 545">Presenter: Danielle Conley, College &amp; Career Center Associate</p>
<p data-bbox="154 555 387 581"><b>Be Aware of the Vape</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="459 570 969 769"><i>What is JUUL? What is its draw to youth? Learn firsthand from high school students what makes JUUL the new craze at school. Learn the potential health risks. Discuss ways to have a conversation with your child. Get a close look at vape products to understand why today's youth are buying into a potentially lifelong nicotine addiction.</i></p> <p data-bbox="459 807 961 881">Presenter: Lauren Contorno, Program Coordinator, Western CT Alliance for Tobacco-Free Communities</p>
<p data-bbox="151 909 391 935"><b>To Infinity and Beyond</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="459 909 963 1166"><i>The career opportunities for graduates in STEM fields have no limits. Come learn about the opportunities to foster your child's interest in STEM fields in the Bethel school system and beyond the school day. Attendees will learn about the STEAM Expo, our science and engineering curriculum, as well as the plethora of community-based opportunities that are available to our students to further their learning.</i></p> <p data-bbox="459 1200 891 1252">Presenters: Kit Nielsen, STEM Coach Shellie Zancan, Science Teacher</p>

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<p><b><i>There is HOPE: Help Our Children Pummel Executive Functioning</i></b></p> 	<p><i>Participants will learn what part of the brain controls our behavior and our ability to focus and complete tasks. Useful strategies to improve your child's behavior will be provided for you to take home.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Sandra Correira, School Psychologist</p>
<p><b>All Grade Levels</b></p>	<p><b>Grades K-12</b></p>
<p><b><i>The Challenges of Living in a Connected World</i></b></p> 	<p><i>Are the video games your children playing good or bad? It could be both.</i></p> <p><i>Without meaning to, children share more than they should online. Do you have questions on how to keep your child safe on Social Media?</i></p> <p><i>This workshop will explore the dangers you should be aware of, the latest social media site applications, and the strategies you can use for monitoring your children at home to support internet safety.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Detective Sergeant George Bryce, Bethel Police Department</p>
<p><b><i>Recycling 101!</i></b></p>  <p><b>Student Presentation</b></p>	<p><i>Do you know that recycling is the law in Connecticut? Do you know the rules of recycling? Come learn about the right and wrong way to recycle from Johnson School students. This dynamic team of eco-minded fifth graders will engage you in an interactive presentation that will cover all you need to know to recycle the right way at home! They will also share some great tips to cut down on your family's carbon footprint!</i></p> <p>Presenters: Reilly Bender, Claire Famularo, Avery Katkocin, Katie Kechejian, and Julia Macomber, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students</p>

## Session Two Workshops – Time: 7:30-8:20 PM

Elementary Level	Grades K-5
<p><i>Kickin' It in Kindergarten!</i></p> 	<p><i>Will your child be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2019? Are you interested in learning more about what to expect as your child starts school next year? Would you like some guidance on things you can do at home together? A group of kindergarten teachers will be sharing helpful tips on how your child will grow and learn in kindergarten.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Allison Collette, Christina Pertesis, Kristin Sprock, Ann Martinelli, Kindergarten Teachers</p>
<p><i>Crossing the Bridge to</i></p> 	<p><i>Be the first to hear about our new K-5 comprehensive Mathematics program that focuses on developing students' deep understanding of math concepts, proficiency with key skills, and ability to solve complex and novel problems.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Leah Esposito and Amy Weed, Math Instructional Coaches</p>
Secondary Level	Grades 6-12
<p><i>Do's and Don'ts of Helping Your Child Cope</i></p>  <p><b>Stress-O-meter</b></p>	<p><i>As a parent, you can't protect your child from all stressors – but you CAN help them. Stressors such as school expectations, developing one's identity and overcoming adversity can feel overwhelming. By understanding and supporting the use of healthy coping strategies, you can prepare your teenager to better manage life's challenging events.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Colby Holleran and Mara Wilcox, School Social Workers</p>

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All Grade Levels	All Grade Levels
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***The Challenges of Living In a Connected World***



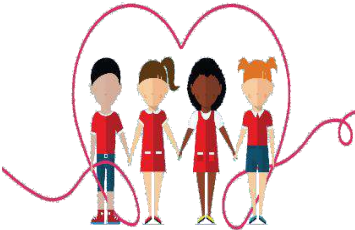
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**Presenter: Detective Sergeant George Bryce  
Bethel Police Department**

***Circle Up!  
Building a Positive Community  
Through Restorative Practice***



*What is restorative practice? How will my child engage in restorative practice in school? What are some ways I can support restorative practices as a parent at home? Restorative practice is a set of principles and routines that encourage children to take responsibility for their behavior by thinking through the causes and consequences. Come join us for a fact-filled session where you will hear the goals and purpose of restorative practices in schools and learn techniques to support restorative practices at home.*

**Presenters: Jennifer D'Amico, Rockwell School Teacher;  
Anna Gallacher, Johnson School Teacher;  
Erik Brudvig, Middle School Special Ed Coordinator; and  
Mari Lerz, Bethel High School Assistant Principal**

All Grade Levels	All Grade Levels
<p data-bbox="150 225 440 272"><b><i>What's Going On in Google Classroom?</i></b></p>  <p data-bbox="109 609 466 660">This workshop is recommended for Grades 4-12 parents</p>	<p data-bbox="503 245 972 591"><i>Has your child's online learning got you flustered? This hands-on session is geared towards parents who would like to learn more about using Google Classroom to monitor classwork and homework assignments, and how to work with teachers to support their child's achievement. Chromebooks will be provided for your use during this session. In order to maximize your learning experience, please know your login/password to your parent portal account OR ask your child to share their username/password.</i></p> <p data-bbox="503 623 857 649">Presenter: Kit Nielsen, STEM Coach</p>

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Parent University would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors. Special thanks to all of our staff for their willingness to present workshops in support of our community.







**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)

