



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

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February 16, 2018



Feb 19-20,

2018

**NO SCHOOL
President's
Day recess**

Feb 22, 2018

**Parent
University
6:30-8:00 pm**

Feb 27, 2018

**PTO Meeting
9:15 am**

Mar 6, 2018

**Orchestra
Concert
7:00-8:00 pm
BMS**

Mar 15, 2018

**Future Chef
Competition**

Mar 20, 2018

**PTO Meeting
9:15 am**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

I am proud to share that Johnson School will present the Willy Wonka, Jr. Production in the Bethel Middle School Auditorium on May 18th and 19th. This is a tremendous opportunity for our students to learn about theatre and to participate in a musical. I would like to thank Erin Volpintesta, Anthony DePoto, and Kristen Heyel for making this possible.

At the Willy Wonka, Jr. parent meeting last Tuesday evening, Mrs. Volpintesta shared that sign ups will begin Friday, February 16, 2018 (Today!). Students may sign up for cast, crew or chorus. As space is limited, parents will be notified tomorrow, Saturday, February 17th if their child has been selected to participate or has been placed on a wait list. Once it is confirmed that your child has been selected, families will need to pay the fee on My School Bucks by 3/1.

To pay for participation in the play, parents should follow these steps:

1. Go to My School Bucks [My School Bucks](#)
2. Click on the School Store/Activity Fee icon.
3. Select "Browse All Items."
4. Filter by Johnson School Activities. This will bring up the school play icon.
5. Click on the appropriate box and fill in the requested info.

The school play box includes a drop down menu where they can choose play cast (for crew or cast \$50) or Wonka chorus (\$15).

Please note the Wonka Chorus meets on Mondays beginning on April 23rd from 3-4pm. The cast and crew meet beginning on March 13th (3-4:30pm).

Please find the link to sign up for the Willy Wonka, Jr. Production below.

[Willy Wonka, Jr. Production Sign Ups](#)

Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

Parent University is Coming!!!!

Please join us for our **Sixth Annual Bethel Public Schools Parent University on February 22, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 at Bethel Middle School. Parent University is a **FREE** educational program, offered by Bethel Public Schools, for parents and caregivers. Parent University provides parents and caregivers the opportunity to gain a better understanding about what their children are learning and become a full partner in their child's education.**

For more information [click here](#)

Spanish – [click here](#)

Portuguese - [click here](#)

To register [click here](#)

A message from Ms.
McCue:

Recycle poster **due** by
Wednesday February 21,
2018

Doodle 4 Google **due** by
Monday February 26,
2018



**Miren los eventos que vienen
pronto a nuestra escuela!**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**Veem os próximos eventos na
nossa escola!**

[CLICK HERE](#)



School delay notices are published on radio, television, Twitter, and the Bethel Public Schools website. Follow the Superintendent, Dr. Carver, at @BethelCTSuper to be the first to know when school is delayed or canceled in bad weather. Channel 3, 6, and 8 also offer you the ability register to be notified via text for school delays and closings when reported. Please note as a reminder: When it is necessary to delay or close school due to inclement weather or have an unscheduled early dismissal due to forecasted inclement weather for the afternoon, the "School Delayed" "Schools Closed" or "Early Dismissal" announcement will be made over the following radio and television stations and websites in the morning: WLAD AM Danbury 800 on the dial WINE AM Brookfield 940 on the dial WICC AM Bridgeport 600 on the dial WEBE FM Bridgeport 108 on the dial WEZN FM Bridgeport 100 on the dial TV Channel 3, TV Channel 8, & TV Channel 6. Bethel Public Schools Website – www.bethel.k12.ct.us Connecticut Weather Website – www.ctweather.com

Johnson School attends the Celebration of the Arts

On Monday, February 12, Johnson School had the pleasure of participating in the 19th Annual Celebration of the Arts, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, CT.

Our school honorees are fifth graders **Lola Huseby** and **Cris Menendez**. Both students were recognized for their outstanding citizenship, cooperative skills, and artistic ability in the performing and/or visual arts.

Both Lola and Cris 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, Ms. Carpentier, Mrs. Liquori, Mrs. Claridge, and the students' families attended this wonderful event to celebrate the efforts and achievements of these two fine individuals. Congratulations to you both!





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Spring Johnson School Intramural Clubs

Johnson School offers a variety of clubs to our 4th and 5th graders. Spring intramurals will begin **March 23rd** and run for 10 weeks. Please be aware of each club's dates, times, and fees. Each club has a location listed and all dismissals will be from the front lobby at 4 pm. A late fee of \$1 per minute will be charged for pick-ups after 4:05. The **fee per club is \$40.** Payment will be collected through school bucks.

Sign-ups will be completed electronically via a google form and no payment will be taken. Please enroll your child(ren) by **Thursday, 2/22** to be entered into the lottery. Please note, clubs fill up quickly so your child is not guaranteed a spot.

Emails will be sent to each family stating what club(s) you were enrolled in by **Friday, 3/2** stating the total cost owed.

Payment in the form of **School Bucks** is due by **Friday, 3/9** or the spot will be given to a student on the waitlist. To pay you will navigate to Myschoolbucks and click on the School Store/Activity Fee icon. Then "Browse All Items." Filter by Johnson School Activities which will bring up both the School Play and the Intramural icons.

Please note, that Johnson play rehearsals will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If your student is doing the play they cannot attend a Tuesday or Thursday club.

Monday Dates: 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 6/4, 6/11

Tuesday Dates: 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5

Thursday Dates: 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14

Friday Dates: 3/23, 4/6, 4/13, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15

The google form can be completed here: <https://goo.gl/forms/PNgaGiI4h52HvLPJ3>

Questions? Please email Coach Claridge at: claridgen@bethel.k12.ct.us

Monday PM

Kickball- Gymnasium: Mondays from 3-4pm. Join Coach Claridge and your friends for a relaxed game of kickball. Students of all skill levels will work to improve their kicking and fielding and learn how to be great teammates. (Max = 18 students)

Crafts- Room 28: Mondays from 3-4pm. Join Ms. Andreasen and participate in fun crafts and activities to utilize your creativity. Project ideas include, but are not limited to: duct tape crafts, paper weaving, Model Magic, water color, string/yarn crafts, decoupage, etc. If you have an idea of a craft to make, we'd love to hear about it! (Max = 20 students)

A World of Your Own Club- Room 23: Mondays from 3-4pm. Ms. Siladi is looking for creative minds with new and different ideas. At this club students will explore and create a new civilization. Students design and develop all of the different aspects of a unique new place: a map of your land, a new language, games, sports, food, clothing, a new alphabet, customs, traditions. The only limit is imagination. As a culminating activity, students may even take the opportunity to write the history of how the new place began. (Max = 12 students)

Knitting and Looming- Music Room: Mondays from 3-4pm. Do you want to learn how to sew with a sewing machine? Are you also someone who wants to learn beginner knitting? Ms. Carpentier's club will combine both interests and use looms to make hats, scarves, phone cases, or bags! Materials fee of \$20. (Max = 12 students)

Prodigy- Media Center: Mondays from 3-4pm. Students will play Prodigy with their friends. Prodigy is an online adaptive math game where students can customize avatars and send them off to the Wizard Academy to prepare for battle. As students progress in their math skills, so do their avatars, learning new spells to use against enemies. Come join Mrs. Danner, meet new friends, and join in on the fun! (Max = 20 students)

Tuesday PM

Floor Hockey- Gymnasium: Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Play scrimmage floor hockey with Coach Claridge and your friends to improve your stick work and cardiovascular endurance. (Max = 15 students)

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Four Square- Johnson Playground: Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Play Four Square with Mrs. Claridge! Master the standard set of rules and advance to trickier “house rules,” all while having fun with friends in the spring weather! (Max = 20 students)

Mixed-Ability Chess- Room 17: Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Do you like to play chess? This club is a great opportunity for students of all abilities to get some practice playing against other students and Mr. Moscovitz. Learn strategies for stronger openings as well as tactics for middle and end game. (Max = 20 students)

Legos/Board Games- Media Center: Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Join Mrs. Danner to work on collaboration and cooperation with friends using board games and Legos. Take part in some friendly competition, learn game playing strategies, and build Lego creations. Feel free to bring board games that you would be interested in using during club time! (Max = 20 students)

Thursday PM

Wiffle Ball- Gymnasium: Thursdays from 3-4pm. Don't miss out on this opportunity to participate in one of America's favorite backyard games. Join Coach Claridge and your friends to learn how to hit and field like the pros. (Max = 18 students)

Patchwork Sewing Club- Room 28: Thursdays from 3-4pm. Learn the art of patchwork quilting and hand sewing from Mrs. Rogers while creating a small quilt of your own design. Returning students can learn additional techniques such as hexagon piecing and fabric appliqué. (Max = 12 students)

Advanced Chess- Room 17: Thursdays from 3-4pm. This is an opportunity for skilled chess players to work with Mr. Moscovitz to advance their techniques. Advanced Chess is geared towards **serious** chess players (tournament style rules and conduct required). We will review a wide variety of openings, end games, notation and scoring. (Max = 20 students)

Bayblades- Media Center: Thursdays from 3-4pm. This club will offer the ultimate in Beyblade action. Have weekly Beyblade matches with Mrs. Fontaine and friends to see who is the master spinner. Participants may even take time to build an incredible arena. You must **bring your own Beyblade** in order to participate. (Max = 15 students)

Friday PM

Spanish Culture Club- Cafe: Fridays from 3-4. Join Ms. Badia to explore the basics of the Spanish language and themes connected to Latino/Caribbean culture such as music, food, and dance. (Max = 15 students)

Coding Club- Room 25: Fridays from 3-4. Come code with Mrs. Claridge and learn more about programming the technology of the future! There is always something new to design, explore, and create!

(Max = 20 students)



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PTO CORNER

School Store is open every Thursday morning!

Box Tops have been collected - 4th and 5th grade class winners will be announced in March!

We're always looking for volunteers! Want to help with **Reading Rockstars**, **Box Tops**, our **Spring fundraiser** or our **Spirit Wear**? Email rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com to sign up!

Fundraisers:

Don't forget to consider Smile and Box Tops during your shopping and cooking!

- Flowers for Spring! – Our Spring fundraiser has started! Paper orders for Dutch Mill Bulbs are due by Friday, March 2nd – these orders will be shipped to school in April and go home with students. Online ordering is available from now until June 1st.
- Spirit Wear is coming! Get ready to show your Johnson and Bethel pride. Orders are due by Friday, March 9th.
- Box Tops –We've earned over \$700 this year so far! Keep clipping and saving! Our next collection is on Friday, 2/19. Be sure to include your child's name and teacher name on the Ziploc bag so their class receives credit for the competition!
- Amazon Smile – Set up your Amazon smile to support Ralph M T Johnson PTO. ☺

PTO Meetings:

- 2/27 @ 9:15 am
- 3/20 @ 9:15 am
- 4/24 @ 9:15 am
- 5/15 @ 9:15 am

Have questions, ideas or want to be involved?
The PTO is a very family-friendly organization and all are welcome!
Contact us at rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com



Johnson PTO Spring Fundraiser

Dutch Mill Bulbs

Please email RMTJohnsonPTO@gmail.com with questions!

2 Ways to Order!

Paper Orders

Cash or Checks Made Payable to **Johnson PTO**

Orders will be shipped to school after 4/1,
then sent home with students

Paper orders due March 2nd

Online Orders

<https://goo.gl/ye1uUu>

Anyone in the US can order!

Orders shipped directly home

Online Orders Accepted through June 1st

NEW TECH BAR!

This is your chance to get one-on-one expert assistance with all your school-related technology questions!
We start early: 6:00pm.

Bethel Family School Partnerships
and Bethel Central PTO present...

Parent University 2.22.18

Bethel Middle School • 6:30-8:30 p.m.



The tools you need to help your child succeed both in, and out, of the classroom, at any age! Get expert advice on tough issues like bullying and internet safety, plus tips on developing reading, writing and math skills, STEM to communicate future careers, and much more.

See the full list of courses and register today:
<https://pickatime.com/BethelHS/client?event=318859>

****Snow date: 3/1/18****

Free Childcare 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

(Must be 4 years of age or older and toilet trained.)

BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION
 INVITES YOU TO THE 12TH ANNUAL BARNUM BALL

AN EVENING IN OLD HOLLYWOOD

A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT INNOVATION, CREATIVITY, AND EXCELLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018
 ETHAN ALLEN HOTEL

ALL INCLUSIVE 6:30-8:30PM

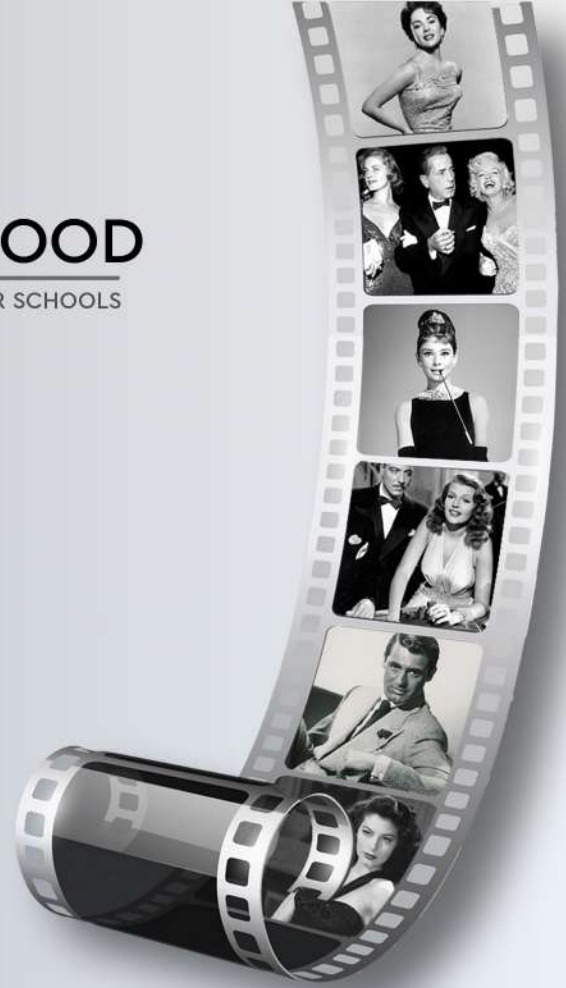
BEVERAGES ADDITIONAL AFTER 8:30PM

DINNER, DANCING, LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

\$80 PER PERSON \$750 TABLE OF 10

UPGRADE TO THE VIP PACKAGE!
 FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$50 PER PERSON
 AND PARTY LIKE A STAR FROM 5:30PM!
 DETAILS ONLINE

WWW.BETHELEDFOUNDATION.ORG



**YOU DON'T NEED TO ATTEND THE BALL TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!
 GO TO WWW.BETHELEDFOUNDATION.ORG TO LEARN HOW TO BID ON THE SILENT AUCTION ONLINE**

THANK YOU
 TO THIS YEAR'S
 SPONSORS



ORDER YOUR TICKETS TO THE BARNUM BALL
 ONLINE OR SEND THIS PORTION TO SCHOOL
 WITH YOUR CHECK BY TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH.

NAME _____

*Please list each name for this reservation
 If purchasing a full table, please include all names on the back of this form*

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

An email confirmation will be sent once payment is received

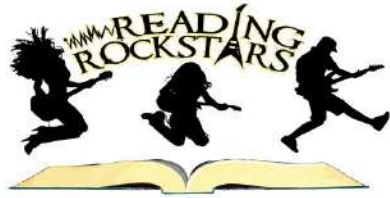
PLEASE SEAT ME WITH _____

DINNER SELECTION # _____ HERB CRUSTED TILAPIA
 # _____ BISTRO STEAK WITH PORT WINE DEMI GLAZE
 # _____ ROASTED VEGETARIAN NAPOLEON

PAYMENT # _____ TICKETS X \$80 = \$ _____
 TABLE OF 10 = \$750
 you can include separate checks / please list names on the back of this form
 UPGRADE TO VIP PACKAGE - \$50 PER TICKET = \$ _____
 ROUND UP TO SUPPORT SCHOOL GRANTS

TOTAL: \$ _____

MAIL TO: PO BOX 92, BETHEL, CT 06801
 CHECKS PAYABLE TO BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION
 QUESTIONS? EMAIL: BETHELEDFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM



Johnson's 3rd Annual Reading Rockstars will be

READING OLYMPICS

February 16-March 2

Participation is as easy as 1-2-3!

1. With a parent, **register** online and **share** your page to get Olympic "Sponsors"!

Go to www.thegetmovincrew.com, click on the gold "Get Registered Parent Login" star, and follow the instructions. It's quick and easy! Don't forget to share your page with friends and family through email and social media to get sponsors/donations. Registration is open now!

2. **Choose** an olympic reading event that sounds **INTERESTING** and **CHALLENGING**.

Check out our website at sites.google.com/view/johnsonreadingolympics (or the list below). Pick an event that appeals to you and start reading!

3. **Submit** your completed events online.

Once you have completed the reading for your chosen event, go back to our website and log your accomplishment. This is required to get credit and medal in that event! Then, pick another and keep reading!

Dates to know

- 2/16 (Friday): Opening Ceremony Kick Off; dress in your favorite team or athletic clothing.
- 2/23 (Friday): First donation deadline (leading class will be announced)
- 3/2 (Friday): Cash and check donation deadline
- 3/8 (Thursday): Final event and donation deadline.
- 3/9 (Friday): Closing Ceremony; classes will be assigned an Olympic ring color to wear.

Rewards and Prizes

Rewards and prizes will be given out for meeting registration and sponsor goals and completing olympic events. See our website for details!

Events

Individual

Alpine Skiing: Listen to an audiobook, read an electronic book, and read a paper book

Biathlon: Read 2 books by the same author

Cross Country Skiing: Read a book longer than 200 pages

Curling: Read a book written by one author and illustrated by another

Figure Skating: Read 5 picture books

Freestyle Skiing: Read a book of poetry

Nordic Combined: Read a type of book you don't normally read that is more than 200 pages. For example, if you usually read graphic novels, try a mystery or biography.

Skeleton: Read a scary story or mystery

Ski Jumping: Read a type of book that you don't normally read. For example, if you usually read fiction, try a non-fiction.

Snowboard (halfpipe): Read a graphic novel

Speed Skating: Read a short story or magazine

Olympic Coach: Read a book about an olympic athlete

Olympic Fan: Read 10 additional minutes each day for 5 days. For example, if you normally read 20 minutes, read 30 minutes each day for 5 days.

Team

Bobsleigh: Read the same book as 3 friends

Cross Country Skiing RELAY: Relay read a book with friends or your class (each person reads a certain amount and passes it on to the next person)

Ice Hockey: Read a book with your entire class (can be done however your teacher wishes)

Olympic Sponsors (Donations)

We strongly encourage donations to be made online. However, we understand this is not always possible. If you would like to send in cash or a check (payable to "Johnson PTO"), please use the slips below to send them in on one of the 2 submission dates.

Reading Rockstars 2018 Donations (submission dates 2/23 and 3/2)

Student:

Teacher:

Amount:

Reading Rockstars 2018 Donations (submission dates 2/23 and 3/2)

Student:

Teacher:

Amount:



PICK A PROJECT !

LEARN !

HAVE FUN !

STEM ROCKS!



SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ARTS | MATHEMATICS

EXPO 2018

APRIL 26TH 6:00- 8:30

K-5 PRESENTERS WANTED!

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

**QUESTIONS!
CONTACT ME**

Kit Nielsen

nielsenk@bethel.k12.ct.us

**HEY
STUDENTS!**

CAN YOU COOK?



Calling all “**FUTURE CHEFS**” for our
7TH ANNUAL CULINARY COMPETITION

**WE’RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FAVORITE
HEALTHY ASIAN FUSION RECIPE!**

Six lucky Bethel elementary school students (grades K-5) will be chosen as finalists to complete in our *live cook off* on **Thurs., March 15, 2018** at Bethel High School’s culinary arts classroom.

As an added bonus, the winner of this event will be entered into a national competition for some great prizes!

FIRST PRIZE IS A \$100 VISA GIFT CARD AND A BACKPACK FILLED WITH FUN STUFF!

**PICK UP YOUR
ENTRY FORM TODAY!**
One will be sent home or you can find online in the e-newsletter.

Please turn them in to the cafeteria by Friday, March 2nd.

QUESTIONS?? Contact Amanda Riley, Food Service Director at riley.a@bethel.k12.ct.us



Bethel Public School District
Recipe Entry Form

~Healthy ASIAN FUSION Recipe~

Open to All Elementary School Students!

My Name:	
My School:	
My Grade:	
My Teacher's Name:	

Return to your teacher or the office by **Friday, March 2, 2018.**

Teachers: please send to the main office if received.

My recipe is called: _____

List all ingredients and exact amounts of the ingredients here:

List the "method" or exactly how to make this dish. If you need more room, attach (and staple) another piece of paper to this form.



Tips to be a Finalist in this Year's Culinary Competition

Have your eye on the prize? Here are some tips that may help!

1. **Be original** - You don't have to be like everyone else. Consider putting a new twist on your favorite Asian Fusion recipe.
2. **Be creative** - A student once submitted a recipe for "dill cookies!" Sounds terrible, but they were actually great! Don't TRY to be too weird, but we love to see recipes that are different!
3. **Don't do recipes that are too easy or too complicated.**
4. This *doesn't* have to be your own, original recipe. You can get them off the Internet or anywhere, but try to alter it slightly to make it your own!
5. SORRY, only **ONE** person can make each recipe at the competition.
6. We are looking for **healthy Asian Fusion food** recipes, so try to avoid recipes with a lot of sugar or fat in them.
7. At the main competition, judges will consider the following 6 criteria:
 - Taste
 - Originality
 - Ease of Preparation
 - Healthy Attributes
 - Kid Appeal
 - Plate Presentation

The use of one or more of the following ingredients will earn up to 3 **bonus points** at the judging:

Low Sodium Soy Sauce, Low Sodium Teriyaki Sauce, Brown Rice, Bok Choy, Fresh Mushrooms, Lean Chicken, Lean Pork, Rice Noodles, Tofu, Garlic & Ginger.