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June 22, 2018



June 25, 2018 Early Dismissal 12:56 pm

June 26, 2018 LAST DAY Early Dismissal 12:56 pm



HAPPY SUMMER!

August 29, 2018 First Day of School Full Day! Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that Tuesday will be our last day of school! It has truly been an exceptional year. Together our students have learned much and shared experiences that will long remain with them in the years to come. The strength of our community and wholehearted passion to make our school a wonderful place of learning for our children, makes Johnson School truly a special place.

I would like to thank our parents who contributed and gave of their time and efforts in ways small, large, and unimaginable! Thanks for getting your kids to school on time each day and supporting them in the learning process; the partnership between home and school is so important.

A special thank you to our hard working and caring staff members who exude a passion for teaching and learning. Their commitment is outstanding and our kids are the beneficiaries. Thank you for providing rich and engaging, well-rounded experiences for our kids and knowing that education is about joy, wonder and fostering curiosity, along with the development of social skills so needed to succeed. For these, and a million other things, we are truly grateful.

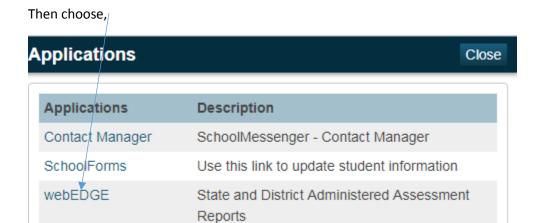
In closing, I take this opportunity to congratulate our fifth grade students as they "move up" to Bethel Middle School. To our fourth graders, I look forward to seeing you in the fall. I wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Please be sure to take time as family to talk ,read, and play together.

Very truly yours, Alison Salerno Principal

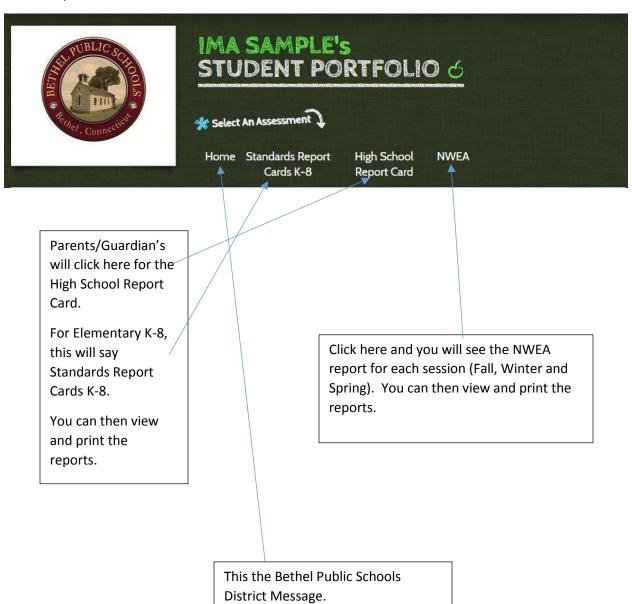
Accessing webEDGE on the Parent Portal

1. After you login to the Parent Portal, go to the upper right hand corner and choose





This will open to this window:



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June 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The school year has come to a close! On behalf of the staff at Johnson School, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our goal is to improve student achievement and develop "Respectful, Responsible, Ready, Proud, and Kind" young people, and your assistance in this evolving process is critical. Our collaboration has enabled our students to continue to make progress. Summer is here and we ask you to work with your child to complete the Summer Reading and Math activities. Please return the forms and activities for these programs during the first week of school.

Governor Malloy has challenged all of the students in the state to read as many books as they can Schools with high participation rates will be acknowledged and I would like our students to continue to receive recognition for their efforts. They are devouring books in the classrooms and there is no reason to believe that they will stop during the summer with a little encouragement from you. Please read to and with your child over the summer months.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is once again promoting the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge: *Solving the Mystery of Math*. To assist your children in math learning during the summer, the Summer Math Challenge is offering a free math skills program based on grade level standards. Targeted for students who have just completed grades 1-8, it is designed to help retain skills. Families enroll online and receive daily emails starting on Monday, June 18, 2017 with fun activities and links to educational resources. Similar to the Governor's Reading Challenge, all information and printable materials can be found at the CSDE. The link to the web page is

http://www.ct.gov/sde/summermathchallenge. On the Johnson School website, under "Summer Work," you will also find a comprehensive list of websites, recommended apps, and some suggested activities. This information will be available following the end of the school year. If you do not have access to the Internet in your home, the Bethel Public Library is a great resource.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish all of you a wonderful summer full of family fun activities and we look forward to seeing you on August 29, 2018. Have a wonderful summer with your family!

Very truly yours,

Alison Salerno Principal



THE GOVERNOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Students and Families:

To learn more, ask your teacher, principal, or school or public librarian, or contact the Connecticut State Department of Education at 860-713-6751 or www.ct.gov/sde.

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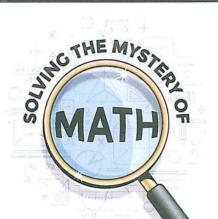




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Join the Summer Math Challenge! Two exciting ways to participate:

GRADES 1-8

quantiles.com/summer-math

- 1. Go to <u>quantiles.com/summer-math</u> to enroll your child.
- Starting Monday, June 18, check your inbox for daily emails with fun math activities and resources.
- Visit <u>quantiles.com/summer-math</u> every day to read about the weekly math concept and earn badges.
- 4. When the program ends on Friday, July 27, print an award certificate to celebrate your child's summer accomplishment!

HIGH SCHOOL

khanacademy.org/mission/sat

- 1. Go to khanacademy.org/mission/sat.
- Set your current skill levels by completing diagnostic quizzes, taking a full test, or link your SAT, PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 results.
- Practice math every day to keep your skills sharp.
- When summer ends, record the amount of time you spent practicing on Khan Academy.









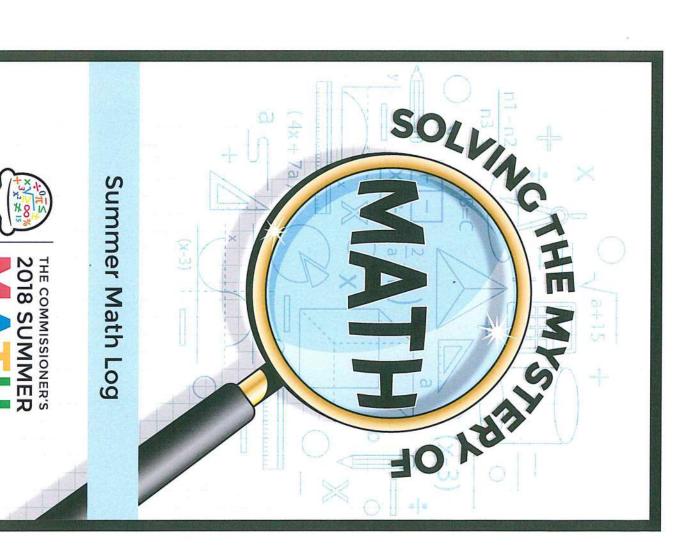
The Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge is a FREE math skills maintenance program based on the Connecticut Core Standards for Mathematics. The program is designed to help kids retain math skills learned during the previous school year.



Students and Families:

To learn more, ask your teacher or principal to contact the Connecticut State Department of Education at 860-713-6557 or www.ct.gov/sde.

CHALLENGE



		l learned about the following topics:	☐ MetaMetrics (Quantiles) Total number of badges earned:	☐ Khan Academy Total time practiced:	How did you review math this summer? (Please check one)	2018 SUMMER CHALLENGE
	I liked this topic because	My favorite math topic was	School	Grade	Name	SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF MATH

Uncover a Good Book!

Let a BMS staff member clue you into your next read

BMS Summer Reading 2018 Book Recommendations Gr. 6

Dear parents,

We are proud to offer a wonderful collection of books and authors for our students to choose from this summer. Books selections reflect a variety of topics, genres, reading and interest levels aimed to suit the needs of a diverse population of readers. We acknowledge that while teachers have recommended many excellent selections, you have the ultimate authority in determining the proper book for your child. A website has been linked to the BMS Library Learning Commons (LLC) page specifically for Summer Reading 2018: Uncover a Good Book! You may access the website directly by going to the <u>Library Learning Commons</u> page under Resources on the Bethel Middle School Website. Look for special icons next to book titles that link to a variety of resources. Please utilize these resources, as well as information provided on the BMS LLC website, to become familiar with the book selections. Since this is a community effort to engage students in the reading process, we welcome your involvement through collaborative reading and book discussions at home. When available, links to book discussion guides have been provided. As always, thank you for your commitment to your student's success!

(YA) Young Adult · (MG) Middle Grades · (AF) American Fiction · (NF) Nonfiction · (GN) Graphic Novel · (AD) Adult Guidance Suggested

Anderson, John David. Posted - Ms. Moore's Pick (MG)

A group of middle school students decide to begin leaving sticky notes for each other after cell phones are banned, but soon the kids in school are leaving cutting and cruel notes, and nothing will ever be the same.

Applegate, Katherine. Wishtree - Mrs. Rick and Mrs. Hollopeter's Pick (MG)

An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.

Collier, James Lincoln. My Brother Sam is Dead - Ms. Skalkos' Pick (MG)

The classic story of one family torn apart by the Revolutionary War. All his life, Tim Meeker has looked up to his brother Sam. Sam's smart and brave -- and is now a part of the American Revolution. Not everyone in town wants to be a part of the rebellion. Most are supporters of the British -- including Tim and Sam's father. With the war soon raging, Tim know he'll have to make a choice -- between the Revolutionaries and the Redcoats . . . and between his brother and his father.

Cleary, Beverly. Beezus and Ramona - Mrs. Hamlak & Ms. Edwards' Pick (MG)

Having a little sister like four-year-old Ramona isn't always easy for Beezus Quimby. With a wild imagination, disregard for order, and an appetite for chaos, Ramona makes it hard for Beezus to be the responsible older sister she knows she ought to be...especially when Ramona threatens to ruin Beezus's birthday party. Newbery Medal winner Beverly Cleary delivers a humorous tale of the ups and downs of sisterhood. Both the younger and older siblings of the family will enjoy this book.

Book notes, interest levels, and honors courtesy of Follett School Solutions, Inc.

Gephart, Donna. Lily and Dunkin - Mrs. Egan's Pick (MG)

Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Especially when you're in the eighth grade. Dunkin Dorfman, birth name Norbert Dorfman, is dealing with bipolar disorder and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. This would be hard enough, but the fact that he is also hiding from a painful secret makes it even worse. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change.

Hagen, George. Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle - Nicole Ducsay and Nancy Anastasi (MG)

Eleven-year-old Gabriel, with the help of the young raven Paladin, with whom he has a magical bond, travels to the foreboding land of Aviopolis, where he must face challenges and unanswerable riddles to rescue his long-missing father.

Joseph, Lynn. The Color of My Words - Ms. Tate and Mrs. Pérez's Pick (MG)

Twelve-year-old Ana Rosa is a blossoming writer growing up in the Dominican Republic, a country where words are feared. Yet there is so much inspiration all around her -- watching her brother search for a future, learning to dance and to love, and finding out what it means to be part of a community -- that Ana Rosa must write it all down. As she struggles to find her own voice and a way to make it heard, Ana Rosa realizes the power of her words to transform the world around her -- and to transcend the most unthinkable of tragedies.

Keller, Tae. The Science of Breakable Things - Mrs. Rinas & Mrs. Esposito's Pick (MG)

Middle schooler Natalie's year-long assignment to answer a question using the scientific process leads to truths about her mother's depression and her own cultural identity.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. Blackbird Fly - Dr. Doble, Mr. Salvador, & Mr. Toussaint's Pick (MG)

Apple has always felt a little different from her classmates. She and her mother moved to Louisiana from the Philippines when she was little, and her mother still cooks Filipino foods and chastises Apple for becoming "too American." When Apple's friends turn on her and everything about her life starts to seem weird and embarrassing, Apple turns to music. If she can just save enough to buy a guitar and learn to play, maybe she can change herself. It might be the music that saves her . . . or it might be her two new friends, who show her how special she really is.

Krumwiede, Lana. Freakling - Mr. DaPontes' Pick (MG)

A thrilling, fast-paced dystopian novel about the dangers of unchecked power and the dilemmas facing a boy torn between two ways of life. In twelve-year-old Taemon's city, everyone has a power called psi—the ability to move and manipulate objects with their minds. When Taemon loses his psi in a traumatic accident, he must hide his lack of power by any means possible. But a humiliating incident at a sports tournament exposes his disability, and Taemon is exiled to the powerless colony. The "dud farm" is not what Taemon expected, though: people are kind and open, and they actually seem to enjoy using their hands to work and play and even comfort their children. Taemon adjusts to his new life quickly, making friends and finding unconditional acceptance. But gradually he discovers that for all its openness, there are mysteries at the colony, too—dangerous secrets that would give unchecked power to psi wielders if discovered. When Taemon unwittingly leaks one of these secrets, will he have the courage to repair the damage—even if it means returning to the city and facing the very people who exiled him?

Legrand, Claire. Some Kind of Happiness - Mrs. Getz & Mrs. Moore's Pick (MG)

Finley Hart is sent to her grandparents' house for the summer, but her anxiety and overwhelmingly sad days continue until she escapes into her writings which soon turn mysteriously real and she realizes she must save this magical world in order to save herself.

Mullaly Hunt, Lynda. One for the Murphys - Mrs. Jowdy and Ms. Mendes' Pick (MG)

Carley struggles with being open to love after she suffers a betrayal that forces her to move in with a foster family.

Olson, Tod. Lost in the Pacific: 1942 - Mr. Marrota & Mr. Schrader's Pick (MG, NF)

A new narrative nonfiction series about a real-life band of World War II soldiers who became stranded at sea and had to fight for survival. World War II, October 1942; a plane carrying eight Americans crashes into the middle of the Pacific Ocean. With only four oranges and no fresh water between them, the crew had to band together and rely on each other for survival. What they thought would be only a few hours or days before they were rescued turned into weeks lost at sea fighting off sharks, dehydration, hunger, and extreme heat. Lost in the Pacific vividly retells this incredible true story for a young audience.

Park, Linda Sue. A Long Walk to Water - Mrs. Faucher's Pick (MG+)

The New York Times bestseller A Long Walk to Water begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours' walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way.

Pennypacker, Sarah. Pax - Mrs. Fernand's Pick (MG)

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back

Pla, Sally. The Someday Birds - Ms. Chiafari's Pick (MG)

Charfie, twelve, who has autism and obsessive compulsive disorder, must endure a cross-country trip with his siblings and a strange babysitter to visit their father, who will undergo brain surgery.

Reynolds, Jason. Ghost - Ms. Lamothe's Pick (MG)

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential

Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief - Mr. Hagan & Mrs. Obasi's Pick (MG)

Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.

Riordan, Rick. The 39 Clues: The Maze of Bones - Mr. Flynn's Pick (MG)

Minutes before she died Grace Cahill changed her will, leaving her descendants an impossible decision: "You have a choice one million dollars or a clue." Grace is the last matriarch of the Cahills, the world's most powerful family. Everyone from Napoleon to Houdini is related to the Cahills, yet the source of the family power is lost. 39 Clues hidden around the world will reveal the family's secret, but no one has been able to assemble them. Now the clues race is on, and young Amy and Dan must decide what's important: hunting clues or uncovering what REALLY happened to their parents.

Rowling, J.K. Harry Potter #1-3 (Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, and Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban) - Ms. Capuano, Ms. D'Andrea, & Mrs. Recklett's Pick (MG)

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Rucka, Greg. Star Wars: Before the Awakening - Ms. Kunz & Mr. Perlman's Pick (MG)

A companion piece to the "Journey to Star Wars: The Force Awakens" character novels, Star Wars: Before the Awakening is an anthology book that focuses on the lives of Rey, Finn, and Poe before the events of the Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. Echo - Ms. Oliveira & Mrs. Murphy's Pick (MG)

Otto is lost in a forbidden forest when he suddenly encounters three mysterious sisters. At that moment, his destiny becomes linked to the unusual search that involves a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California become interwoven when the same harmonica reaches them. These children will face major challenges: rescuing a parent, protecting a sibling, and keeping a family together. Richly imagined and masterfully crafted, Echo pushes the boundaries of genre, form, and storytelling innovation to create a wholly original novel that will resound in your heart long after the last note has been struck.

Sachar, Louis. Fuzzy Mud - Mrs. Emerick & Mrs. Tegmier's Pick (MG)

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world

Swartz, Elly. Finding Perfect - Mrs. Grieco's Pick (MG)

With some help from her siblings and friends, Molly is able to face her OCD and be strong enough to get help for it.

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Terry, Ellie. Forget Me Not - Ms. Antonucci's Pick (MG)

Calliope June has Tourette syndrome. Sometimes she can't control the noises that come out of her mouth, or even her body language. When she and her mother move yet again, she tries to hide her TS. But soon the kids in her class realize she's different. Only her neighbor, who is also the class president, sees her as she truly is--a quirky kid, and a good friend. But is he brave enough to take their friendship public? As Callie navigates school, she must also face her mother's new relationship and the fact that she might be moving again--just as she's starting to make friends and finally accept her differences. This story of being true to yourself will speak to a wide audience.

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"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

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where can I get it?

Our Bethel Public Library will have many, if not all, in stock for check out. You can also request a copy from another library in the library loan system. BPL will be able to help you with that.

Additionally, Bethel's own Byrd's Books has copies either in stock or available to order. They have a list of all the books on the BMS summer reading list in the store.

Lastly, books can be acquired through Amazon, Barnes and Noble or possibly at Relay Bookhouse or Rainy Day Paperback Exchange in town.

BETHEL PARKS AND RECREATION



PETER RABBIT (RATED PG)
THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH
COCO (RATED PG)
THURSDAY, JULY 26TH
MUNICIPAL CENTER FRONT LAWN

MOVIE BEGINS AT DUSK

POPCORN & DRINKS WILL BE SOLD FOR \$1 CALL 203-794-8531 IF WEATHER ISSUES ARISE.



SUMMER READING 2018

Children & Teen Program (Ages 0—18 years)

Join our all new summer reading program running from June 18th to August 30th. You set a daily reading goal, and each day you reach your goal, log a day of reading. As you record days you earn prizes for 15 days, 30 days, 45 days, and 60 days.

Each participant can have their own or a family Beanstack account to track their reading. Days can be recorded from the website, the app, a paper log, or at the summer reading station at the library. Attendance at library programs can also be logged as reading days. Prizes can be redeemed in person at the library. Each day of reading is an entry into the end of summer raffle August 30th.

Check out our website for information, or stop by the staffed summer reading station by the circulation desk! Kids can play the summer game at the Children's Desk for every 5 days of reading they complete.

To download the Beanstack Trapper app go to Google Play or the App Store.



JUNE 18: Teen Scavenger Hunt & Pizza Party @ 6 p.m. (Grades 5 & up.)

JUNE 26: Frisbee Show with Todd Brodeur @ 3 p.m. (*)

JUNE 27: Summer Kickoff: Reading Rocks with Pete the Cat performed by Al deCant @ 11 a.m.

JULY 16: Animals Rock with Jason @ 6 p.m. (*)

AUGUST 3: Drop-in Tie-Dye for Everyone from 3—6 p.m. (Bring something white, all-cotton to tie-dye.)

For more information and to see all the exciting programs for adults, teens, and children, go to our online calendar at www.bethellibrary.org.

BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

189 Greenwood Avenue Bethel, CT 06801 www.bethellibrary.org (203) 794-8756

Bethel Parks and Recreation Before Care (Rockwell & Berry ONLY)

Aftercare Program (Rockwell, Berry & Johnson) **Information**

Yearly Initial Registration Procedures (ALL new and returning families MUST register for the initial registration): The yearly initial registration process opens on July 2nd at 9:00am both online and in the Park & Recreation Office.

- A. PM Care: You MUST register them for the school they are GOING into (if you are not sure please register them for the unidentified group) for 2018-19 for PM care only. There will be a \$10 processing fee.
- B. AM CARE: You MUST register your child for AM care and when asked please note which elementary school your child attends, IF you do not know which school please write "UNKNOWN". There will be a \$10 processing fee.

At the initial registration PLEASE click yes to receive email updates!! We will need to contact everyone in August to find out your child(s) teacher, bus # and what your child should be doing on early dismissal days.

We will open up the school year registration on August 1st, 2018. The rate per day is \$10(AM)/\$15 (PM). You can sign-up for the **ENTIRE** year – you MUST be signed up by the 15th of month for the next month (i.e. if you are registering for September, you must be registered by August 15th...IF you are registering for October, then you MUST be registered by September 15th.) You only have to **PAY** for the coming month (i.e. Signed up for September – you MUST pay for SEPTEMBER by August 15th)

Each school has the following MAX # of children per day:

Before Care (40)/After care Rockwell & Berry (40), Johnson (40)

Before/After school Care Program:

AM: Program time is from 7:00-8:30am (program will be at the Municipal Center) (Children will be bused to their school)

PM: Rockwell & Berry times are from 3:30-5:30 Johnson time is from 3:00-5:30

Fees can be paid by, check (made out to Bethel Parks and Rec.), cash or credit card** (not AMEX). NO payments will be accepted at the schools.

**Bethel Parks and Recreation does not have access to your credit card information nor do we do Monthly auto-payments. **

You must have last school year's balance paid off before you can register for 2018/19 school year program.

Please note:

- There will be NO day of, or week of, registration.
- ANY and ALL Changes MUST be made by the 15th of the prior month (ie. September changes MUST be made by August 15th, October changes MUST be made by September 15th)
- Registration will **close** at 4:00pm on the 15th of each month (and based on availability)
- After school care will not be held during school closings, early dismissals or snow days. We will

ALWAYS follow the Board of Education's decision regarding early dismissals for weather.

- Before care WILL NOT run on delayed openings, school closings and snow days.
- NO refunds for absences, missed days or CHANGES made AFTER the deadline.
- NO refunds for delayed openings/early dismissal due to snow.
 Refunds will ONLY be for FULL snow days.
- A fee of \$10 will be charged to your account for late pick for every 5 minutes beyond 5:30pm.

TO REGISTER:

(if you already have an online account** with us you can skip to step #6)

- **IF you have had an account with us in the past, but no longer remember your username or password
- please DO NOT create another account please contact the office to reset your account.
- 1. Head to our website www.bethel-ct.gov
 - 2. Go to the Parks and Recreation Department
 - 3. Click on "Online Registration" under Additional Links on the right hand side 4.

Click on the "Sign-In" circle at the bottom of the page.

- 5. You will need to create a "NEW ACCOUNT" start by first creating an account for yourself (as the responsible person) and then for each member in your family. All children will need a school and grade on their account information.
- 6. Please make sure you fill out the Emergency contacts in your child's account, as we will use this as who can pick up your child. Pick-up password will be required by all for pickups.
- 7. Once you have an account, sign-in, click on the Catalog icon, click on Afterschool programs and SIGN-UP!! ☺

If you do not have access to sign-up online please feel free to stop in the office Monday-Friday, or give us a call at 203-794-8531