

THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

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March 15, 2019



March 19, 2019 Art Show

5:00-7:00 pm JES

March 20-22, 2019

Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal 12:20 pm

March 29, 2019

Reading
Rockstars
Closing
Ceremony
1:30 pm

BMS
April 2, 2019

Band Concert 7:00 pm BMS

April 8, 2019

STEAM Expo

5:30 pm BHS Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s) and Caregiver(s),

As I mentioned in my newsletter last week, the use of Social Media by Johnson School students has become a significant issue. Each week I will be highlighting one app and its risks. This week's app is TikTok. As you may know TikTok **IS NOT AGE**

APPROPRIATE. Some of the concerns with TikTok are:

- Strangers (potential predators) can follow your children, viewing and commenting on their videos.
- Exposure to explicit song lyrics.
- Sadly, students have experienced making/receiving rude comments on their videos by known/unknown followers.
- Trends and role models are identified based on what children see trending.

Helpful Hints for parents:

- 1. Do not allow your child to add Tik Tok to their phone. The age restriction is *13+* for this app. Johnson School students are 8-11 years old and they **SHOULD NOT** have this app.
- 2. Monitor, monitor your child's internet use.
- 3. Make a pact with your child's friend's parents to say no to social media. This will help to reduce peer pressure for your child.
- 4. Talk to your child about other ways to make friends, offering options of getting together is a supervised social setting.
- 5. Listen, listen, listen and remain vigilant.

Please join me in committing to keeping our children safe!

Very truly yours, Alison Salerno Principal



share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips - typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical ly, before it as rebranded by the Chinese company that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musically account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok.





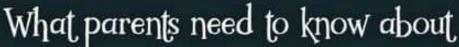












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INAPPROPRIATE SONG LYRICS

CONCERNING CONTENT

DANGEROUS TRENDS & CHALLENGES

STRANGERS CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILDREN

IN-APP PURCHASES

ANYONE CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S CREATIONS



Tips Parents

TALK ABOUT THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING courage your kids to always think before they do, say, like or post anything unline, explaining that their 'digital exterior' can shape their online regulation and the way at other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing mething they think will impress others could affect them.

HANDLING CRITICISM

SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up to TikTok, you are prompted to input your birth date. If your child inputs their age as under 13', the app will not allow them to sign up and will be locked for 24 hours. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain that the rating is there for a reason; to keep them protected from cooline danger; it is actually possible to wasch TikTok videos without even creating an account, so it's important to check it

USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING

If you're concerned about the amount of time your child is spending on Tik Tok, in the app's setting, you can switch on a feature called Digital Wellbeing. This includes "Screen Management" to limit the amount of time your child spends

SET THE ACCOUNT TO PRIVATE

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you or your child see something on Tik Tok that appears to be inappropriate, they can report content in different ways within the app. They can report an account, video, commend or chat conversation by simply tapping "Report in the app's Digital Wellbeing frature, there is also an Enhanced Restricted Modelink Links than the conversation of t which limits the appearance of videos that may a appropriate for all audiences.

AVOID IDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS
To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's
location or identity, make it clear to them that they should
never film a video in their school uniform or near a landman

DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES
To lower the risk of your child making accidental in app
rchases, teach them exectly what in app purchases are and purchases, leach them easily what in app purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand, in the app's 'Digital WellDeing' leature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.



JOHNSON SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

March 14, 2019

Dear Band Parents,

The fourth and fifth grade **SPRING BAND CONCERT** had to change the original date. It is **now** scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2, 2019** at **1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** at the Bethel Middle School auditorium. In preparation for our upcoming performances, please note the following schedule and attire.

For the evening concert, we are asking band players to **report to the Middle School auditorium by 6:30 p.m.** Percussion students should arrive by 6:40.

Band students will be sitting in the auditorium as a group before and after they perform. We ask that all parents and students remain for the entire concert.

CONCERT ATTIRE:

Girls: Black, dark blue, or dark gray pants or long skirt.

White blouse, turtleneck, button-down shirt or polo shirt (shirts tucked in).

Dark shoes. NO white sneakers, please!

Boys: Black, dark blue, or dark gray dress pants.

White turtleneck, button-down shirt or polo shirt (shirts tucked in).

Dark shoes. NO white sneakers, please!

Parent volunteers are needed! If you are available to assist Mrs. Genuario on the evening of the concert, your presence will be gratefully appreciated. There will be approximately 120 students to supervise.

Please detach and return the permission slip below. Thank you!

Margaret Genuario

Child's name: Cl	assroom teacher:
will perform in the Winter Concerts on Tueso Middle School.	day April 2, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the
Yes: I am available to assist before	e/after the performance.
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My child is a member of the fourth grade band /fifth grade band

(circle one)

R.M.T. Johnson School Is pleased to invite you to The 20th Annual Art Walk At R.M.T. Johnson School On Tuesday, March 19, 2019 From 5-7 P.M.









Please Consider Helping!

Dear Parents,

I am searching for Parent volunteers to help make this year's Art Walk a success. If you can help to hang up works on MONDAY, March 18, 2019 anytime from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. please fill out the form below.

This year's Art Walk is planned for Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 5-7 p.m. at Johnson School. Thank you!

Sincerely, Ms. Tamarah McCue Art Educator R.M.T. Johnson School

Art Walk Volunteer

I can help on Monday, March 18, 2019 from	to	
My child's name is	& their homeroom is	
The best way to contact me is via phone/text/en	nail	



Johnson's 4th Annual Reading Rockstars Program March 14 - March 29

Participation

- 1. **Choose** a book from a magic category that sounds **INTERESTING** and **CHALLENGING**. Chapter books, picture books, graphic novels...any book counts! Categories are listed below and on the website: sites.google.com/view/jesreadingismagic. The site also includes suggested titles to get you started.
- 2. **Submit** your completed books online. Once you have completed a book in your chosen category, go to the website and log your accomplishment. You must log at least 1 book to be entered for prizes! Then, pick another and keep reading!
- 3. **Share** what you are doing with relatives and friends...ask them to support you by donating! **Donations go toward PTO-sponsored programs like author visits and the magic of reading show at this year's kickoff.** Online donations can be made through the link on our website, sites.google.com/view/jesreadingismagic.

Dates to know

3/14 (Thursday): Kick Off: Joe Holiday's Reading Rocks Magic Show

3/27 (Wednesday): Cash and check donation deadline

3/28 (Thursday): Online donation deadline

3/29 (Friday): Reading Rockstars Wrap Up and Prize Raffles

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 include student's name, teacher's name and amount enclosed; label it "PTO-Reading is Magic donation."

Magic Reading Categories

Magical Creatures: A book that includes magical creatures or features a magical creature on the cover

History of Magic: A historical fiction book

Divination: A book featuring prophecies or set in the future

Charms: A book told in verse/poetry **Astronomy:** A science fiction book **Muggle Studies:** A non-fiction book

Magical Studies: A book about something magical or with magic in the title

Dark Arts: A book about or featuring secret societies or clubs **Arithmancy:** A book with a number on the cover or in the title

Other: Any other book

Prizes

Each student who brings in a donation will receive a prize chance. Students will also earn one prize chance for each completed book entry submitted through the program website. Prizes will be drawn from all raffle chances at the wrap up on March 29. See our website for prizes!

Resources

Suggested titles are included on the program website. Howevers, students can read any book they choose. In order to get a raffle ticket, they should read a title that "fits" into one of the magical categories. *Be creative!* The following are great places to get suggestions or actual books to read:

Feeling adventurous: go by the media center, pick a title out of the magic hat, and borrow the book!

Teachers: have them ask their teacher for suggestions and borrow from their classroom library

Friends: encourage your child to ask their friends what they have read and lend books to each other

Ms. Siladi, Literary Specialist: She has read everything! A great resource for ideas and books to borrow. Visit her in room 23.

Mrs. Weinberg, Media Specialist: https://sites.google.com/site/misscohenslibrary/home. Check out her website for suggestions, then go by the library to borrow your book!

Bethel Public Library: visit the children's or young adult section or ask a librarian; use their site to download a book from Overdrive or Hoopla. They also have books for next to nothing the book cellar.

Lending Libraries: located in the lobby of Johnson, at Meckauer Park, and at the Municipal Center.

Common Sense Media (website): a great site for ideas and reviews from parents and kids

GoodReads (website): another great site for reviews and ideas

You are Invited... To Johnson School's Makerspace

Purpose: to create an opportunity to think critically, use creativity and innovation while experiencing the science and engineering practices through project based learning in the Makerspace.

Save the Dates:

4th Grade

Tuesday 3/12	Thursday 3/14	Friday 3/15
Mrs. Sierra's Science Classes	Mrs. Schrader's Science Classes	Mr. DiSalvo's Science Classes
8:30-9:40 (Sierra Homeroom)	8:30-9:40 (Schrader Homeroom)	8:25-9:35 (DiSalvo Homeroom)
9:40-11:00 (Donohue Homeroom)	9:40-11:00 (Trzcinski Homeroom)	9:40-10:20 & 11:50-12:30 (Gerety
11:50-12:30 & 1:10-2:00 (Kilmartin	11-11:30 & 12:20-1 (Reid	Homeroom)
Homeroom)	Homeroom)	12:35-1:50 (Malone Homeroom)

5th Grade

Monday 3/25	Tuesday 3/26	Wednesday 3/27	Thursday 3/28	Friday 3/29
Mrs. Liquori's	Mrs. Claridge's	Mr. Moscowitz's	Ms. Basher's	Mrs. Esposito's
Science Classes	Science Classes	Science Classes	Science Classes	Science Classes
10:15-11:00 (Liquori Homeroom) 1:15-2:00 (Galante Homeroom)	8:20-9:40 (Celio Homeroom) 9:40-11:00 (Montero Homeroom) 12:45-2:00 (Claridge Homeroom)	10:30-11:00 (Mr. Moscowitz Homeroom) 11:00-11:55 (Ms. Andreasen's Homeroom)	10:20-11:00 (Ms. Basher's Homeroom) 1:10-1:50 (Mr. Rawlins Homeroom)	10:20-11:00 (Esposito Homeroom) 12:10-12:30 & 1:10-1:50 (Harding Homeroom)



BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

INVITES YOU TO THE 13TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT FORMERLY THE BARNUM BALL





A KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

TO SUPPORT INNOVATION, CREATIVITY, AND EXCELLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

4:30-10:00PM

THE AMBER ROOM COLONNADE, DANBURY

\$80 PER PERSON \$750 TABLE OF 10



HATS AND DERBY ATTIRE

DINNER, DANCING, LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

WATCH THE DERBY LIVE!

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

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ORDER YOUR TICKETS TO THE DERBY PARTY ONLINE OR SEND THIS PORTION TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHECK BY TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD.

NAME	
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An	email confirmation will be sent once payment is received
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	# SPECIAL DIETARY MEAL (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
PAYMENT	□ # TICKETS X \$80 = \$
	□ TABLE OF 10 = \$750 you can include separate checks / please list names on the back of this form
	☐ ROUND UP TO ADD A DONATION TO SUPPORT GRANTS
	TOTAL: \$

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





SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ARTS | MATHEMATICS

PICK A PROJECT!

LEARN!

HAVE FUN!

STEM ROCKS!

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

Kit Nielsen

nielsenk@bethel.k12.ct.us



PLEASE JOIN DEN 6, A GROUP OF SEVEN 2ND GRADE SCOUTS, IN SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER!





DATES OF COLLECTION:

MONDAY, MARCH 11-MONDAY, MARCH 22
(BOXES LOCATED IN LOBBY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!







MINI GOLF "FORE" THE LIBRARY

SPONSORED BY THE BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday, March 22, 2019 6:30 to 9 p.m

Join the Library Board of Directors for an evening of food and refreshments at the Bethel Public Library. While playing 18 holes of mini golf, enjoy samplings from local businesses. Raised funds will go towards future library programs and work spaces.

\$40 a ticket Ages 21 & over

MINI GOLF "FORE" EVERYONE

Saturday, March 23 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open to everyone \$10 Per Person \$40 Per Family Max.

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



PTO Board 2019-2020

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

Events:

• Reading Rockstars – March 14-29th!



Fundraisers:

- **Box Tops** Box tops have been collected and the winners will be announced when the counts are done. Thank you for your support!
- <u>Amazon Smile</u> –Shop smile.amazon.com to support Ralph M T Johnson PTO.
 Not set up? Go to: https://smile.amazon.com/SupportJohnsonSchool

PTO Meetings:

- March 21st, 7pm Budget discussions with Dr. Carver
- April 29th, 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 mttps://sites.google.com/view/rmt-johnson-pto
https://www.facebook.com/RmtJohnsonSchoolPto