



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

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September 22, 2017



**Sept 25-29
2017**

**Scholastic
Book Fair**
(see attached
flyer)

Sept 27, 2017
**Ice Cream
Social**
6:00-8:00 pm

Oct 2-5, 2017
Spirit Week!
(see attached
flyer)

Oct 4, 2017
**Go Math
Workshop**
(see attached
flyer)

Oct 6, 2017
NO SCHOOL
**Professional
Development
Day**

Oct 9, 2017
NO SCHOOL
Columbus Day

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers,

I would like to take this opportunity to share some resources from the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics which provide an explanation for why the Common Core calls educators to develop students' conceptual understanding. Please view the link below at your leisure as the videos clearly articulate the importance of growing students' understanding of mathematics and the role it plays in college and career readiness.

[Teaching and Learning Mathematics with the Common Core](#)

Please join me in demonstrating a positive attitude about math for our children. Remember, even when we don't think children are listening, they hear our comments. Let's work collaboratively to grow a generation of learners who persevere and seek opportunities to work collaboratively to problem solve. Grocery shopping, buying gas, even painting a wall can be an experiential math lesson. There is math in everyday life! Be sure to embrace the teachable moments.

Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

Town of Bethel – Meeting Dates for Johnson & Rockwell School Renovation Projects

The Board of Selectmen set the dates for the Public Hearing and Town Meeting for the projects:

- **September 25, 2017 - Public Hearing at 7:00 PM at Bethel High School**
 - **October 10, 2017 - Town Meeting at 7:00 PM at Bethel High School**
- Childcare will be provided.**

The Public Hearing allows the community an opportunity to speak to the Johnson & Rockwell School Renovation Projects.

The next step in the process is the Town Meeting. The purpose of the town meeting is to approve/reject the **Johnson & Rockwell School Renovation Projects** and, if approved, set the date for the referendum (or vote) for the **Johnson & Rockwell School Renovation Projects**.

Residents who are registered voters can vote to support or reject any motions made at the meeting.

Please join the Parent Advisory Council for parents/guardians of students with disabilities

All are welcome!

OCTOBER 11, 2017
7:00 PM
Municipal Building
Board of Education Conference Room

We will review the results of the parent survey and plan for meaningful workshops to support topics of interest. Your opinion matters!!

Please RSVP to Susan Budris, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services at [203-794-8616](tel:203-794-8616).

Hope to see you on October 11th.

PLUMTREES SCHOOL 150TH ANIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**OCTOBER 1, 2017
Noon to 2:00 pm**

History Presentation by Patrick T. Wild, Town Historian, at 12:00 and 1:00 pm.

Historic Games and Crafts

Refreshments

For more information please call, [203-791-1010](tel:203-791-1010) or email: shaniburkespecht@hotmail.com



**Johnson Parent
Network**

**Don't forget to show
your
Johnson PRIDE
by wearing spirit wear
or school colors every
Friday!!!!**



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Johnson School 2017 Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, September 25 – Friday, September 29

Johnson School Media Center

Students will visit the Book Fair during their Media special. The class schedule is attached for your convenience. Feel free to shop with your child during their class visit or to come in any time during Book Fair hours.

We accept cash, credit cards and checks made out to "Johnson School PTO." If you are sending in a check, please be sure to indicate your child's spending limit in the "Memo" section of the check.

The Book Fair will also be open on Wednesday evening, 9/27 from 6-8pm during our Scoop Social!

ONLINE BOOK FAIR

In addition to our in-school Book Fair, we will be offering an Online Book Fair. All online orders will be shipped directly to Johnson School. There is no charge for shipping. To access the online book fair visit our fair homepage at www.scholastic.com/fair between September 22 and October 6.

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway is coming! Pre-order your copy today and save!! See attached order form.

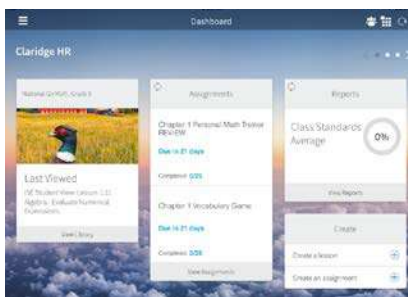
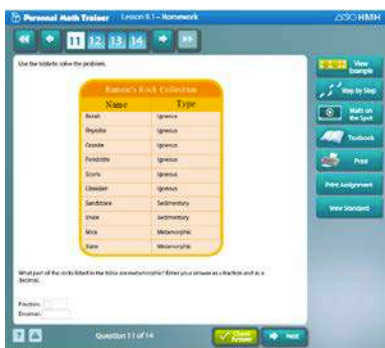
Any questions or to volunteer, please contact Christine Cohen at cacohen10@gmail.com or Rebecca Chamberlain at rebchamberlain@aol.com

2017 Fall Book Fair Teacher Schedule

Time	Mon 9/25	Tues 9/26	Wed 9/27	Thurs 9/28	Fri 9/29
8:30 - 9:10	Reid			Bouchard	Trzcinski
9:15 - 9:55		Harding	Malone	Schrader	Esposito
10:00 - 10:40	Basher	Andreasen	Quader	Gerety	
10:45 - 11:25	DiSalvo	Montero	Wicklund		Kilmartin
11:30 - 12:10	Donohue	Galante	Kane		
12:15 - 12:50					
12:55 - 1:35	Liquori	Kersting	Moscowitz	Claridge	Rawlins
1:40 - 2:40					

Let's Kick Off Johnson Pride With **SPIRIT WEEK!** October 2nd-5th

Monday 10/2/17 Superhero Day	It's a bird, it's a plane, nope...it's Superhero Day! Today you can dress like your favorite superhero.
Tuesday 10/3/17 Sports Day	Sports Day! What's your favorite sports team? Show us by wearing something that represents your team!
Wednesday 10/4/17 Hat Day	Hats off to a great 2017-2018 Johnson School Year, but first let's keep our hats ON for the day in school!
Thursday 10/5/17 Johnson Pride Day	Show your JOHNSON PRIDE by wearing Johnson spirit wear or school colors (yellow and blue) today!
Friday 10/6/17 NO SCHOOL	No School! Enjoy a long weekend!



Go Math for Parents

A Guide to the Online Resources

Wednesday, October 4th

7:00pm

Johnson School
Media Center

A workshop open to parents and
Johnson School students

Feel free to bring a laptop (or you
may use one of our Chromebooks)

We will explore the many different
online activities that are available
with our GoMath program!

Presenter: Mrs. Mary Liquori
5th Grade Math Teacher

Welcome to the R.M.T. Johnson School Library! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am thrilled to serve your child as his/her library media specialist! I look forward to helping him/her become a critical thinker, enthusiastic reader, skillful researcher, and ethical user of information!

Students take part in book exchange during Media Morning. Media Morning occurs from 8:00-8:15 daily on a rotating schedule. I will also be collaborating with your child's classroom teachers on whole class projects as well as research and informational literacy skills. Throughout the year, I'll teach them how to find and use resources, use the research process, appreciate literature, and more.

Please encourage your child to enjoy and take care of our library materials and return them for more. Also, please enjoy the library books WITH your children!

We could use parent volunteers to help out in the library during Media Morning! I am in need of volunteers from 8:00-8:15 on a daily basis.

I also can use help with reshelving of books in the media center.

If you are able to assist with either Media Morning or reshelving of books please contact me at Weinberga@bethel.k12.ct.us.

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Weinberg



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
Early Childhood Program
Bethel Public Schools
Berry School



Pre-School Screening

Are you concerned that your child may be experiencing difficulties or delays with talking, play skills, problem solving skills or making their needs known?

If so, you and your child (3-5 years old) are encouraged to participate in a Circle of Friends screening. While meeting the staff to discuss your concerns or ask questions regarding your child's development, your child will take part in informal play activities that include songs and motor activities.

The preschool team includes the Supervisor of Special Education, Preschool Special Education Teachers, Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and School Social Worker.

Screening dates for the 2017-2018 school year are
Wednesdays from 10:00-10:45

October 18, 2017
November 29, 2017
January 17, 2018
February 28, 2018
March 28, 2018
April 25, 2018
May 30, 2018

If school is closed because of inclement weather, the pre-school screen will be cancelled.

Pre-registration is appreciated but drop-ins are welcomed.
For more information, please contact Kate Coffey at 203-794-8679.

PTO VOLUNTEERS



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Volunteer/Chairperson Opportunities 2017-2018

PTO EVENT/FUNDRAISER	DATE	CHAIR	VOLUNTEER
Reading Jamboree	9/27		
Scholastic Book Fair	9/25-9/29	Rebecca Chamberlain & Christine Cohen	
Fall Fundraiser - Yankee Candle **	9/8-9/22	Amber Kane	
Fall Spirit Wear **	September	Jill Kurtz	
Pumpkin Decorating	10/24		
Veteran's Day Celebration	11/9		
Toys for Tots Giving Tree	12/4-12/15		
Holiday Shoppe - open during lunch	12/5-12/7		
Author Visit	February		
Reading Rock Stars **	TBD	Cathy Prisco & Judi Zalaznick	
Spring Spirit Wear **	March	Jill Kurtz	
Spring Fundraiser - TBD **	March		
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week	5/7-5/11		
Screen-Free Week	4/30-5/4	Pnina Flynn	
Mother's Day Plant Sale	5/10 & 5/11		
Scholastic Book Fair	5/30-6/1	PTO Board	

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CURRICULUM & COMMUNITY EVENTS	DATE	CHAIR	VOLUNTEER
5 th Grade Picnic	June		
5 th Grade Moving Up Breakfast	June		

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	CHECK
Floating Volunteer - to be contacted when extra help is needed	
Baking Committee ** - baking for events throughout the year	

Name: _____

Child's Name & Grade: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

*** Events/opportunities that can be coordinated outside of school hours.*

Events and event dates are subject to change.

Please contact Christine Cohen at cacohen10@gmail.com or at

RMTJohnsonPTO@gmail.com with volunteer questions.

Thank you for supporting Johnson School!

IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR 2017-2018

Bethel Central PTO

Family Phone Book!!

Don't miss out!!

- Includes families from ALL schools!!
- Great for setting up playdates or help with homework!!
- Helps with sending out birthday invitations!!
- Data comes directly from what you've updated in PowerSchool! No need to provide information twice!!*
- Includes membership to the school PTOs!!
- Funds raised are used to support BHS scholarships, bus driver appreciation, and more!!

Please complete this form and return with **CHECKS ONLY** (payable to Bethel Central PTO) to your child's school or mail to: **Bethel Central PTO % Bethel Public Schools, P.O. Box 253, Bethel, CT 06801**

Forms must be received/postmarked by **September 29** to guarantee phone book availability. Limited quantities will be available after 9/29 on first come first served basis.

Family Membership Info:

Student's Name	Teacher's Name	School
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please specify which student to send book home with: _____

Additional info:

Would you like to be emailed with order status updates?: Yes No

Would you like your email address included in phone book?: Yes No

If yes, please provide email address: _____

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
Member Phone Book	\$ 12.00	_____	_____
Additional Phone Books	\$ 3.00 ea	_____	_____
Total		_____	_____

* Info provided by school includes address, phone number, student names, teacher, parent names. Email addresses can be added with permission on this form. Information comes directly from powerschool. Please make sure your data is correct by logging in to powerschool and completing demographic forms. Only includes families who didn't opt out of having their directory information included in the phone book when completing demographic forms on powerschool.