



## Weekly Bulletin

### May 15, 2015

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#### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week Johnson School participated in *No Screen Week*. We offered a variety of family activities including Letterboxing, a Mindfulness Event, and a family picnic. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together in community.

I would like to thank you for encouraging your child to participate in this year's CHET Dream Big! Competition. Drawings and essays from over 6,200 kindergarten to eighth grade students from across the state were submitted describing what they will do or how they will change the world after college. I am delighted to share that Faith Brown was selected as one of the 84 statewide award recipients. Please join me in congratulating Faith.

I am proud to announce, Kendall Searle was selected to have her writing piece read at ASAP's *Celebration of Young Writers 10th Anniversary* on Saturday, May 30. Nearly 300 students across CT submitted their writing, and 12 pieces were chosen to be read at the event on May 30. Congratulations to Kendall!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Alison Salerno  
 Principal

#### Fifth Grade Breakfast



#### Plen Aire Painting with Claudia, Art Teacher for the Day



## PTO NEWS

With Teacher & Staff Appreciation, Mother's Day Plant Sale, Fifth Grade Breakfast, and Screen-Free events, the last two weeks have been very busy at Johnson School! Thank you to all the students who participated and the parents that volunteered.

We will be voting on the nominations for the 2015-2016 PTO Board at our May 19th meeting. We are still looking for someone to fill the secretary position. Please contact Terri Berlage at

[berlage2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:berlage2@sbcglobal.net)

The Slate of Officers is as follows:

Co-President: Amy Gusitsch

Co-President: Heather Tibbitts

Secretary: open

Treasure: Jessica Bender

Volunteer Coordinator: Christine Cohen

Communications: Dana DiGrandi

In preparation for summer reading, the teachers and staff suggested a second Scholastic Book Fair, which will take place June 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Because it is a BOGO (Buy One, Get One) event, the purpose of this book fair is to get books into the hands of students for the summer. The PTO does not anticipate making any money from this sale. Please let Christine know if you can volunteer- the book fair will be open during school hours.

In other news, we raised over \$900 with our Yankee Candle spring fundraiser! It was so successful, we may consider doing it twice next year. The orders are in and can be picked up after school.

Regards, Terri and the PTO Board

### Upcoming PTO Events

PTO Meeting: Tuesday May 19 at 9:15

Scholastic Book Fair: June 3, 4, 5

### ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE PARENTS

The Bethel Middle School PTO is looking for a secretary for the 2015-2016 academic year. Duties include keeping minutes of meetings and helping to promote events. If you are interested, please contact Shani Burke Specht at [shaniburkespecht@hotmail.com](mailto:shaniburkespecht@hotmail.com).

**BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S FAMILY SUMMER KICKOFF**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015 – RAIN or SHINE**  
**3:30 – 7:00 PM**  
**\$5 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE/\$7 AT THE DOOR**  
**\$20 family maximum in advance/\$25 at the door**

For tickets and information, visit [BethelEducationFoundation.org](http://BethelEducationFoundation.org) for details

## May Calendar

- 17 Memorial Day Parade
- 18 Third Grade Parent Orientation  
9:00 am. Or 6:30-7:30 pm
- 19 Third Grade Students and Parents  
Visit 4:15-5:15 pm
- 25 Memorial Day No School
- 27 Orchestra Concert at  
Bethel High School



### End of Year P.E. Information

As the school year rapidly winds down, there is some information you may want to know:

#### FIELD DAYS

Grade 5 Tuesday, June 9<sup>TH</sup>

Grade 4: Wednesday, June 10<sup>TH</sup>

Rain Date: Thursday, June 11<sup>TH</sup>

Selected 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will run the 4<sup>th</sup> grade events and BMS students will be in charge of the grade 5 activities.

Please make sure that your child is dressed in **sneakers** and a **hat** that protects the face from the sun. **Long hair** should be **tied back** off the face and any students with loose fitting shorts/pants **must** wear a **belt!** **Sunscreen** and light colored clothes are highly recommended. **All students are encouraged to bring a plastic water bottle labeled with their name.**

Parents are welcome.

Events begin at 8:45

Lunch from 11:00

Overall Awards 1:30

Grade 5 students who passed all 4 fitness tests at the High Performance Level will be receiving awards at the **Moving Up Ceremony on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Bethel Middle School. Grade 4 students will receive these awards at an assembly at Johnson School during their **special time on June 16<sup>th</sup>**.



