



# John Johnson Elementary

## End of 1st 9 weeks

October is a month filled with great things happening at JJE! This week will include the end of the first 9 weeks grading period. Here at JJE, we appreciate all the support that you and your family give to our students and our school.

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October 2, 2017

## Picture Make-up Day

Picture Make-up Day will be October 19th. Students who were absent and did not get their picture taken will be able to take a make-up on that day.



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## Fall Break

The students will be out on October 11th for a Teacher Professional Learning Day. The students will also be out October 12th and 13th for Fall Break. We will see the students again on October 16th.

## Parent Resource Center

- \* Where- In media Center
- \* Hours- 8:00am-3:00pm
- \* What to do- computer to check parent portal, information on the McKinney Vento Program, School Improvement Plan, and other school related documents

## PTO Meeting

Our PTO meeting will be held on October 3rd at 6:30pm. Our 1st and 2nd grade students will be performing, and our topic will be Math.

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## Attendance

Students must bring in a doctor's excuse or a parent note in order for an absence to be excused. Remember that students must be in the classroom by 8:00 to avoid being tardy. Students wishing to eat breakfast at school should be here by 7:45.

## Red Ribbon Week from Mrs. Jenkins, Counselor



ATTENTION parents and students!! We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week : Oct 23-27, 2017

The plans for the week are as follows: Get ready to participate!!

**Monday-** Theme "Use you Head" Wear Red Day

**Tuesday-** Theme "Drugs and I don't Mix" Wacky Tacky Day

**Wednesday-** Theme "Team Up Against Drugs" Team Day

**Thursday-** Theme "What I Want to be When I Grow Up" Career Day.

**Friday-** Theme "The Bearcat Way" Purple and Gold Day

## JJE Media News

Book Fair will begin October 27th. We will need parent volunteers to work. Please look for information coming home soon to sign up to volunteer. We will also have a "Grand" lunch for any parents or grandparents to come eat lunch with their student, and then shop at the Book Fair. October 30th is PK at 10:50 and K at 11:45, October 31st is 1st grade at 11:00 and 4th grade at 12:00, and November 1st is 2nd grade at 11:25 and 3rd grade at 12:15. We will also have a PTO meeting on November 2nd and you will be able to shop then as well.

## Nurse

Misty Griffin, school nurse, should be contacted if your child needs to take medication at school. If your student has allergies which are severe, please contact Nurse Griffin. She would like to give a great big THANK YOU to all the parents and students that have

## **What can I save this year to help JJE?**

Several companies have special programs, which allow JJE to earn merchandise or money. Please save the following items for us:

- \* Box Tops for Education- cut out and send in coupons
- \* Pop tops from soft drinks- These are donated to Ronald McDonald house

## **Drop Off and Pick up Reminders**

### **Drop Off**

Morning School Students Only- 7:00am

All other students- 7:30am

Students need to stay in the vehicle until someone comes to help them out of the car at 7:30am. Also, parents, please stay in your lane. Do not go around other vehicles. This can create a dangerous situation for adults and students in the driveway.

### **Pick up**

If you are picking a student up on the 4th grade side, please use the West Street entrance. Please do not use the side streets. Everyone needs to come from West Street and turn on to John Johnson Street. This is for the safety of all cars and parents in the pickup line.

## **21st Century News**

Please remember that students that participate in our 21st century program must agree to participate in the morning and afternoon portion of the program.

Lights on After School will be October 24th from 3:30-5:30. We will be having special things happening with our students and invite our parents to come and see what is happening during the 21st century program.

## PTO

Tattoos and beads are currently on sale on Fridays of home games during football season. All tattoos and beads cost \$1.00 and are sold during lunchtime.

### SAVE THE DATE:

**October 23-27-** We will be selling Boo Grams for \$1.00. They will be delivered October 31st to the students at school.

**November 2nd-** PTO Meeting at 6:30p.m. in the JJE lunchroom

**November 3rd-** PTO Bouncy House Day during enrichment

**November 6-13-** We will be selling Butter Braids. They will be delivered December 14th.



### Upcoming Events:

**October 3-** PTO meeting- 1st and 2nd grades performing- Math

**October 5-** Community Helper Day- PK and Kindergarten

**October 6-**End of 1st 9 weeks

**October 11-** Professional Learning Day

**October 12-15-** Fall Break

**October 17-** Early Learner Workshop 6:00pm- PK and K parents invited to attend

**October 19-** Report Cards issued; Picture Make-Up Day; K parent report card meeting 5:30pm

**October 20-** 2nd Grade Field trip

**October 26-** BHS Homecoming Parade

**October 27-** Top Dawg; Book Fair begins

**October 30-** Book Fair "Grand" lunch PK 10:50 and K 11:45

**October 31-** Book Fair "Grand" lunch 1st grade 11:00 and 4th grade 12:00; Halloween parties

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# Grade Level Information

## Pre-Kindergarten

Pre-K week is October 2nd-6th. During that week, Senator Dean Burke will be coming to read to the Pre-K classes.

Please remember to periodically send snacks, wipes, hand sanitizer and Kleenex, if possible. These donations are greatly appreciated!

## Kindergarten

During the month of October, we will have a visit from various community helpers. We will also celebrate the 50th day of school with lots of exciting activities in class.

To continue our emphasis on reading, our students will start participating in the Pizza Hut Book It Program. Students will be able to read books at home, log them, and earn a free personal pan pizza at the end of each month. Watch for more details coming soon.

In math, we will be counting objects, comparing numbers, working on shapes, and continuing to learn our numbers to 100. Please continue to count to 100 every day.

## 1st Grade

First grade is busy wrapping up our first nine weeks. Our days have been filled with learning about the weather, patriotism, Bainbridge, Decatur County, the United States, and the seven continents. We have also learned about Quiz Whiz (addition facts), numbers 1 through 120, tens and ones, and we have worked on grammar rules.

We will complete our STEM project the first week of October.

We will also be performing at the PTO meeting on October 3rd. We invite everyone to come see us.

## **2nd Grade**

Report cards will go home October 19th. Please continue to encourage our hard workers to keep up the great work!

October 20th, we are excited to be taking a field trip that aligns with our Native American standards. We will travel to the Lower Muskogee Creek School, Days on Tama Tribal Grounds in Whigham, GA. We are asking that all students turn in \$5.00 to cover their shirt by October 3rd. If you are interested in attending, please make sure that you have completed the parent volunteer training. For more information about the training, please contact the school.

## **3rd Grade**

Please continue to check agendas each night for homework and upcoming tests. We will continue to work on our multiplication facts. If students don't master these, they will have great difficulty with later math skills.

Encourage students to read nightly and also spend time on [ilearn.com](http://ilearn.com) and [istation.com](http://istation.com) at home. Many valuable reading resources can be found on [thinkcentral.com](http://thinkcentral.com)

## **4th Grade**

Our fabulous fourth graders will begin Unit 2 in math after Fall Break. They will learn how to find multiples and factors, solve multi-step problems using four operations, and identify prime and composite numbers in math.

Students will investigate explorers that sailed uncharted waters during the Age of Discovery.

## **Guidance**

Do you want your student to make better grades?

**FREE RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO YOU AND YOUR STUDENT:**

Khan Academy is a free resource. It is user friendly and has proven results that can help your student improve in any subject if he/she is committed to using it 20 minutes a day for at least 5 days a week.

Don't forget: It's free and effective.