

JOHNSTON NEWSLETTER

December 2023

Important Dates

December 14: Paint and Sip Night
December 22-1: No school- Winter Break

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO RECESS

LABEL ALL ITEMS TO ENSURE EASY RETURN IF LOST

If the "feels like" temperature is...

You should be wearing...

This looks like...

32 degrees and below	<p>Must have all 3 things: Jacket, hat and mittens/gloves</p> <p>-----</p> <p>If there is snow- You need snow pants and boots to leave the blacktop</p>	<p>if snow</p>
33 - 44 degrees	<p>Must have an outer layer with a zipper.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>If there is snow on the ground, must have snow pants and boots to leave the blacktop</p>	
45 degrees and above	<p>Wear a sweatshirt or light jacket if you are chilly, you will not be able to go back inside to get one if you are cold.</p>	



December Dress Up Days



DECEMBER



MON

TUE

WED

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FRI

				1 Winter Wonderland Wear White
4 Toasty Toes Wear Festive Socks	5 Penguin Day Wear Black/White	6 Elf Day Dress like an Elf	7 Happy Hanukkah Wear Blue/White	8 Comfort and Joy Wear Pajamas
11 Gingerbread Day Wear Brown	12 Candy Cane Wear Red/White	13 Holiday Best Wear Fanciest Clothes	14 All is Merry and Plaid Wear Plaid/Flannel	15 Happy Kwanzaa Wear Black/Red/Green
18 Holiday Gear Wear a Festive Shirt	19 Fleece Navidad Wear Festive Fleece	20 Grinch Day Wear Green	21 Sweater Weather Ugly Holiday Sweater	22



Holiday Greetings from our Johnston School Family!

The holiday season is just around the corner, and what better time to celebrate the joys of learning and camaraderie? As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible students, staff, and families for their unwavering dedication and commitment to making our school such a vibrant and inspiring place to be. Throughout the year, our students have consistently amazed us with their enthusiasm, curiosity, and unwavering determination to succeed. They have embraced new challenges with open arms, and their achievements continue to fill us with pride. Every child, every day is striving to be academically, socially, and emotionally successful and graduate ready for college, career, and their community.

Our students are the reason for everything we do. Our talented staff work tirelessly to ensure that every student is successful. Our teachers create engaging and informative lesson plans that spark students' curiosity and motivate them to learn more. They spend countless hours helping students struggling with concepts and encouraging them to reach their full potential.

Our students have also benefited from the unwavering support of our parents and guardians. You have provided them with the love, encouragement, and resources they need to succeed in school. Please continue to send your child to school with all of their warm winter clothing including gloves/mittens, boots, and snow pants, and write your student's first and last name on their winter gear. Weather permitting, our students will go outside for recess. Should your student not be feeling well he/she should not attend school. Please call in absences by 9:00 a.m. and inform us of the reason for the absence and your child's symptoms that require an absence. Your support has made a world of difference!

We have a host of engaging activities and events planned to further enrich our student's learning experiences and foster a sense of joy and camaraderie throughout our school community. Our staff provided engaging activities for our students outside of the classroom through Girls on the Run, Choir, Intermurals, Mentoring, Safety Patrol, and Student Council.

I hope that you have enjoyed our 5th and 6th grade concert performances and our Family Dinner/Community Resource Night this past November.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our exceptional students, dedicated staff, and supportive families. Together, we have created a vibrant and nurturing learning environment where every child feels valued, respected, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

As we step into the new year, let us continue to foster a spirit of collaboration, mutual respect, and a shared passion for learning. Together, we can make our school a beacon of excellence, where every child thrives and discovers the joy of lifelong learning.

Wishing you and your families a holiday season filled with love, laughter, and joy.

Sincerely,
MaiKou Heu, Principal

A note from the Nurse!

HAND WASHING CAN SAVE LIVES!

Hand washing is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Many diseases and illnesses are spread by not washing hands with soap and water. It is best to wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds. Although soap and water are more effective at removing germs, alcohol-based hand rubs significantly reduce the number of germs on skin and are fast acting.

Per the CDC, handwashing:

- Reduces the number of people who get sick with diarrhea by 23-40%
- Reduces diarrheal illness in people with weakened immune systems by 58%
- Reduces respiratory illnesses, like colds, in the general population by 16-21%
- Reduces absenteeism due to gastrointestinal illness in schoolchildren by 29-57%

When washing hands with soap and water:

- Wet your hands with clean running water and apply soap. Use warm water if it is available.
- Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all surfaces, making sure to clean in between fingers, thumbs, the back of your hand and your wrists
- Continue rubbing hands for 20 seconds. Need a timer? Imagine singing "Happy Birthday" twice to a friend!
- Rinse hands well under running water
- Dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer. If possible, use your paper towel to turn off the faucet

Remember: If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer to clean hands.

When using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer:

- Apply product to the palm of one hand
- Rub hands together
- Rub the product over all surfaces of hands and fingers until hands are dry.

When should you wash your hands?

- Before preparing or eating food
- After going to the bathroom
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has gone to the bathroom
- Before and after tending to someone who is sick
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After handling an animal or animal waste
- After handling garbage
- Anytime your hands are visibly dirty
- Before and after treating a cut or wound





The Salvation Army Fox Cities 2023

Coats for Kids, Toy Shop, Adopt a Family, and Christmas Food Assistance

Coats for Kids

November 6-10, 2023 | 1 - 3 PM

November 11, 2023 | 9 AM - 12 PM

Coats are available for children ages 17 and under

*No pre-registration required for coats



The Salvation Army
Social Services Center
130 E North St., Appleton



Christmas Assistance

Register online November 6 - December 4, 2023

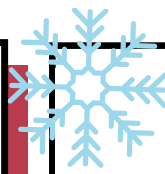
Toy Shop, Adopt a Family, and Christmas Food Assistance
Households with children ages 17 and under are eligible for Toy Shop (Toys for Tots) or Adopt a Family. Adult only households register for Christmas Food Assistance.

Go to www.safoxcities.org

and follow the link under "Christmas Assistance Programs"



To apply in person, call The Salvation Army front desk after November 6, 2023 at (920)734-3324 to set up an appointment.



Student Council

Food Drive



Our annual food drive starts on Monday, December 4, 2023 sponsored by Johnston Student Council.

Our charity organization that we will be donating to is the Salvation Army. We will be asking for donations of any canned or boxed food such as: pastas, dinner meals, bagged or boxed cereal or any other non-perishable items. If you would like to donate any of these types of food please bring them to your classroom between December 4th and December 13th. Your class level will be involved in a Challenge for the most food donated! Boxes will be located in classrooms starting on Monday. Please do not donate any glass or expired items.

Thank you!



Art Club

Our art club members are:

- Matthew
- Donna
- Calleigh
- Cambria
- Caroline
- Lexy
- Nevette
- Kalia
- Carmadie
- Diego
- Andrea
- Cayden
- Isabella
- Diamond
- Yahaira

What's Happened so Far...



Primary Color Hearts

1st grade learned about the primary colors and created a Mondrian inspired heart.



Sugar Skull

6th graders created a series of puzzle heads inspired by a contemporary artist, David Shillinglaw.



Week of December 4 - 8
Matthew C Isabella M
Lily G Alayna S
Danny H Ezra S

Week of December 11 - 15
Grady B Damon K
Nadia D Jocelyn L
Damon G Chase C

Week of December 18 - 21
Jackson G Tony L
Rex H James T
Jacob H Rhyland S

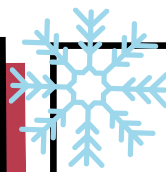
Week of January 2 - 5
Peyton G Cambria M
Cooper G Emma M
Seeley H Hallie W

Week of January 8 - 12
Emma E Kai S
Allie J Calleigh W
Ethan S Alexander W

Week of January 16 - 19
Nathan V Hallie W
Kongolo K Isabella M

Week of January 23 - 26
Matthew C Isabella M
Lily G Alayna S
Danny H Ezra S

Week of January 29 - February 2
Grady B Damon K
Nadia D Jocelyn L
Damon G Chase C



Johnston Elementary Student Council



MEETING DATES

All meetings will begin at 7:40 AM in Mrs. LaBorde's room.
The meeting will be the third Friday of each month.

Friday, November 17th

Friday, December 15th

Friday, January 19th

Friday, February 16th

Friday, March 15th

Friday, April 19st



Appleton Area School District Preschool 3-5 yr old Developmental Screenings

Appleton Area School District is proud to offer free developmental screenings for children between the ages of 3-5 prior to Kindergarten. **We strongly recommend all families come to a screening, preferably before attending 4K.** Children must live in the Appleton Area School District. Parents/guardians do not need to have concerns to schedule a screening. Is your child younger than three? Give us a call and we can set up a universal screening with Early Intervention Services (Birth-3.)



The Developmental Screening is designed to:

- **Educate** families about typical child development and growth
- **Develop/Expand** awareness of community resources
- **Identify** children in need of further assessment

- *How your child talks
- *How your child listens
- *How your child thinks
- *How your child moves
- *How your child uses their hands

We offer Free
Vision and Hearing
Screenings!

To schedule a screening appointment please call Sharon at 920-832-6109

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