



## Quote of the Month:

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

September 2014

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## CALENDAR

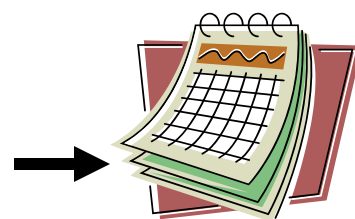
September 17th.....2nd Order Turn in for Fall Fundraiser

September 23rd.....Final Order Turn in day for Fall Fundraiser

September 24th.....PTC Meeting 6pm in the Library

October 1st.....Picture Day for all students and Pre-school

For a full listing of our calendar events, please click here



School Hours: Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 7:55am-3:05pm

Wednesday Only 7:55am-2:05pm

Office Hours: 7:25am - 3:45pm

## Picture Day Coming Soon

Information packets will be coming home the week of September 22nd. Order forms and money will need to be returned on Picture Day. Please send your student with a check or the exact cash amount. Change will not be available from the office.

October 1, 2014



Keep up to date with all the awesome things happening at Johnson Elementary School. Follow us on Facebook at "Johnson Elementary School-PTC". The PTC is really excited for the school year and we want to keep all of our parents involved in all that is going on.

Johnson Elementary School was recently recognized by the Character Education Partnership (CEP) as a 2014 Promising Practices School for their Check in Check Out Program and Character Rubric. The Character Education Partnership is an advocacy group for character education. They encourage positive practices both nationally and internationally. Through its National Schools of Character Awards program CEP recognizes public and private schools and districts (K-12) as National Schools of Character for their outstanding achievements in character education. Schools are selected as winners based on their efforts to implement character education programs that include CEP's "Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education" and provide a useful example for other schools to follow.

Promising Practices in character education are successful, unique ways of reinforcing character traits in PreK-12 students. Most practices are simple in scope and don't have

extensive costs associated with them. They enable students to

experience positive character firsthand, as well as enrich their lives and the lives of others. The applications were submitted

by Johnson Elementary Staff members Amanda Braaten, Jean Granberg and Amber Soler.

For more information visit: <http://www.character.org/>





We ask the student's do not bring cell phones or other electronic devices to school. Johnson Elementary will not assume responsibility if a student's device becomes lost or stolen.

If a student needs to use their cell phone during school hours they must get approval from their teacher and then come to the office to make the call.

Should a cell phone ring during class time, it will be confiscated by the teacher and a parent will need to reclaim it at the end of the day.



Johnson Elementary students in grades 3, 4, & 5 will be taking the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers ) in April. This test will replace the TCAP test we have used in the past. The PARCC test is an online test, so students will be using our Tech lab and class sets of computers to complete it.



For more information about PARCC, please click [here](#)

Or to take a practice test, click [here](#)

If you would like to receive a hard copy of this monthly newsletter, please contact our office. Otherwise, we plan to continue sending an electronic copy on the 15th of each month in an effort to conserve paper . We will also continue to post our newsletters to the Johnson Web-site at <http://jes.mcsd.org/>

# Physical Education

Hello Parents from your P.E. teachers, Mr. Matt Imus and Mr. Paul Beller,

We are excited to have your child in our P.E. program here at JES. Some of the daily activities that your child experiences is a warm-up consisting of elevating his/her heart rate along with improving muscular strength and endurance.

The first quarter has your child developing throwing skills along with various movement activities.



Mr. Imus and Mr. Beller have also taken the time to establish classroom norms and expectations regarding a safe and successful learning environment for your child to perform well within. Some of these expectations are: **be safe, listen to and follow directions, do your best, and wear proper tennis shoes.**

We encourage you to ask your child to share with you some of the activities we do in P.E. for warm-ups. It is recommended that your child be physically active for at least **60 minutes a day**. Our goal in class is to have your child exercising at a moderate to vigorous level of physical activity for at least 50% of his/her P.E. class time.

It is a pleasure to see your son or daughter enjoying their experience in class and improving their physical well being along with further developing their skills in a variety of activities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or stop in.

Thanks,

Matt Imus and Paul Beller



## WORKING IN ART



The Johnson Elementary School Art Program is aligned with National and Colorado Standards for Art Education and organized around the elements of art and the principals of design. This program is a concept-based, sequential curriculum that integrates the disciplines of art history, art criticism, aesthetics, and art production. The program is designed

to facilitate the development of interests in learning to understand, appreciate, and create works of art. The elementary art program includes skill development in drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and crafts.

During this first quarter, the students will learn to understand and apply the basic components of visual art, as line and shape. They are also producing original art works by intentionally utilizing these elements of art. The students will become adept at transferring their perceptions and their impressions into creative art works of self-expression. The students will explore and use basic art materials, techniques and processes in their art projects. In art class we are constantly learning about a variety of art forms, from around the world and throughout history.



Elvira Butler, Teacher of Arts, Johnson Elementary



## What's Up at the Library

**WELCOME BACK!** – The library is open and running full speed ahead! We had another very successful summer reading program here at Johnson, even with the construction that took place in our room! The library is now a little smaller, but we found a home for everything and the kids and I are adjusting to our new space!

**SEPTEMBER** is a time for us to become reacquainted with our library and all our wonderful books! We re-read a new favorite that we discovered last year, entitled “The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore”, by William Joyce. It is a wonderful story about a man with a great love for books, and it reminds us of the wonderful worlds that can be explored by reading! We also watched the Academy Award-winning short film that was made from this book. It is available on YouTube if you want to share it with the whole family. Just type in the title!

**The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders** are also reviewing how to use the research computers to help them locate a book when they come to the library. You may be able to access the researcher on your home computer, too! Just type in the IP address of <http://192.168.15.35> and it should take you directly to the Alexandria Researcher for Johnson Elementary. On it you will find all the books available in our library. The kids are becoming pros at locating a “just right” book each week!

**FINALLY**, thank you to all who returned their child’s library permission slips. This is just a simple way for me to know that your kids have permission to check out books each week, and for you to visit with them about how to take care of the books. Our library is always a work in progress, and I know many of our books have seen better days, but we do our best to keep them in good reading condition! If there is ever a problem with a lost or damaged book, **PLEASE** feel free to call me or stop by and talk about it! We can always figure something out together!

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies...The man who never reads lives only one.” – George R. R. Martin

Keep on Reading! – Mrs. Mahan, Johnson Elementary Librarian



## Counselor's Corner

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year. It will be another exciting year at JES. We have many programs that will help your child achieve success in school this year. I'd like to share these with you in this letter.

Stop, Walk, Talk is an anti-bullying curriculum that will be introduced to the students in a couple of weeks. Class Meetings are another program to help students to solve their own problems and help others to solve their problems too! The classes will have a class meeting at least once/week on Wednesdays.

Playground Champions in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are presently filling out their applications and will begin training by the end of September. The plan is to train these students to mentor others while on the playground and in the lunchroom.

This is the third year for our students to engage in Second Step. This is a social emotional curriculum for all students here at Johnson. The major areas that this covers are:

- Skills for Learning
- Empathy
- Emotion Management
- Friendship Skills and Problem Solving

The counselor teaches these lessons to each class bi-weekly. If you are interested in further exploration at home we have valuable home link/activities that you can do with your child also. Please visit [second-step.org](http://second-step.org) and enter the family activation codes for much more information about this curriculum:

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade - SSP5FAMI LY75
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade - SSP4FAMI LY74
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - SSP3FAMI LY73
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - SSP2FAMI LY72
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade - SSP1FAMI LY71
- Kindergarten - SSPKFAMI LY70
- Preschool - SSPE FAMI LY68

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 249-2584 or send me an email at : [jean.granberg@mcsd.org](mailto:jean.granberg@mcsd.org).

Jean Granberg, Counselor  
Johnson Elementary School



# PTC NEWS

## !!! REMINDER REMINDER!!!!

3 easy steps to help Johnson earn money from your shopping trip!



Don't forget to sign up for City Market rewards. It's **easy and takes just a few minutes**. You will need to have your City Market card handy. Go to <https://www.citymarket.com/>. In the right hand corner click on the "register" button, then:

1. Fill in the blocks according to your personal information.
2. Enter your City Market Card number or your Alternate ID number (phone number).
3. At the very bottom of the last page is "Community Rewards". Click "enroll" (it may have you enter your personal information) then it will ask you for your organization's code (or you can enter "Johnson Elementary"). The Johnson Elementary Code is **10250**. Click on "save" and you are enrolled. It's that easy! You will now be earning money for Johnson every time you shop at City Market.

Anyone can participate in this -- not just parents of Johnson Students. Tell Grandma and Grandpa, aunts and uncles, cousins, friends...

This process takes **less than 15 minutes** and will help earn money for Johnson all year long.

Thank you for helping make Johnson an outstanding school for our kids.

If you have any questions you can contact Jennifer Burris at [jen.burris80@gmail.com](mailto:jen.burris80@gmail.com)

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## Save the Date - Everyone Welcome

The next PTC meeting is on Wednesday, September 24th at 6:00pm in the JES library. Child care is provided by our friends from Montrose High school.

Future PTC meeting dates: October 8<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup> (note change from the 22<sup>nd</sup> due to P/T Conferences), November 12<sup>th</sup>, and December 10<sup>th</sup>.