

Important Dates

1 Hour Early Dismissal

Wednesday, April 5th @2:35 p.m.Wednesday, April 12th @2:35 p.m.Wednesday, April 19th @2:35 p.m.Wednesday, April 26th @2:35 p.m.

3 Hour Early Dismissal

Friday, April 28th @12:35 p.m.

1st Grade Music Concert

Thursday, April 13th 6:00 p.m.

2nd Grade Music Concert

Thursday, April 13th 7:15p.m.

Kindergarten Music Concert

Tuesday, April 25th @6:30 p.m.

BC PTO Meeting

Tuesday, April 11th

THINK PINK!

Wednesday, April 19th

Pod Racing to the Furnish Line

BCPTO Fundraiser

Thursday, April 27th

BC Fine Arts Night

Thursday, April 27th 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

IT'S OFFICIAL!

June 2nd, 2017 is the last student day for the 2016/2017 school year. It will be a **full school day** on that day, 8:40-3:35 p.m. The **5th grade send off** will be at 3:05 p.m. on that day. Come join us as our 5th graders take the high five walk around the building!



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Pod Racing to the Furnish Line!

"Pod Racing to the Furnish Line" is the theme of this year's PTO Spring Fundraiser, which is raising funds to add collaborative furniture into each of the grade-level community areas.

Every student learns differently and these new furnishings will provide more options for our kids to maximize their learning experience. You may have seen samples of these during parent/teacher conferences and will also include items that are becoming more common in the workplace.

On Thursday, April 27th, we will again host a walk/run in a mile loop around the school grounds. The youngest students will be encouraged to complete one lap in 30 minutes, while we will give the older grades 40 minutes to complete up to a 5K (3.1 miles)! Family members are encouraged to join the children during this fun activity or to volunteer to assist us in making this experience a success for students.

Please note – rain date, if needed will be Thursday, May 4th,

Look for more information coming home in backpacks soon!

The schedule for the walk/run event is below:

5 th Grade	8:50-9:30 a.m.
1 st Grade	9:35-10:05 a.m.
KDG	10:10-10:40 a.m.
3rd Grade	1:10-1:50 p.m.
4 th Grade	2:00-2:40 p.m.
2 nd Grade	2:50-3:30 p.m.

The students will walk with their grade level. We invite each of you to help supervise and cheer on the walkers.

FUN in the FIELD

Beaver Creek Field Day is scheduled for Friday, May 19th.

Field day is fast approaching and as with every year, we need parent volunteers to help at the stations.

The Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students will have their field day in the morning this year. Kindergarten, First and Second grade students will have their field day in the afternoon. Specific times and volunteer forms will be sent home soon.

Field Day is organized in a station format so if you choose to volunteer, you will supervise a station.

Field Day would not happen without the numerous volunteers that we have every year! Stay tuned for more

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a **BUSY** month ahead!

A BIG Beaver Creek Thank You to our PTO!!

The Beaver Creek PTO has always been an important part of our school. Throughout the years, their fundraising efforts have enhanced our learning environment and have provided us with materials that our budget could not support. Much of our playground equipment has been installed as a result of their fundraising efforts. The PTO also provides experiences that help broaden our student's horizons and let them experience hands on learning. This year, the PTO has awarded over \$5,000 in grants for teachers.

Don't Miss the Beaver Creek Art Show Thursday April 27th!

The Louvre has nothing on Beaver Creek!

Come visit the Beaver Creek Art Show on Thursday, April 27th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and enjoy a walk around the building to see the variety of displayed artwork that has been created by our students. Two and three dimensional pieces, clay sculptures, printmaking, fiber weaving work and more will be on display!

Do you have a future Beaver Creek Kindergartener or know someone who does?

Please have them contact the Beaver Creek office to reserve a spot at one of our Kindergarten meetings on **Tuesday, May 2nd** when parents and students can learn all about Kindergarten for 2017/2018!

Meeting Times Are:

9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m. or 4:00 p.m

All meetings will last 30-45 minutes and will include activities for students and an information session for parents.

BC Office	278-6228
BC Fax	278-1049
BC KTC	278-6668
BC Nurse	278-6016
Transportation	278-8149
Nutrition	278-0278

We're CELEBRATING!

Beaver Creek staff and students will salute the BC Class of 2010/JHS Grad Class of 2017 on Friday, May 12th at 3:15 p.m.

Members of the Beaver Creek 5th grade class of 2010 have been invited back for a sendoff and reception. We look forward to seeing this class of Beaver Creek "alums" back in the building on May 12th!

Jump Rope for Heart Results

Way to go Beaver Creek! We raised \$10,824.83 during our Jump Rope for Heart unit in PE class! This money will fund lifesaving scientific research and critically needed education efforts in regards to cardiovascular wellness. The American Heart Association and the PE Department thank you for your participation!

Mark Your Calendar! Beaver Creek BBQ is May 22nd!

The Annual BC BBQ is scheduled for Monday, May 22nd. Look for more information including a pre-order ticket form coming home in April.

We love seeing our families come enjoy the BBQ prepared by Johnston Kitchen staff including your choice of hamburger, hotdog or veggie burger.

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Classroom Assignments

As we get closer to the end of this school year, we begin to focus on what will take place the next school year. One of the big tasks in front of us is creating class lists for next year. This task is taken seriously and continues throughout the summer. The following is written in our Elementary Parent/Student handbook regarding parent input for the next year:

Careful attention is given to the process of determining class sections. Johnston has attempted in the past to provide reasonable class sizes. However, other considerations are given to this process. The number one priority is to create class sections which will best fit the needs of the individual students involved.

Many factors are considered in balancing of classroom assignments. For example, classes may be balanced in terms of the number of students, boys/girls, personality, students with special needs, and ability. Occasionally the separation of students has a part of the process. Relatives, close friends and personality clashes are factors considered when separating students from one another. The intent is to create a classroom setting that is beneficial to the students and does not inhibit teaching staff from doing the best possible job. The public must be aware that the placement of students is a task that is not taken lightly. There is considerable time and effort put into the process.

With this in mind, the school does not accept requests for specific teachers; however, parents may provide the school with input regarding their child's learning needs. They should put their concerns in writing and address it to the attention of the building principal before May 1 (Please note that if your child will be attending a different Johnston school next year, you will need to send your roster feedback communication to the new school).

The principal has the authority to make the final decision regarding the membership of any given class.

We will release our teacher assignments in early August via US Mail. It is necessary for us to wait until late summer to accommodate the growth that occurs in our district. Please contact your child's attendance center if you have any questions.

Registration Changes for 2017/2018

This year, we are excited to bring you an advancement in the school registration process. Starting **April 28**, families and students re-enrolling to the district for the 2017-18 school year can [register online!](#) No paper packets will be sent to homes as in years past.

Online Registration Information

Parents wishing to re-enroll their child(ren) in the district should log into their [Infinite Campus parent portal](#) and begin the process on April 28. Instead of filling out multiple forms for each child, parents will verify the current information on their child and approve it for the upcoming school year. This applies to all children who have been enrolled in the district, including the 4-year-old preschool and developmental kindergarten programs. If you have a new student to the Johnston Community School District, you can enroll them within the portal link as well.

On the district's [Infinite Campus webpage](#), there is a link for help with logins. Simply use this link and the information will be sent in a timely manner. We suggest using a tablet or desktop computer to complete re-enrollment. The information may be hard to view on a smartphone screen.

Changes to a child's existing information can be made within the parent portal. If new information is needed – additional immunizations, for example – a link will be available for you or your medical provider to fill out a form, which is then uploaded when the registration is completed or sent directly to your school building nurse. Once the registration application has been submitted and approved, parents will receive a link to [Revttrak](#) to pay students fees by either credit card or e-check.

Families who may not have access to a computer/internet connection are encouraged to call any of the schools in the district and set up a time to come in to the school and complete registration from a school-provided computer. School secretaries will be able to assist with the registration process if needed.

If you have questions regarding online registration, please contact Andrea Eustice, our district enrollment specialist, at (515) 278-0470 or by emailing enrollment@johnston.k12.ia.us. Information and the registration link will be available online April 28: <http://www.johnstoncsd.org/district/school-registration/>.



F.A.Q. Our family is moving at the end of the school year— what do I need to do?

If your family is moving to a new residence at any time, including the end of the school year, it is important to contact the Beaver Creek office so that we can help you with your transition. You will need to advise us of your new address, and the name of the new elementary school if known, so we can forward academic and health records once they are requested by your new school.

If you are moving within the Johnston Community School District, we can help you determine which school your student will attend. Within Johnston, every effort is made to have you attend the elementary school whose boundaries your residence falls within. Contact the Beaver Creek office at 278-6228 to discuss your move.