

Important Dates

1 Hour Early Dismissal

Wednesday, Feb 1st @2:35 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb 8th @2:35 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb 15th @2:35 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb 22nd @2:35 p.m.

No School Day

Monday, February 20th

Johnston Purple Party

Saturday, Feb 4th

5th Grade Band Concert

Mon, Feb 13th @6:30 p.m. in the Gym

BC PTO Mtg

Tues, February 14th 6:30 pm @ BC LMC

Valentine Celebration

Friday, Feb 14th @2:45

Think PINK! Cancer Awareness

Wed, Feb 22nd

BC Phone Numbers

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

Welcome to February!

Our one hundredth day of school took place on January 31. This is a sign that we are well past the halfway point of our school year, and great learning is taking place. Our classrooms are filled with hardworking students and staff members.

Take a few moments to review some of your student's work from the start of the year and the work currently being done. I am confident you will notice considerable growth.

Our second trimester is finished on Wednesday, March 1, and parent teacher conferences will occur in early March. Please be sure to schedule your conference using the online schedule system found at:

www.schoolbookings.net/code?ecode=3ahbv

Valentine Celebration Party and Card Info

Our classrooms will follow a shortened schedule on Tuesday, February 14 to allow for Valentine's Day Parties. These will start around 2:45.

Due to allergy concerns, **candy will not be allowed** to be exchanged with Valentine's Day Cards. We suggest pencils, stickers, erasers or other trinkets if your child wants to give something besides a card to classmates.

A treat will be provided by the school, similar to what we do at the Winter Parties.

I ♥ BC!



Take Note!

The fifth grade band and vocal concert of the year will be held on Monday, February 13th at 6:30.

The band concert will take place in the Beaver Creek gym.



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Can you **BELIEVE** it?
We are past the halfway
point of the school year!

2017/2018 Kindergarten Registration

Students who will be five as of September 15th, 2017 can register for Kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year. This year we are offering online registration for our incoming Kindergarten students using the following link:

<http://www.johnstoncsd.org/district/school-registration/>.

Students new to Johnston (not current DK or PreK students can register online now. Students who are currently DK or PreK students will wait to register when re-enrollment opens later in March.

In addition, later this spring, we will have Kindergarten visits at Beaver Creek for prospective Kindergarten students and their parents. The Kindergarten visits will take place at Beaver Creek on Tuesday, May 2nd at 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please contact the Beaver Creek office to sign up for a visit time.

Please call the Beaver Creek office at 278-6228 if you have any questions.

Looking for something to do
this weekend?

Don't forget about the district
Purple Party this
Saturday, February 4th
from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.
at Johnston High School

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PTO is on the Move!

All School Roller Skating Party

Tuesday, Feb 28th 6:00-8:00 pm
\$4.00 per person
Skate North 5621 Meredith Drive

Pod Racing to the Furnish Line Spring Fundraiser 5K/1 Mile Walk-Jog

Date: April 27th
Rain Date: May 4th

Proceeds will go to purchasing furniture for community areas at Beaver Creek

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located inside the building currently in the main entrance, next to the office windows. If you have a missing item, please check the lost and found area when you are in the building.

Gloves, mittens and hats are in well labeled boxes under the tables. Coats and sportswear items are folded on the table.

Please make sure to mark your students' items with their name. This includes sweatshirts, outerwear, gym shoes, boots and cold weather accessories.

Attendance

Your student's attendance at school is critical to their success. Please be sure to have students in class by 8:40 a.m. each morning. If your student is not attending for any reason, please be sure to notify the Beaver creek office at 278-6228 or the Beaver Creek nurse at 278-6016.

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A Reminder on the "24 hour rule" And the rest of the JCSD Health Policy

Students with the following symptoms may be sent home:

1. Temperature of 100F or above (free for 24 hours before returning to school)
2. Vomiting (free for 24 hours before returning to school)
3. Diarrhea (free for 24 hours before returning to school)
4. Unexplained abdominal pain
5. Sever cold and/or cough
6. Unexplained skin eruptions or rash
7. Swelling, redness, tenderness, discharge of eyes
8. Communicable disease
9. Any health condition that in the nurse's judgment is of concern for the child's or others' health

Medical absence of 5 consecutive school days (all elementary schools and Summit MS) and 3 consecutive school days (JMS and JHS) requires written verification from a physician, including any restrictions, for readmission to school.

Students who wish to participate in school-sponsored activities must attend school the entire day of the activity unless permission has been given by the principal for the student to be absent (see Policy [501.12](#)).

For the safety of all students and staff, we appreciate your adherence to the district health policy.

F. A. Q

I'm having a party, or want to arrange a play date – how do I invite a friend?

We are unable to give out our student and family contact information (phone numbers, addresses or email addresses) but do understand that you may want to invite classmates to a birthday party or play date. You can bring **stamped** invitations with the names of students you wish to invite to your party, and we will address and mail them for you.

If you want to contact a parent to arrange a play date, please email me at jsparland@johnston.k12.ia.us giving me authorization to share YOUR contact information, and I will contact the other parent and request them to contact you.

TIERS Reading Update K-3 Focus

Johnston Schools would like to remind you of a 2014 Iowa Law that was changed to support statewide literacy efforts for students in Iowa. This law requires that Iowa's school children read at grade level by third grade. As a result, the rules below were put into effect in order to improve reading within the state. We know you want your child to be successful in his/her education. All staff in Johnston want your child to be successful with learning in the classroom as well. Making all children successful is our business! The ability to read is critical to your child's success in school.

During January/February we will complete universal screening assessments in reading at our school in grades K-3 through TIER approved testing. Students will either meet the benchmarks and be deemed proficient or be identified as at-risk or substantially deficient. These terms are required by state law by use in all Iowa schools and they are new for us to share with you. At-risk term means a student is showing difficulty in the area of reading during one screening period and substantially deficient means a child has shown difficulty in the area of reading over two universal screening periods. Testing periods occur three times a year, fall-winter-spring.

School Implications

Students are identified as having a substantial difficulty when

- 1) their reading skills are below grade level on screening tests and
- 2) they are making minimal progress.

At our school, we are doing the following, as required by Iowa law, to support students who have been identified as having substantial reading difficulties:

Progress Monitoring:

All students who are identified as persistently at-risk are required to receive weekly progress monitoring. This allows schools to monitor the improvement students are making toward end-of-year goals (i.e., spring benchmark) given the intervention they receive.

Intensive Interventions:

All students identified as persistently at-risk are required to receive intervention to remediate their reading difficulties. This intervention is required to continue until the student meets grade level expectations at the next screening period.

We will be sending home reports with all students, like we did in the Fall sharing your child's results. One difference is that students identified as persistently at-risk will also receive letters home by mail in February. We alert you to this in this newsletter as this is a new requirement for us as well. We look forward to partnering with you in order to improve your child's reading skills.

A great site provided by the state on literacy support is www.iowareadingresearch.org. This site has a wealth of resources and information for you to review and tips for working with your child. Please contact your building principal with any questions or concerns. This is a new process for us and we want to communicate clearly with all parents along our learning journey. Our goal is to help each and every student reach their highest potential.