



Johnson Elementary School

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Preparing Today's Child for Tomorrow's World

Dear Johnson Parents,

May has arrived and there is a lot going on between now and the end of the current school year. On Monday, May 11, our sixth grade students are visiting Webber Middle School for a tour of the building. They will have the opportunity to ask many questions and meet with different Webber staff during their visit. On Tuesday, May 11, our fifth grade students have the opportunity to visit Webber Middle School as well. These tours are an important part of our transition preparation for students as they move into the middle school in the fall of 2009. Our final transition event, "Spring Forward" was a big success. We had plenty of pizza, good music and bouncy fun. It was awesome!

We are hosting our first annual Kick Ball tournament for fifth and sixth grade students on May 26th. We will play kick ball from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. and then enjoy some refreshing ice cream. All fifth and sixth grade students will receive their yearbook/autograph book on May 27th. This is also the day of our annual talent show. We have some very creative kids and we want to give them a chance to show their stuff. During the afternoon of the 27th, students in kindergarten – fifth grade will have the opportunity to meet their teacher for next year. This is a fun time to meet new faces and to prepare for the move to the next grade level. The promotion ceremony for fifth grade will be on May 28th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the main gym. The promotion ceremony for the sixth grade will be on May 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the main gym. Immediately following the final promotion ceremony, all fifth and sixth grade students will be released to attend the promotion pool party at Westfield Pool. We will have music, food and fun for everyone.

We are currently in the process of building balanced class lists of students moving to the next grade level. Our goal is to build balanced groups of students that give all learners the support they need academically and emotionally and that continue the strong, caring relationships between students and teachers as our students move through their elementary education. The staff at Johnson Elementary is second to none. We truly value the learning needs of all students who come through our doors. These completed class lists will be posted on the front entry of Johnson no later than Wednesday, May 27th.

Some of our current staff members are beginning new adventures outside of Johnson Elementary. Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Stalnaker, Ms. Shanahan, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Balfany and Mrs. Poppe are all wonderful educators who have made incredible contributions to the lives of those students who have been in their classrooms. Our school has been blessed to have you as a part of our team. You are all loving, caring, committed professionals and your hard work has never gone unnoticed. Good luck in your future endeavors. We will truly miss you!

Finally, thank you again to all of our parents for our marvelous volunteer support and hard work over the course of this school year. You do great things for our students and without your support, our school would not be the same. I truly appreciate the countless hours that you have donated to Johnson Elementary. You too are fabulous Thunderbirds!

Sincerely,

Will Allen

Principal