

Janssen Journal

October Issue, 2020

Dates to Remember:

October

15 PTO Mtg. @ 6:00—
Civic Center parking
lot
16 2:00 Dismissal
29 & 30 No School

November

5 End of Quarter
12 & 16 Parent/
Teacher Conferences,
2:00 Dismissal
20 Noon Dismissal
26 & 27 No School

Hello Janssen Families,

Last month I shared with you the good things that our students and staff were doing in keeping safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. Good practices are continuing. I am amazed how aware our students are and how they are helping each other. A big thanks to our parents for also helping us keep students and staff safe. A great example that includes all of us working together is morning drop-off. Everyone is doing their part.

I am also amazed on how our students are behaving as readers, writers, and mathematicians. This is happening because they want to be here to have positive experiences as learners. As a staff, we will continue to build positive relationships with our students so they know we care about them. A great example is during whole group reading time: students are comfortable to share their thinking and ask good questions.

Our students grow in the environment around them. These experiences build on their confidence—"I can do this" (first grade student) and "I am not there yet" (fourth grade student). These are examples of our students noticing themselves as being problem solvers—one of our district's goals. We are able to witness these examples because our students find their work meaningful.

To our amazing parents, please continue to talk with your children about this pandemic and together practice being safe in the community. When any issue comes up at school, please talk with your children's teachers. We are not looking for perfection during these times. We are looking for awareness, understanding and practice. Together we will make the adjustments and improve.

Sincerely,

Hercules Nikolaou, Ph.D.
Principal

We Need *you*

We want our schools to remain open. To do that, we need your support. How can you help?



- ✓ Keep your child home if they are ill.
- ✓ Keep your child home if they have been tested for COVID until results are known.
- ✓ AVOID LARGE GATHERINGS.

Check us out:

www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/schools/janssen-elementary, Twitter: @JanssenElem, PTO on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/janssenpto>

IMPORTANT UPDATE: SWITCHING FROM IN PERSON TO ONLINE INSTRUCTION

Originally the district offered parents and students the opportunity to switch to online instruction at any time. As the district continues to respond to changing conditions, that approach must be adjusted.

Beginning on October 12, 2020 students will be allowed to switch into online learning only at the Quarter mark. Parents should give at minimum a two week notice of their intention so that the district has time to prepare.

- Start of Quarter 2: Friday, November 6, 2020 (Requests must be received by October 23)
- Start of Quarter 3: Monday, January 18, 2021 (Requests must be received by January 4)
- Start of Quarter 4: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 (Requests must be received by March 9)

There are two reasons for this change. First, space in the online program is becoming very limited, and we can no longer support continual and ongoing changes. Secondly, students switching at random times are experiencing too great a disruption in their learning experience. For the sake of the students' learning, it is better to switch at a defined stopping point like quarter/semester.

As has been the case since the start of the school year, students are allowed to switch back to in person learning at the beginning of the quarter only.

We thank everyone for your understanding as we continue to balance the safety of our community with the high quality learning experience we have here in Kimberly.

JANSSEN COUNSELOR CORNER

Happy October Everyone!

Here are some of the things happening in Life Skills classes and around Janssen for the month of October:

National Bullying Prevention Month

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Schools all across the country will be focusing on instructing students about bullying and how to handle bullying. For all Life Skills classes I will be doing two lessons that address bullying. These lessons have already begun and will occur over the next three weeks. So if your child comes home talking about being an "upstander" instead of a "bystander", have them tell you what that means and why it is important.

Students will also be discussing bullying in their classrooms with their teachers. PBIS will also be sponsoring dress up days and a coloring contest. Of course our discussion of this topic does not end once October is over. We reinforce the importance of a positive school environment by focusing on the values of our Janssen Way and by working with our students on social and emotional skills to handle conflicts and problems.

Seasons Change...

Fall is definitely upon us. Please remember to send your children to school with the appropriate attire for the weather. Students go outside for recess two times a day, weather permitting, so please ensure that they are bundled up.

Taking Care of Ourselves

We all know that this has been and continues to be a very stressful time for most of us. Please remember to take some time to take care of your family's mental health. I have several videos and strategies posted on my website that can help you and your kids take a breath and take a little time to settle the storm inside that gets whirled up with all of the stress around us.

You can find these tips and videos under the "coping strategies" tab on my website, which you can access here:

<https://sites.google.com/kimberly.k12.wi.us/msmcormick>

I hope everyone is having a great start to fall!
See you here in November!

Katie McCormick

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EMERGENCY MEDICATION

Please be aware that emergency medications that are provided for use during the school day will not be accessible before or after school hours. Parents and students must plan ahead to have emergency medication available during school activities such as clubs and sports. If an emergency arises and a student does not have their emergency medication available, 911 will be called.

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS NEEDED!

Are you interested in helping out at school but just don't know how or when? Or do you know somebody (grandma, grandpa, etc.) who would like help? If so, we have a great opportunity for you. We are looking for a lunchroom supervisors Monday-Friday from 10:45-12:45. **AND THIS IS A PAID POSITION!**

If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Laurie in the office at 788-7915.

JANSSEN PBIS MONTHLY NEWS

Each year we start with a reminder of what PBIS stands for and what it means for Janssen. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. PBIS is an approach to discipline that creates safer, more effective schools by reinforcing positive behavior and preventing and addressing problem behavior. PBIS consists of several tiers. Our tier 1 team focuses on our whole school community by creating universal expectations and behavior lessons, a positive rewards system, as well as yearly behavioral themes. The tier 2 team works to address issues and create re-teaching lessons or interventions for small groups or individual students. We plan on sharing monthly notes in the newsletter that give you updates on themes, news items, and celebrations.

This year things will look a little different for PBIS as our focus will be on perfecting our routines, especially when it comes to hand-washing and social distancing. We will also not be doing some of the whole school celebrations we have done in the past. However, we are working on ways to keep things fun and motivating so that our students continue to feel engaged and inspired to follow the Janssen Way.

Below are some highlights for plans this year as well as some reminders about PBIS themes:

The Janssen Way

As always, our Janssen Way is to be kind, honest, respectful, and responsible. These are the values that anchor our PBIS system and our entire school community.

Theme

Our PBIS theme this year is a continuation of our theme last year, Outer Space! We have updated our tagline to "To the Janssen Way and Beyond".

Bulldog Tickets

Students can earn bulldog tickets or "dog bones" for exhibiting the Janssen Way. These tickets can then be entered for a weekly drawing for a prize or others prizes and rewards as determined by the classroom teacher. In addition, students also have a chance to earn Bulldog Pride Tickets which are given to students who have gone above and beyond to show the Janssen Way. These tickets are to acknowledge that excellent behavior and are to be taken home to show parents the great choices their child has made.

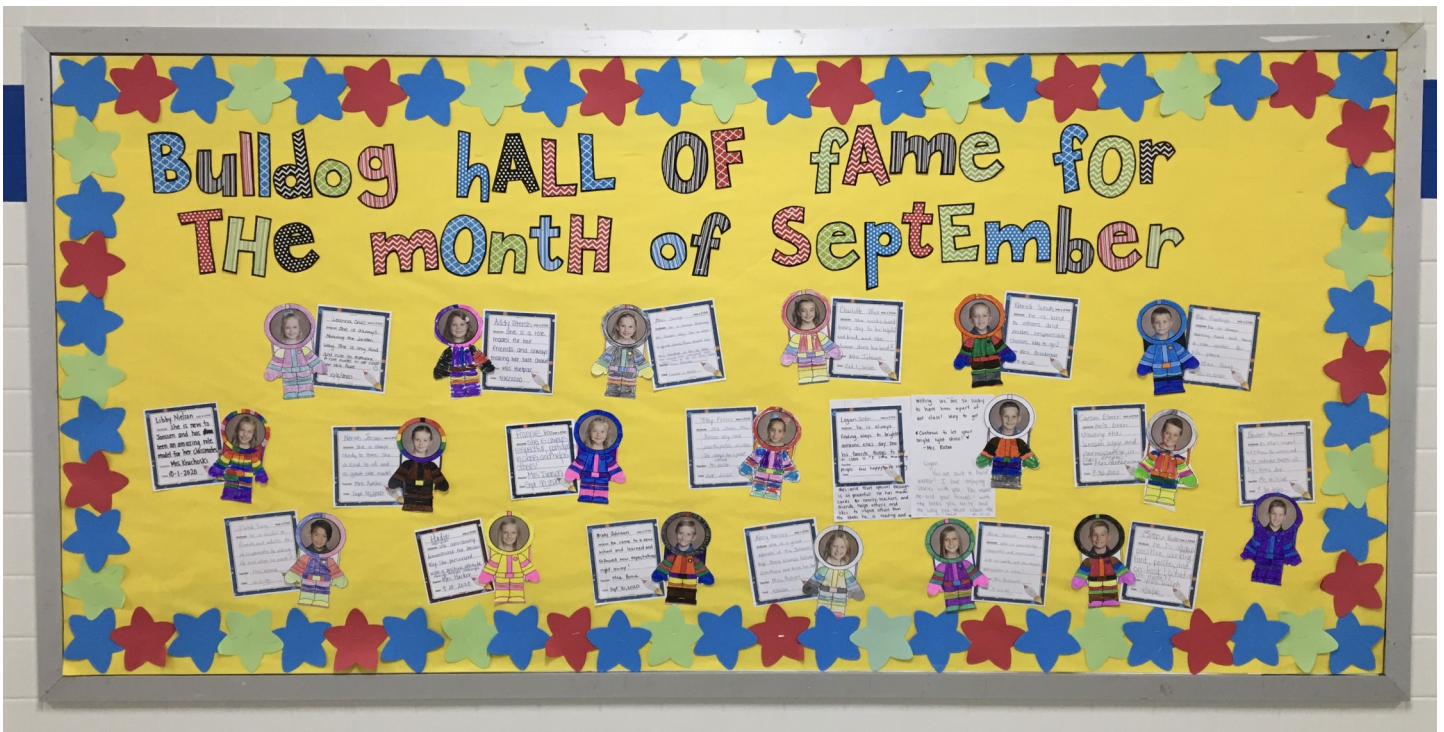
Star of the Month

Each month teachers will be selecting a student as their classroom Star of the Month. This will be a student who has consistently shown the Janssen Way and acts as a good role model for his/her classmates.

Bullying Prevention Month

To highlight Bullying Prevention month, during the month of October, PBIS will sponsor dress up days, as well as a coloring contest. At Janssen, we pledge to be bully free!

SEPTEMBER STARS!



These students show an exceptional job of the Janssen Way and are role models for the other students in our school! You can look for their Star award on the bulletin board displayed outside the office. Way to go!

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Maci Savage, Addy Storch, Charlotte Weir, Leanna Crull

Grade 1

Patrick Schuh, Ben Randolph, Tilley Peters, Logan Joosten

Grade 2

Frannie Nelson, Norah Jensen, Libby Nielson, Carson Elmer

Grade 3

Brady Johnson, Hadie VanderWielen, Caleb Yang, Avery Harvey

Grade 4

Allie Nelson, Evan Troestler, Beckett Hermus