

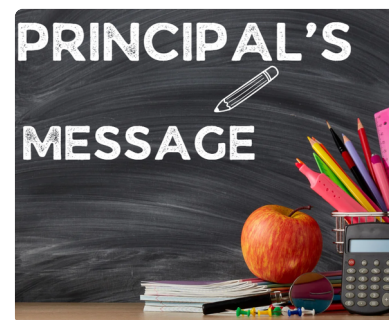
SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Summit Families,

Summit students are working hard in the classroom! We want to continue to highlight their efforts! Each week staff are able to submit a positive behavior referral for students. In turn, these students' names are put into a drawing for a prize! We are so proud of students who continue to set the bar high!



Conferences:

We would like to give a special shoutout to all of the families that donated drinks and/or desserts! Your efforts were greatly appreciated!

Winter Apparel:

When the weather permits, students will go outside for recess following lunch. Please make sure that your student is dressed appropriately for the weather. If you are in need of resources, please reach out to one of our counselors, Mrs. Brock, Ms. DeMoss, or Mrs. Heston.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4th

NO SCHOOL - STAFF DEVELOPMENT

December 5th

PTO MEETING - 7PM IN THE LIBRARY

December 22nd - January 1st

NO SCHOOL- WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 2ND

NO SCHOOL - STAFF DEVELOPMENT

JANUARY 3RD

STUDENTS RETURN FROM BREAK



SUMMIT CHORUS CONCERTS

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 12th

6th Grade at SMS

A day choirs- 6:00pm

B day choirs- 7:00pm

DECEMBER 14th

7th Grade at JHS

Boys Chorus- 6:00pm

Girls Chorus- 7:00pm



AMAZON WISHLIST FOR TEACHERS

Looking for an easy way to support our staff and students at Summit? We've got an Amazon Wish List with items that each community is requesting. Please consider ordering from here and having them shipped to Summit!



School Wide - General

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3I1ZA00AIWR8X>

6th Grade - Adventure

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1J9Q08420Z88E>

6th Grade - Expedition

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/9K9R07A0TIK8>

6th Grade - Odyssey

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2IU4MDP9YDXC4>

7th Grade - Journey

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7th Grade - Mission

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2B8Z5Z4QI08E6>

7th Grade - Voyage

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3UZQE4H9DJS94>

Art, PE, Band, Music

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3BNNN8HXM0Y0T>

PLTW, Family Consumer Science

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/25I7HRYIJKLAR>

Special Education

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/RXHX8HYRT9VK>

Thank you for the support to our amazing teachers and staff with donations of both Kleenex and wishlist items!

JCSD SHOP



Need new Dragon apparel? Now is the time to order just in time for the holidays! Please be sure to use our school code "SMS" for us to earn credit and get free shipping! Lots of amazing designs! Sale is open until December 16th!

<https://www.shopjcsd.org/pages/pto-fundraiser>

NEW PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF GUIDELINES

We have updated our pick-up/drop-off guidelines to ensure everyone stays safe:

- **1. OUR PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP. PLEASE USE THE CARPOOL LANE DURING THESE TIMES.**
- **2. When in the carpool lane for pick-up & drop-off please pull your vehicle all the way up behind the car in front of you. If you are first in line, please drive past the entrance and stop at the second light pole.**



- 3. Staff will be on duty at the front of the building from 7:25 AM - 7:40 AM for arrivals.
- 4. Staff will also be on duty from 2:50 PM- 3:00 PM for dismissal.

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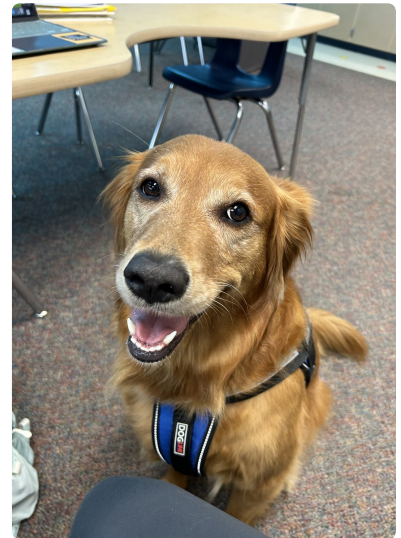
A Johnston city ordinance states that drivers are not allowed to block a crosswalk under any circumstances. When a crosswalk is blocked, Crossing Guards are not allowed to assist students across the street until the crosswalk is clear. It also creates issues for neighborhood walkers, joggers and cyclists.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we continue to work together to keep our students safe.

SUMMIT THERAPY DOGS

MEET WINNIE

Winnie is Mrs. Larson's four year old golden retriever. She stays primarily in Mrs. Larson's room and the Voyage community, where she helps the students regulate their emotions and boosts morale for everyone. According to Mrs. Larson, the difference Winnie makes in both the students' and fellow teachers' lives has been one of the coolest experiences as a teacher. Although Winnie is home with her mom while on maternity leave, she will be eager to meet all the new students and see her old friends in November.



MEET WRANGLER & WRIGLEY

Wrangler and Wrigley are two of Summit's Therapy Dogs that continue to make a positive impact on students and staff at Summit Middle School. Students are welcomed each morning with their wagging tails and are ready to make their day better. Wrigley has joined many classrooms helping promote a positive learning environment and Wrangler is a frequent request to join our school counselors. Loving and loveable, Wrangler and Wrigley are friendly companions and good listeners who make no judgments.



MEET DEX

Dex is one of the therapy dogs at school. He is a red fox lab. He will be 2 years old in October, and he is the only boy dog that is in the building. He loves to help kids while they are in class. His owner, Michelle Guerdet, loves taking him for walks and volunteering at On With Life. His favorite food is hot dogs and turkey deli meat. He only gets these on special occasions. Dex is looking forward to the 2023-2024 school year.

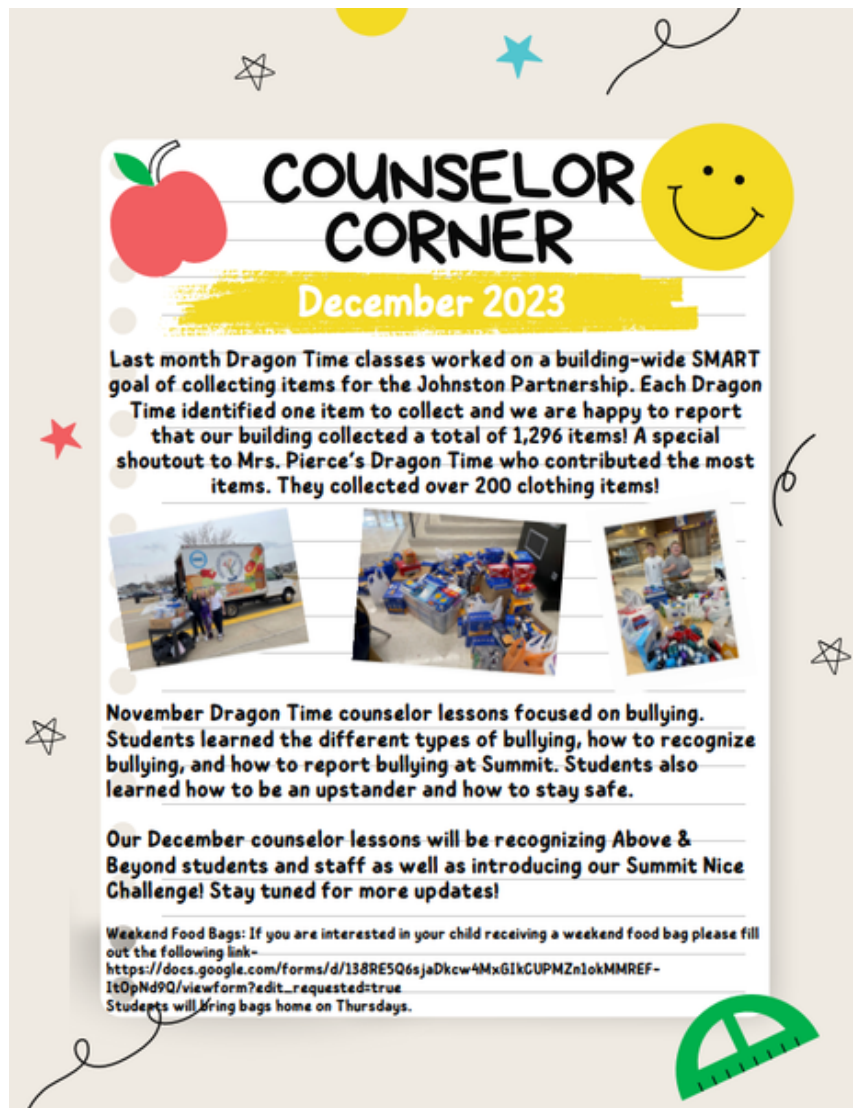


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COUNSELOR CORNER



MOCK TRIALS - ON TO STATE!

Summit 7th grade members of the Johnston Middle Schools Mock Trial Teams Purple, Gold, and Dragon competed at the 2023 Iowa Middle School Mock Trial State Tournament on Nov. 27 and 28 at the Iowa Events Center - Community Choice Credit Union Veteran's Auditorium. Team Gold finished in 11th place and Team Dragon tied for 12th place. Several student portrayals as attorneys or witnesses were cited as being outstanding by judges.



Congratulations to all Summit students who participated at the Mock Trial State Tournament.

Team Purple: Tansi Bandaru, Elyse Baugh, Quinn Heeren, Paavani Konda, Thavanesh Yalla

Team Gold: Harper Allison, Norah Baker, Kole Kirklin, Alex Ren, Sofie Stanek

Team Dragon: Alana Fox, Brady Laursen, Irene Lin, Meredith Kathman, Laasya Ramolla

Members of Team Firestorm just missed qualifying for State, but have worked hard to help their peers prepare for the State Tournament. A heartfelt thanks to Izzy Arnold, Strummer Boone, Shrena Dendi, Anmol Gonchigar, and Ella Maki. These team members have assisted our high school, attorney, and teacher coaches as our teams prepared for State.

All Summit Mock Trial team members will be presenting their Mock Trial journey during the ELP Community Showcase on Friday, January 5, 2024.

STUDENT ABSENCES VIA INFINITE CAMPUS

If your child will be absent or needs to leave early or arrive late due to an appointment or another reason, please follow the attached steps showing you how to send us the absence request through Infinite Campus. This helps limit the number of emails and phone calls to the attendance person and allows us to get the attendance added correctly and more efficiently.

Infinite Campus portal:

https://johnstonia.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/johnston.jsp?fbclid=IwAR1AAjsZATC2wabpqOeJXlyryXqxVC_pXdaNXAOebk1y88-LqqnXPbUuGk0

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