

# SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 2023

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Conferences:

Summit Families,

We've had an amazing start to the 23-24 school year! Students and staff alike have achieved and exceeded the expectations that have been established! We are excited to welcome you all either in-person or via Google Meet to hear about your student(s)' progress at this point in the school year! Please remember to schedule a time to meet with your student(s)' basecamp teacher. Conferences will be held Thursday, November 9th! If this day does not work for your family, teachers may also offer times to conference until November 21st. We look forward to seeing you!



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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### November 9th

3 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL - 11:50AM

P/T CONFERENCES - 1:30PM TO 8PM

### November 10th

NO SCHOOL- P/T COMP DAY

### November 13th -21st

P/T CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

### NOVEMBER 21ST

END OF FIRST TRIMESTER

### NOVEMBER 22ND - 24TH



## MISSION STUDENTS GIVING BACK

Students in Mission wanted to give back to our community so they collected 190 items for the Johnston Partnership.



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## 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



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## SUMMIT NOVEMBER BAND CONCERTS



### Monday, November 13 - 6th Grade Fall Band Concerts, Summit Cafetorium

Mrs. Green's students - 5:30 performance (warmup at 5:10)

Mrs. Tipping's students - 6:30 performance (warmup at 6:10)

*\*Students will need to wear all black*

### Tuesday, November 14 - 7th Grade Fall Band Concerts, Summit Cafetorium

Gold band - 5:30 performance (warmup at 5:15)

Purple band - 6:30 performance (warmup at 6:15)

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## MOCK TRIALS

Middle School Mock Trial competitions have begun! Students from SMS and JMS on Team Dragon, Team Firestorm, Team Purple & Team Gold will compete at the Des Moines Regional Competition on November 8 at the Iowa Events Center and, for those who qualify for play-off rounds, on November 9 at the Holiday Inn and Suites - Northwest. Those who qualify for the State Tournament will compete on Nov. 27 - 28 at the Iowa Events Center, with the remaining four teams competing at the Iowa Judicial Branch building on November 29. Best of luck to all and #godragons! #johnstonlearns #mockon



Hello Summit Families,

The Scholastic Fall Book Fair is back! The Fair **will open on Thursday, November 9 and run until Thursday, November 16** in the Library. If you are attending in person conferences on November 9, our hours will be 10 am - 8 pm. All other days, the book fair will be open from 10 am - 2 pm.

Please note that all purchases will be subject to sales tax, so plan ahead when sending cash.

**Please visit our Book Fair home page for volunteer sign up, eWallet set up, and online shopping:**

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/summitmiddleschool3>

We look forward to seeing you at the Summit Fall Book Fair!

Questions? Contact Rachel Miller at [rachelmiller07@gmail.com](mailto:rachelmiller07@gmail.com)

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## PICK-UP & DROP-OFF GUIDELINES



Here is some guidance on how to help make pick-up and drop-off traffic flow smoothly:

- 1. Staff will be on duty at the front of the building from 7:25 AM - 7:45 AM for arrivals.
- 2. Staff will also be on duty from 2:50 PM- 3:00 PM for dismissal.



- 3. 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.
- 4. Parking lot drop-offs are not permitted for safety reasons. Please be sure to have an adult escort students to the front door if you prefer to use the parking lot.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

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.

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## **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.



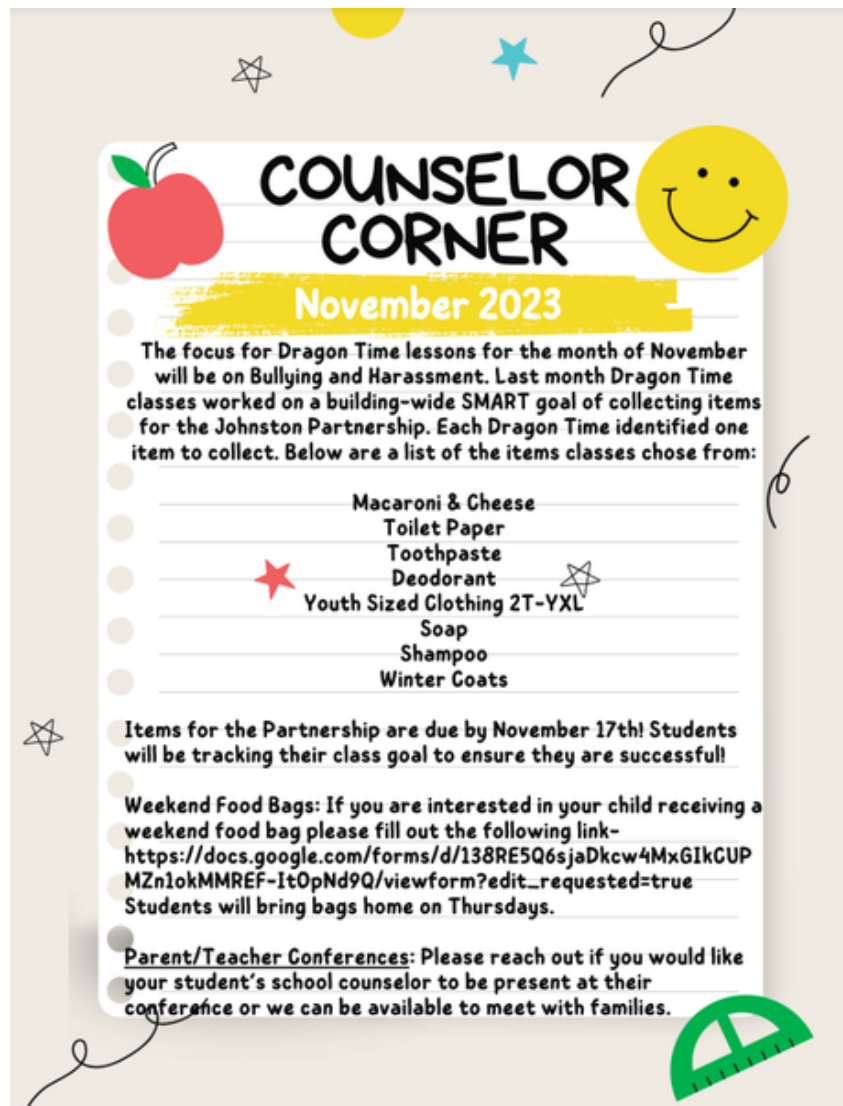
### Therapy Dog Opt Out.pdf

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## COUNSELOR CORNER



## 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=IwAR1AAjsZATC2wabpqOeJXlryXqXVC\\_pXdaNXAOebk1y88-LqgnXPbUuGk0](https://johnstonia.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/johnston.jsp?fbclid=IwAR1AAjsZATC2wabpqOeJXlryXqXVC_pXdaNXAOebk1y88-LqgnXPbUuGk0)

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