



Johnson Elementary

Thunderbird Times Apr 2020

Johnson Elementary
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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Johnson Families,

Our Johnson team has been working diligently to provide continued learning to your children, during our school closure. We miss your children and you very much. This a very strange time for all of us. Despite the challenging world conditions currently, we must begin planning for next school year.

April is the month we begin to plan for the following school year. For the 2020-2021 school year, we anticipate having three classroom teachers at each grade level. One of the most critical and time-consuming tasks for teachers, and for me, during the spring is class placement for the following school year. The procedure we follow to ensure the best classroom environment possible for each child has several steps and takes several meetings. This is a complex process that teachers engage in to form classrooms that are balanced, diverse, and support all learners. Factors that are considered are academic ability, learning style, social and behavioral needs, peer relationships, age, gender, personality, and special needs. Every year, I get a **few** requests for class placement. If you are a family that would like to make a request, you will need to submit your request in writing. Please outline your reasoning for your request. You will need to include academic ability, learning style, social and



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NEW Information

From the Principal's Desk *continued*

behavioral needs, peer relationships, age, gender, personality, and/or special need reasons for your request. **The deadline for submitting requests is Friday, April 24, 2020.** You will need to submit them to me via email with the email title as **Class Placement Request**. We truly value parent/guardian input and will make a best effort to honor requests; however, if we have too many requests, we will not be able to meet them all. We will not honor a request for a particular teacher **and** a friendship request. A family can make one or the other, but not both. Finally, we post class lists in August. **Once these lists are posted, we do not make changes to the classrooms as these changes unravel all the work that went into forming the class in the spring.**

In closing, thank you for making Johnson a great place to be.

Sincerely,

Georgianna Dawson, Principal

Contact: gdawson@psdschools.org

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State Testing Update

Hello Johnson Families,

Please see below the link to an announcement from the Colorado Department of Education about CMAS being canceled for the 2019-2020 school year. This applies to Poudre School District. Though CDE uses the word “paused,” we did confirm directly with CDE that CMAS is **canceled**.

[CDE announces pause on 2019-20 state assessments, accountability](#)

Thank you,

~Stephen Boese, Assistant Principal – Contact: sboese@psdschools.org

Message from Mr. Allen – Counselor

Dear Thunderbird Families,

As we are going through these very different changes together, I want to offer any support I can. please feel free to e-mail me at jallen@psdschools.org if there is any support I can offer.

I am including an article that I found useful as a resource to you. It does a nice job of being short but comprehensive in covering so many things that are on all of our minds: [https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)

As my extended family is here at our house hunkered down together, please know that my Johnson extended family is always in my thoughts as well. I am so blessed to be a part of Team Thunderbird!!!!

~Jason Allen, School Counselor – Contact: jallen@psdschools.org

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Stay Informed through the PSD Website

Visit the [Poudre School District website](#) frequently for the most up to date information on district news. District community updates are emailed to all families in PSD on Thursdays with the next update going out April 9. Updates will be posted on the PSD website by the next day. Click here to find the updates: [Community Updates](#)

Topics in recent updates:

- State, county implement stay-at-home orders; critical services can continue
- Remote learning: #PSDProud moments
- Need support with your student's tech? PSD can help
- Check out these resources: Free digital library, internet access
- Health officials: Physical ("social") distancing more important than ever
- Mental health supports for families
- Play outside, but use caution while doing so
- PSD refunding district athletic participation fees for spring athletes
- New: Families, community can donate to support PSD food distribution efforts
- Make sure you're subscribed to PSD's community newsletter GHH
- Frequently Asked Questions



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TDS - TDS has addressed increased demand of internet connectivity to match customer bandwidth with demand and will offer anyone experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19 uninterrupted connectivity and waive late fees for 60 days. Additionally, the Internet provider says on its website, "If you don't currently have TDS Internet service, but need it for work- or school-at-home scenarios, you can order free Internet service for 60 days."

Comcast- Comcast opened Xfinity WiFi network for free, offers unlimited data for free, and offers two months free internet for low-income families and raising speeds to 25/3 Mbps.

View additional company offerings and services on the [PSD COVID-19 Internet Access web page](#).

Love books? We sure do. While all locations are closed, an extensive digital collection of over 800,000 items is available at no charge through the [Poudre River Library District](#). In our digital world, you can also [tour the Smithsonian](#) and other museums worldwide for free and from the comfort of your own home.

For additional resources, check out the PSD COVID-19 [Family Resources during School Closures web page](#).



Message from Miss England – Art

Dear Parent Community:

I wanted to offer some educational insights for you and your child as it pertains to their education in the arts.

A report published by Harvard’s Project Zero, indicated that “high quality arts education fosters the disposition to make connections across diverse themes, topics, and experiences.”

There are varying standards of value when it comes to which connections should be of focus in the art classroom:

- connections to everyday life or history, communities and culture
- interdisciplinary connections across the curriculum
- connections with content to controversial issues

Regardless of which connections are preferred, “rich connection-making...is a central outcome of high-quality arts learning and teaching.”

I have been encouraging your children as they engage in learning at home over the coming weeks to not just consider making art with a variety of materials, but to incorporate artmaking into their study of other subjects like literacy, math, writing, science and social studies. The arts are a tool for expression and allowing children to utilize the arts to connect to other academic disciplines will further foster their creativity and deepen their abilities to express themselves through the arts. I will be providing a space for student and parent connection as well as learning activities through my website, missenglandsclass.com, which will have a link to 21st century learning opportunities beginning next week. In the meantime, feel free to explore the projects and tools that are already on my website.

~ Miss England, Johnson Art Teacher – Contact: lengland@psdschools.org

Seidl, S., Tishman, S., Winner, E., Hetland, L., & Palmer, P. (2009, June) *The qualities of quality: Understanding excellence in arts education*. Project Zero, Harvard Graduate School of Education. <https://www.wallacefoundation.org/knowledge-center/Documents/Understanding-Excellence-in-Arts-Education.pdf>

Johnson Art Celebrations

Each year I choose the best youth artwork to represent Johnson Elementary School's art program. We wanted to share this exciting news one more time. These were the students who would have represented Johnson at the Art Show:

Kindergarten

Gracie Greenlaw

Collette Lincoln

Joshua Jackson

Makai Pemberton

Asher Sayen

Lola Moreno

Anatella Stallings

First Grade

Nora Osberg

Presley Moreno

Charli Rhamy

Second Grade

Autumn Bartholomew

Adriana Ortiz

Everdeen Wolfe

First Grade

Anthony Bartolone

Wyatt Minton

Eli Fennell

Third Grade

Landen Ferraro

Chase Olsen

~Lindsey England, Johnson Art Teacher – Contact: lengland@psdschools.org

JPTO (Johnson Parent Teacher Organization) News

JPTO General Membership Meeting Update

Our next JPTO General Membership Meeting will be held on March 30th at 6:30 p.m. It will be a virtual meeting. If anyone would like to join who has not been attending the recent meetings, they can email Andrea Evans, JPTO President at JPTO80526@gmail.com to be added to the email list and sent a link.

JPTO is dedicated to supporting our students and families and appreciates input from everyone in our Johnson community.

~Andrea Evans, JPTO President – Contact: JPTO80526@gmail.com

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Message from Mr. Rumbold - PE

Hello Thunderbirds,

I bet some of these questions are on your minds:

- No PE?
- How can we warm up our bods?
- What about Running Club?
- What about Climbing Club?
- What about our Basketball Unit?

My friends, you can still do all these things, maybe not in large groups, like class, but you can do them.

You are already doing fun, active things, sometimes we call it play, sometimes we call it something else. Beginning Monday, April 1st, PE and all the specials teachers will have ideas for you on the [Johnson website](#). And *another option*, **ALL** specials teachers in PSD will have ideas for you to keep your brain and body engaged. Remember the internet is FREE, so go ahead, check out the websites for other schools, also try YouTube for awesome music to dance too. Oh yeah, all classes did a dance warmup, way back in, fall semester. Wasn't that fun!

~ Jim Rumbold, PE Teacher – Contact: jrumbold@psdschools.org

Quick Links:

- [PSD Parent's Page](#)
- [School Fees and Charges](#)
- [Johnson Elementary Website](#)
- [PSD Calendars & Schedules](#)

Science Fair Results

We wanted to share the Science Fair results one more time. Congratulations, students! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's fair a great success!

Overall

Best of Show: **Norah Hathcock**

First Place: **Norah Hathcock**

Second Place: **Grace Williams**

Third Place: **Nick Luca**

Honorable Mention: **Blake Leetham**

Honorable Mention: **Addi Scarlett**

Physical Science

First Place: **Norah Hathcock**

Second Place: **Grace Williams**

Third Place: **Liam Longton**

Third Place: **Blake Leetham**

Behavioral Science

First Place: **Tessa Stiger**

Botany

First Place: **Ava Hughs**

Second Place: **Sophia Macdonald**

Third Place: **Gabby McKinley**

Consumer Science

First Place: **Addi Scarlett**

Second Place: **Marlowe Austin-Groen**

Third Place: **Luella Blatt**

Third Place: **Nour Hamdan**

Earth Science

First Place: **Ada Marweg-Pipkin**

Second Place: **Kylee Nelson & Mara Hunter**

Third Place: **Reid Osberg**

Engineering

First Place: **Elijah Sturm**

Second Place: **Luke Stewart**

Third Place: **Teagan Slota**

Zoology

First Place: **Nick Luca**

Second Place: **Brandi Schramm**

Primary

First Place: **Colby Bass**

Second Place: **Elliana Sturm**

Third Place: **Spencer Strong**

Repeat Information from Previous Newsletters

Online Registration for 2020-21

NEW K-12 students registering at their neighborhood school for the 2020-21 school year can register online. To complete the registration process, parents will need to bring the documents identified on the PSDs School Registration page to our office when schools reopen. Online Registration makes school registration easier for parents and staff. Current PSD parents can use their ParentVUE login and password to register a new student. For questions regarding Online Registration, please call our school office at 970-488-5000.

To enroll new students online for the 2020-21 school year and for information about the process, visit the [PSD Online Registration for New Students web page](#).

District Advisory Board

Johnson Elementary is looking for a parent or community member to represent Johnson on Poudre School District's Advisory Board. The District Advisory Board advises the district on a number of issues and is made up of parent representatives from each school and acts as a link between the community and the district. The DAB gives parents an opportunity to interact and engage with the district. If you are interested in being a DAB representative for your school, please contact Ms. Dawson or Mr. Boese. The DAB meets the first Monday of the month from 7-9pm at the Johannsen Support Services Center located at 2407 Laporte Avenue. You can find more information about the DAB by going to the following link: [District Advisory Board](#)

Johnson Calendar of Events

All future events are on hold until schools are re-opened for in person learning.

Ongoing Fundraisers for Johnson Elementary

American Furniture Warehouse

Shop at any AFW location, online or by phone and mention Johnson Elementary at checkout. Our school will receive 2% donation on any purchase; 4% on Beauty Rest mattresses. Invite others to participate. Friends and Family can help too!

Caps4Cash – Morning Fresh Dairy

Caps4Cash is a Morning Fresh Dairy program where schools earn cash by collecting caps from Morning Fresh Dairy glass bottles. Each cap will be redeemed for 5 cents. We use this fundraiser to help support our Student Council Program.

King Soopers Community Rewards

Johnson has recently been added to the list of nonprofits eligible for funding through their community rewards program. We encourage our families to register your *King SooperCard* and choose Johnson as the designated nonprofit. Go to www.KingSoopers.com

- Scroll all the way down near the bottom of the page where you will see “**Community**” click on it.
- You will then see “**KingSoopers Community Rewards**” click on it.
- In the middle of the page you will see “**enroll now**” click on it.
- Next you will need to add your **email and password**.

(If you’ve never logged in before, but still have a card, you can attach an email and password to your existing number by creating an account)

If you don’t have a card, choose “create an account”.

- A search box will open to select your charity – type “**Johnson PSD**” on the left of the screen. On the right, you can select “**education**” as type. Click on the magnifying glass for the search to work and select your organization.
- There are two Johnson schools listed. The address is with it, so finding our is easy and at the top. (4101 Seneca Street) Click “**enroll**”

You are all set!

Adding this card will not affect your gas points or other discount benefits you receive through King Soopers.

Thank you for helping JPTO raise funds for Johnson Elementary!

~Andrea Evans, JPTO President



Designed by Alex Regan (PHS Student)



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- Unlimited no-cost spaces for children who qualify for special education services
- Full- and half-day no-cost spaces for families that meet admission criteria

The Application Process

*** Your child must be at least 3 years old on or before Oct. 1 to qualify for preschool.**

Applications available online (www.psdschools.org) through the Early Childhood Education page (bit.ly/PSDpreschool). Have questions? Call **970-490-3204** to speak with an enrollment specialist.

- Our eligibility team will work with you to ensure your family qualifies for the available option that will best meet your child's and family's needs.



Locations

- Preschool programs are in 21 of PSD's elementary schools and five additional centers across the district's 1,800 square miles, allowing parents some flexibility based on current needs.
- **Note:** Placement is not guaranteed at your neighborhood school or top-choice location, but we do our best to consider parents' preferences upon admission.

Transportation

- Transportation is available based on many criteria. Please visit the PSD Transportation webpage at www.psdschools.org/programs-services/transportation to learn more about transportation eligibility.
- Children with IEPs may qualify, based upon their disability. Families who meet one or more of the federal definitions for homelessness may also qualify for transportation or reimbursement for transportation.

Eligibility Criteria for No-Cost Programming

Factors taken into consideration when you apply for no-cost programming may include any of the following:



Not sure where to start? Contact us!

We can help address your questions and concerns, and determine whether your needs qualify your family for our program. Call 970-490-3204.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: I'm considering enrolling my child in PSD's Early Childhood Education program but want to make sure I'm researching all opportunities. Where can I learn more about early childhood options in Larimer County?

Answer: To learn more about PSD's programs, call us at **970-490-3204** or visit bit.ly/PSDpreschool. You may also contact the Colorado Shines Child Care Referral at Mile High United Way at 1-877-338-2273 for free referrals to licensed child care providers.

Q: I have difficulty maintaining care for my child due to their unique needs. Would PSD preschool still be an option for our family?

A: If your family meets the selection criteria, the strong and unique supports available to your child will mirror those available to all kids in PSD. You will enjoy partnering with our skilled classroom teaching teams to meet your child's needs. We have strong family mental health supports.

Q: Sometimes, I'm not sure how to deal with my child's challenging behaviors. So far, we've not found a program that works for us. Would PSD be a good fit?

A: Yes. Our trained and compassionate professionals will collaborate with you and your child to develop the best educational plan possible.

Q: How skilled are the type of people who would work with my child?

A: All of PSD's Early Childhood Education teachers meet or exceed Colorado licensing requirements. All our teachers and paraprofessionals are deeply committed to rigorous ongoing professional development and training to ensure they're the best for their students.



Q: I've heard that families and kids enrolled in PSD's Early Childhood Education programs have access to additional services. What do those include?

A: Services for all PSD Early Childhood Education program families include but aren't limited to:

Student screening and evaluations

- We will ask you about your child to determine where they are at developmentally; hearing and vision screening; PSD will collaborate with your pediatrician and other providers to support your child.

Developmentally-appropriate early childhood education

- Delivered by highly-qualified teachers licensed through the Colorado Department of Education. Approximately 60 percent of our teachers hold a master's degree.

Family services and parenting education classes

- Parenting classes; family engagement program; and PACT (Parent and Child Togetherness) events.

Referrals for community resources and services

- Health and dental; mental wellness, food, and housing supports.



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