



Johnson Elementary

Thunderbird Times August 2020

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Johnson Families:

Thank you again for your patience as our school district navigates our desire to get children back into learning and navigating what that should look like during a pandemic. In my last communication, I outlined the goals and guidelines we will follow when we are in face-to-face learning phases. As Johnson positions to meet the challenge of educating all children in a changing environment, we are focused on developing a system that allows us to pivot at a moment's notice from one phase of learning to the next.

Our remote education offering will look different than it did last spring. We hope to keep the things that worked well, and we are committed to making our remote offering easy for students and families to access. To this end, each teacher has a learning page. The learning pages are accessed the same way for each student. We are also launching a new website next week that is easier to use on mobile devices.

You can expect a published, structured schedule of learning for each grade level. An overview of a week's lessons with both synchronous (real time) lessons and asynchronous (time to be determined by you) learning. We will be combining technology and traditional modes of learning.



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We are committed to your child's learning and well-being; to this end, as staff return, we will focus our collaboration on the following to meet the above challenge.

- Development of learning pages, remote learning experiences, and virtual learning experiences
- Prioritizing learning to ensure academic progress
- Plan for social emotional learning for students
- Development of remote learning options for art, music, physical education, and media
- Frequent feedback for students and their learning
- More traditional materials for at home learning
- Plan of support for families in accessing learning

Our Back-to-School night will be presented virtually through an introductory teacher video with a live virtual question and answer opportunity on August 24th from 5:30-6:30 pm. I will update you as I know more. Thank you for your support and patience.

Best to you all,
Georgie Dawson



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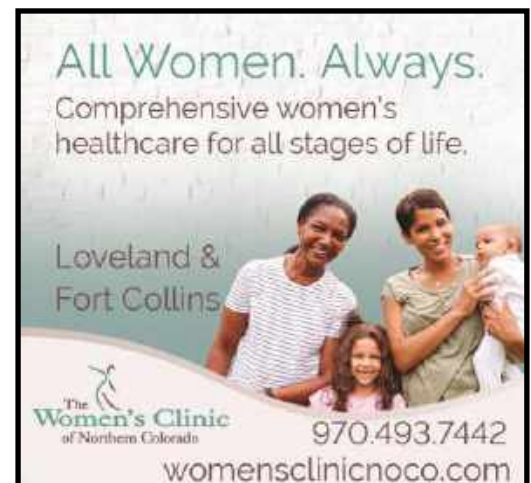
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Meet our Assistant Principal

Allow Me to Introduce myself...

My name is Matthew Hughes and I am very excited about joining the Johnson Elementary School community as the Assistant Principal/MTSS Coordinator. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you.



Although I grew up in Northern Colorado, after my high school days, I moved away to study in New York City. Then I had the opportunity to live in England and Japan, where I worked as a community youth organizer and as a teacher at various schools over a 20 year period. For the past ten years, I have served at Thompson School District and Poudre School District as a Program Specialist and Dean of Students, focusing on developing student supports and interventions, as well as school culture and climate. I have also been an Athletic Director and Performance Arts Director during my career in education.

On a personal note, my wife is originally from New Zealand and we have two children. One is planning to start at CSU in the Fall and the other will be entering her senior year at Rocky Mountain High School.

This summer I was able to meet (virtually) with Principal Dawson and Mr. Boese several times about the AP role here at Johnson, and it was encouraging to hear them speak so highly of the students, staff, and families in this community. I am thrilled to be a Thunderbird, and I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone.

Sincerely,
Matthew Hughes
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School Supply Lists

This year's school supply list is available on our website: [Johnson School Supply List](#)

If you ordered school supplies through **1st Day School Supplies**, the kits have arrived at the school. We will share more information when it is available regarding getting these kits to our families.

Teacher Assignments

Class Lists will not be posted on the doors this year. We will let you know when teacher assignments are official and available for parents to see in ParentVUE. Our hope is that they will be available on August 17. This has been a very intensive process with balancing class placement requests from April, A/B requests, students who have decided to attend PSDV this year, considering academic and behavioral needs of students, and now going back to remote learning.

ParentVUE

Parents/guardians can access grades, attendance, and other student information through Synergy parent portals. Complete secure logon through the [ParentVUE](#) or through the apps, which can be downloaded from the [iTunes Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

Parents/guardians can only see their student's information. Parents/guardians must have "educational rights" to access ParentVUE. Once educational rights are reflected in Synergy, parents will receive an email with a user activation code.

Learn how to access and/or activate your account on the "[Accessing and Activating a ParentVUE Account](#)" [web page](#). If you have questions, refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" posted on the PSD [ParentVUE](#) website. If you are still experiencing problems you may reach out to our school office at 970-488-5000.

Back-to-School Night

Our Back-to-School Night will be offered in a virtual format. Classroom teachers will be putting together BTSN videos that will include information about academics and what the school year will look like in terms of academics and grade level standards. Look for more information during the week of August 17. Our teachers will be available for a virtual question and answer session on August 24th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (the evening we would normally have a face-to-face Back-to-School Night).

Visitor and Volunteer Policy

To help minimize the number of people in our building and on school grounds, visitors and volunteers will not be allowed to work in our building during the school day. We will miss our Volunteers, greatly.

Parent Communication from Johnson

One of our goals at Johnson Elementary is to be eco-friendly. We send *most* parent communication: newsletters, flyers, and weekly updates, through School Messenger. We post copies of newsletters and updates to the Johnson website on a weekly basis. The **Thunderbird Update** is published and sent via School Messenger each Thursday, except the first week of each month when the **Thunderbird Times** is published.

The email address you provide during registration is used to send communications from PSD and Johnson Elementary.

Poudre School District policy does not allow the distribution of non-District communications to students through our school. PSD offers other options for any vendor, group, organization, or business wishing to distribute advertising through school newsletters and activity flyer packets. For complete details visit PSD's [Flyers and Advertising in Schools](#) website.

Organizations can purchase advertising in individual school newsletters through the [School Communications Agency](#). 60% of revenue from advertising goes back to the school to be used at the principal's discretion. Contact: (970) 239-1641.

Keeping children emotionally safe during COVID-19

The coronavirus has brought change and uncertainty to everyone, especially children. Although kids are known to be resilient, they may find difficulty coping with the pandemic. Banner Health has put together a publication that may help children understand the new normal. Click the link below to review the information:

https://www.bannerhealth.com/healthcareblog/advise-me/covid-19-how-to-help-your-child-navigate-this-new-normal?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=consumer%20blast

School Meals

[We are currently waiting on new information about school meals during the time that students will be learning remotely. For the most up to date information please visit the PSD Webpage.](#)

Meal pricing: **Student Breakfast is \$1.45. Students Lunch is \$2.95.** No charge for students who qualify for free or reduced meals.

Please visit the [PSD School Meals](#) webpage for complete information about school meals in PSD including:

- Meal Menus
- Free and Reduced Meals
- Child Nutrition News
- Special Food Needs
- Meal Payment Options

JOHNSON ELEMENTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020 – 2021 School Year

AUGUST		
14		Meet your Grade Level Teacher Videos Posted Homeroom Teacher sends “Welcome Video” to Class
17		Teacher Assignments Visible in ParentVUE
21		Back-to-School Video Shared by Teachers
24	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Virtual Back-to-School Q & A with Classroom Teachers
SEPTEMBER		
7		NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
OCTOBER		
15		End of 1 st Quarter