

Thunderbird Update – August 20, 2020



This is a repeat from a previous communication.

Dear Families,

I wanted to update you on an important change to our calendar and our distribution plan for materials. We have moved our virtual back-to-school night live question and answer session with teachers to August 31st from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The change in date is to accommodate our learning kits and device distribution on August 24th and 25th. **K-5 students begin remote learning on August 26th.**

On August 24th and 25th, we will distribute learning kits and learning devices. Your child's teacher will reach out to you through a Sign-up Genius for a 20-minute appointment. You will go directly to your child's outdoor classroom door rather than come through the building. We will have people available helping you. During this appointment, you will have one on one time with your child's teacher. The appointment is designed to allow for the following:

1. You and your child get to meet with the teacher.
2. You will take a first day of school picture.
3. Your child will receive a "learning kit".
4. Your child will receive a learning device.
5. The teacher will teach your child how to log into learning.
6. Other activities that are appropriate for your child's grade level.

We expect that following during this time:

1. The 3 W's are adhered to:
 - a. All must WEAR a mask (with the exception of those under 2).
 - b. Watch your distance and respect the 6 ft distance edict for other families
 - c. Wash your hands before and after your visit. We will have hand sanitizing stations ready.
2. Siblings are kept under the control of the parent and are not allowed to wander the room. We have worked hard to sanitize and create safe environments. Please help us maintain your safety, your children's' safety, and ours.

If you have questions, you can email your child's teacher or call our office at: 970-488-5000.

We look forward to seeing you and your children!

Georgianna Dawson, Principal

The image shows a grid with columns for days of the week (Monday through Friday) and rows for different learning activities. The cells are color-coded: yellow for Monday, blue for Tuesday, red for Wednesday, green for Thursday, and purple for Friday. The text in the cells is small and difficult to read, but it appears to be a detailed schedule of remote learning activities.

REVISED Master Remote Learning Schedule

We have included a revised copy of the Master Remote Learning Schedule in today's newsletter. Please replace this schedule with the one sent out earlier.

Early Childhood and Early Childhood PSD Virtual laptop pick-up – Aug. 26-27

For students enrolled in PSD preschool and Early Childhood PSD Virtual, families in need of technology will come to Fullana Learning Center, 220 N. Grant Ave. in Fort Collins, to pick up their device from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 26-27. Come to the east side of the building from Loomis Avenue.

PSD Virtual laptop pick-up

The district has set August 21st from 8:00 am to 11:00 am for laptop pick-up for our students who have enrolled in PSD Virtual. PSD Virtual families whose home school is Johnson – will receive a separate communication with additional details on this distribution event.



The distribution of materials will happen outdoors. All PSD staff, parents/guardians and students will be required to wear face coverings and maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others. Please do not congregate in groups in school parking lots or outside on these days.

If you have enrolled your child with PSD Virtual this school year, but are still considering returning to Johnson Elementary, you may make that change up until the first day of school. Please call our school office if you have questions (970-488-5000).

School donation requests

Below are a couple of items we are requesting donations for that are now visible in SchoolPay for parents to see. We prefer to take all donations through SchoolPay rather than receiving cash or check at this time. Click here to learn more about SchoolPay. [Pay Fees/Charges Online](#)

- **Johnson Supplies: Kindergarten - 5th Grade 2020-21**
\$20 to cover all or a portion of the cost of purchasing expendable supplies to be used by all students for literacy, math, social studies, science, and craft activities. Waivers are not applicable; students will have access to the supplies regardless of whether payment is made. **For families with more than one child enrolled at Johnson – we would only ask for one donation of \$20.**
- **Johnson Student Planner: 4th & 5th Grade 2020-21**
\$4 To cover all or a portion of the cost of the planners. Waviers are not applicable; all students will receive a planner regardless of whether payment is made.

Using the ParentVUE, StudentVUE portals

The [Synergy ParentVUE portal](#) gives parents and guardians web and mobile access to permission to share and other forms, assessments, report cards and class schedules when available. Earlier this summer, parents should have received instructions on accessing ParentVUE accounts for both new and existing users. 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 [ParentVUE Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact the school office.

PSD mental health supports for students and families

Mental health specialists for students can be accessed through school counselors or administration teams. PSD Special Service Professionals (SSP) - mental health specialists, counselors, social workers and psychologists - are focused on re-establishing a sense of safety, belonging, and connection for students this year. [Read more >>](#)

Where PSD students can get meals during remote education

PSD will provide sack breakfasts and lunches for any enrolled PSD students Monday-Friday starting Aug. 24 at 18 schools and more than 60 mobile-serving locations across the district. Students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch will receive either meal at no cost; paying students will be charged the normal breakfast and lunch cost to their meal account.

[More info >>](#)



Free and reduced-price meals and fee waivers

If your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals in PSD, you may also be able to take advantage of another fantastic benefit: [waivers from some school fees and charges](#).

- Step 1 – Fill out the [free and reduced-price meal online application](#) (or you may pick up an application at PSD's Child Nutrition office, 1502 S. Timberline Road in Fort Collins). Your child's free/reduced meal eligibility status is confidential. [More info >>](#)
- Step 1 - Once approved for free or reduce-price meals, complete PSD's Permission to Share Information for Fee Waivers and Programs to Receive Goods and Services form, available online in [ParentVUE](#). Completing the form gives PSD's Child Nutrition Department permission to share your child's eligibility status with other district officials. You must fill out the Permission to Share form each year. [More info about fee waivers >>](#)

Review the PSD Student Rights and Code of Conduct

Each year, parents/guardians and secondary students must acknowledge that they have reviewed the [Student Rights and Code of Conduct](#), a compilation of rules, policies and regulations regarding student behavior. Parents/guardians will be asked to acknowledge they have reviewed the Student Rights and Code of Conduct when they log into the [ParentVUE](#) parent portal, and students in grades 6-12 will be asked to do the same when logging into StudentVUE for the first time this school year. [More info >>](#)

Early Childhood Education accepting applications for preschool

PSD's preschool program still has open spaces for the 2020-21 school year. More families may qualify now than ever before. To learn more and begin your application online, visit the [Early Childhood Education web page](#) or call 970-490-3204.

[Expectant families/families with children, birth to age 3](#)

[Preschool programs for children, ages 3 - 5](#)

Johnson Calendar of Events

August		
21	8:00 – 11:00 am	PSD Virtual laptop pick-up Back-to-School Night Videos shared by Teacher
24		Student Material Distribution
25		Student Material Distribution
26		K – 5 Students Begin Remote Learning
26 – 27	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Early Childhood laptop distribution at Fullana Learning Center
31	5:30 am – 6:30 pm	Virtual Back-to-School Night Q & A with Teacher
September		
7		NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
25		NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday

Quick Links

- [Johnson Elementary Website](#)
- [PSD Schools Parent Website](#)
- [District News](#)
- [PSD School Calendars & Schedules](#)



Repeat News Articles

To review the **PSD District news updates** click here: [District News](#)

Dear Johnson Families:

Thank you for your continued support as we work diligently to define what remote learning will look like for you children. We are on day four of teachers being back on duty, but many have come in early to complete launch learning training, think about creative ways to connect with your children, and get ready for the challenge ahead. These first three days have brought working in teams to craft our master remote schedule. You will find this attached. To define what our remote learning looks like, we have an explanation of the types of learning your children will engage in.

- Teachers will support remote student learning through a blending of three models:
 - Synchronous (real-time) learning: Online learning in which teachers and students participate at the same time, but not in the same place. Synchronous learning is delivered through a virtual meeting platform.
 - Asynchronous (any-time) Learning: Online learning in which students learn at different times and locations. Asynchronous learning is often supported by posted media materials.
 - Activities that support student learning. Independent practice may include reading assignments, general practice, homework, and projects.
- All lessons will be based on essential standards and provide meaningful work. Over the course of the year, all essential standards will be covered in core subject areas and courses.

Monday – Thursday: Johnson Master Schedule: Please see attached schedule

Fridays: All students will have a live morning meeting from 8:50-9:15 am, then students will engage in independent and asynchronous work. Teachers will communicate their office hours on Fridays so that they can support students and families.

Teachers may make small adjustments in time and will be communicating to families their synchronous and asynchronous times during their literacy, math, and SS/Science times. Note that all synchronous lessons will be recorded; so, if students miss a session, they can go back and watch the lesson. We are taking attendance and hope that all students can attend lessons when they are live if possible. When you read our master schedule, those areas highlighted in peach are synchronous lessons, and those highlighted in green are asynchronous. The small group blue areas could be synchronous or asynchronous depending on students' needs. Please note that all Specials times will have a synchronous component. Each classroom will have Art, Music, Physical Education, and Counseling each week.

Please watch for more information this week about student remote learning expectations and family expectations. We are developing these in the spirit of what would be most supportive of families within the challenges we face as a school.

Thank you,
Georgianna Dawson, Principal

School supplies

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**, those kits will be distributed along with laptops, textbooks, etc.

We do have backpacks filled with school supplies available for families who are unable to provide them for your child. Please call our school office (970-488-5000) if your child needs a backpack and supplies.



Teacher assignments



Class Lists will not be posted on the school doors this year. Instead, families can now see who your child's teacher is via [ParentVUE](#). This has been a very intensive process with balancing class placement requests from April, A/B requests, removing students who have decided to attend PSDV this year, and considering academic and behavioral needs of students. Thank you for your support in this important work.

Johnson's website has a NEW look

Be sure to check out the New and improved [Johnson Website](#). We are excited about the new look and hope you find it easy to use.

Parent communication from Johnson

One of our goals at Johnson Elementary is to be eco-friendly. We send 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.

District Advisory Board (DAB)

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. Hughes. The DAB meets the first Monday of the month from 7-9 p.m. either remotely or 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: <https://www.psdschools.org/community/community-committees/dab>

The Poudre School District is committed to the policy that no otherwise qualified person shall be denied access to, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to unlawful discrimination under, any District program or activity on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, age or disability. District compliance with this policy shall be the responsibility of, and reports and complaints of discrimination based on these protected classifications should be directed to: For District students and community members: Director of Student Services, 1630 South Stover Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525, phone: 970-490-3033; For District employees: Executive Director of Human Resources, 2407 La Porte Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521, phone: 970-490-3620.