



# Johnson Elementary

## Thunderbird Times September 2020

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### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Johnson Families,

This past week has brought many successes. During our first day, we had excellent attendance in all classrooms. We are grateful to all families for your support of your children. We have also been able to successfully navigate technology issues. Granted, we still have a few more to figure out. Our staff continues to work diligently to make the remote learning experience as engaging as possible. Our staff are also ready for feedback from you. Many of our teachers are grateful for your perspective and how to make positive changes for your child. Please also let them know what is working for your child. Positive feedback is much appreciated too. Our Back-to-School night virtual question and answer sessions seemed to be quite a success. Thank you for attending!



We have started our fall assessments. You can expect that we will assess reading, writing, and math. We use **Acadience** for our K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders for reading and fulfilling requirements for the state. We use this testing as well for a select few 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders as required by the state. Our usual assessments for 3-5<sup>th</sup> are NWEA Maps in reading and math. You will see dates for this soon. Students will complete these assessments virtually. We ask that all families support, but not too much. We want to know what your child can do, so we can tailor learning to their needs.

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### From the Principal's Desk

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We have several ways you can get news from our school. You can like our school facebook page @JohnsonTbirds1988, like our JPTO Johnson Community @JohnsonElementaryCommunityPage or go to our website: <https://joh.psdschools.org/>

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in providing leadership through our School Accountability and Advisory Committee (SAAC). We are looking for new membership. Our SAAC advises on school improvement, what direction our school and district takes, how we allocate our funding, and any other needs as they arise. The time commitment is about 2 hours per quarter. We will post dates soon to our website. For now, our meetings will be held virtually. If you are interested in joining us, please email me directly expressing your interest and why you would like to be a part of our SAAC.

All my best,

Georgie Dawson, Principal

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## NEW Information

### News from Mr. Hughes

Hello Thunderbird Families! Over this past month of settling into the Assistant Principal position I have really enjoyed getting to know the amazing staff and systems that make Johnson such an awesome school. I absolutely loved being able to meet (mask-to-mask!) many students and families during the first days back and I wanted to thank you all for such a warm welcome to the Johnson community. Seeing all those smiling faces was like a fresh, cool breeze on a hot day!



#### PBIS

I am so excited about the school's commitment to the PBIS system. PBIS stands for **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports** and is a school-wide approach to teaching evidence-based behavior expectations that build a safe and healthy school climate and increase academic success for all students. The Johnson PRIDE expectations work to establish reminders and routines which help shape desirable social behaviors and practices. Usually during the first few weeks of a new school year, students are learning what Thunderbird PRIDE looks like in different areas of the building, but during this season of Remote Learning, we wanted to highlight some behavior expectations especially for the online part of our school year. We have created a Google Doc of the simple matrix of expectations for students in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) for you to see and discuss with your child, and it also includes a practical guide for parents to follow. Some classroom teachers have personalized these expectations for their students, so you may see a couple of different versions floating around. Thank you for your partnership in practicing Thunderbird PRIDE remotely with us! Please know that our school PBIS committee is also working on ways to challenge and celebrate students and classrooms who are demonstrating Johnson PRIDE remotely, so look out for more announcements about this in the coming weeks.

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An advertisement for a helpline. It features a photograph of a woman and a young boy hugging. The text is overlaid on a dark blue background.

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## NEW Information

### News from Mr. Hughes

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#### Student Assessments

During this quarter of online learning, we are pleased to announce that we will still be able to assess student learning remotely. In the coming weeks we will be sending out more information to parents and students about the dates, times, and details for these vital assessments.

#### Questions?

If you have any questions about our PBIS system or student assessments this Fall, please do not hesitate to give me a call (970-488-5015) or send an email to [mhughes@psdschools.org](mailto:mhughes@psdschools.org)

Thank you again for all your support!

Matt Hughes, Assistant Principal

### Mental Health Matters

Mental health is crucial and requires conscious and mindful attention that will build personal resilience and the resilience of our teams, families, and communities. Please look for future updates to support you in this work. It is our hope to provide quality information, resources, humor, and connection so our staff and students know we are not alone in this journey to healing. Ask for help if you are having a tough time, and remember you are not alone. [Read more >>](#)

[Mental Health Resources >>](#)

### New Clever Family Portal available

[Clever](#) is an easy way for your student log in and learn with online programs they use at school. With their own personal portals, students can learn with resources selected by their teachers and the district. The **Clever Family Portal** allows parents/ guardians to create an account and help their students with learning at home. [Read more on the PSD Tech Portal>>](#)

### Johnson Parent Teacher Organization (JPTO)

Please mark your calendar and plan to get involved in JPTO!

JPTO General Membership meetings will generally be held on the last Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The first meeting for the 2020-2021 school year will be **virtually on Microsoft Teams on September 21 at 6:30pm**. All Johnson parents and guardians are welcome.

If you would like a link to the meeting or have any questions and ideas on how to better our Johnson community please email [JPTO80526@gmail.com](mailto:JPTO80526@gmail.com). As always, you do not have to be on the Board to attend these meetings and have a say in what goes on. You can attend PTO meetings and be a voting member without having an official role.

#### Meet our JPTO Officers:

- President                      Andrea Evans
- Vice-President                Wednesday Melssen-Vogel
- Treasurers                     Amelia Olschner
- Secretary                      Melissa Bolovitz
- Events and Fundraising     Kelly Steinway and Shalese Payton

#### What exactly does JPTO do?

JPTO has previously sponsored events such as the Fund Run, Family Movie Night, Fall and Spring Book Fairs, Family Fun Nights, and Original Works just to name a few! This year we are looking at other creative ways we can safely provide school spirit events for our Johnson community. We would love your input!

Through fundraising JPTO has been able to purchase items for our school, support our amazing staff and community by providing appreciation weeks, spirit gear, and funding staff request for various needs. This year we will strive to continue this tradition to provide learning tools and experiences that teachers and students can benefit from to meet the moment, whether we are learning virtually or in the building at any point throughout the school year.

This years needs may look different than previous years. We will continue to support our staff in ways that will keep your students safe and learning throughout the year.

## NEW Information

### Johnson Parent Teacher Organization (JPTO)

Check out our new website <http://johnsonpto.weebly.com> and our Community Events page on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/JohnsonElementaryCommunityPage/>

Please "like" our page to get notifications of upcoming Johnson events for the community and invite your Thunderbird friends!

~Andrea Evans, JPTO President

## Repeat News and Important Reminders

### Master Remote Learning Schedule

#### **Monday – Thursday: Master Schedule being revised.**

8:50 – 9:15 am – All Students Check-In, Attendance and Morning Meeting.

During remote learning, students can show attendance in three ways: they can attend the synchronous learning, log into asynchronous learning, and with work completion. We will take attendance during our morning meetings and throughout the day.

- 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.

**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.

## Repeat News and Important Reminders

### Master Remote Learning Schedule

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.

### Meal Services During Remote Learning

PSD will provide sack breakfasts and lunches for any enrolled PSD students Monday-Friday starting Aug. 24 at numerous 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 >>](#)

[Breakfast and lunch menus are now available online >>](#)

[A map of the meal sites is available here.](#)

#### **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). [More info >>](#)
- Step 2 - 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](#). You must fill out the Permission to Share form each year. [More info about fee waivers >>](#)



### Using the ParentVUE

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.

### School donation requests

Below are a couple of items we are requesting donations for that are now visible in SchoolPay. 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. Waivers are not applicable; all students will receive a planner regardless of whether payment is made.

### 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 >>](#)

## Repeat News and Important Reminders

### 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](http://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

## Repeat News and Important Reminders

### 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.

### Johnson Calendar of Events

September		
7		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Labor Day
25		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Teacher Workday

\*See the [PSD K-12 Student Calendar for 2020-2021](#) for School Holidays/ Intermissions beyond this date. Johnson's calendar is in the works.

### Quick Links

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



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