

## Thunderbird Update – September 17, 2020



Dear Johnson Families,

As you know, our district made the announcement that we will be in "Phase 3" for PreK-2nd grade students starting Monday, October 5th. Third through fifth grade students will remain in remote learning and will shift to "Phase 3" learning on October 19th.

You can find more information about Phase 3 learning on our [district website](#). We do have all students designated to be in attendance on either A days (M/W) or B days (T/Th). Our Staff met this morning to review the plans we have already started and continue planning for the return of your children to our in-person/hybrid learning environment. We already have many routines, schedules, and environmental changes planned. Over the next few weeks, we will make revisions and train staff on our new reality.

Instructionally, you can expect that your child will have four lessons in reading, writing, and math over the 5 days in a given week. Your child will also have lessons in science and/or social studies. Each week, students will have one special over the course of two weeks then the specials schedule will rotate to a new special for the next two weeks. Within these two weeks, students will also have one session of counseling and one session of media.

To keep all safe, our staff and students are expected to follow Larimer County Health and Safety guidelines. We will follow the 3 W's - wear your mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance. We are plan on giving mask breaks and having recess/play times - all within these guidelines.

As you have questions about what we are planning, please reach out to us. We are happy to answer any questions you may have. If you know of a family that has opted for an alternative to Johnson Elementary while we were in remote learning, but may want to consider returning as we return to in-person learning, please have them reach out to me. We have room in many of our grade levels to be able to accommodate families returning to Johnson.

Georgianna Dawson, Principal

### **Family Wellness Challenge**

Don't forget our Thunderbird Family Wellness Challenge continues through September 30. Take a family walk for 15 minutes, 3 – 4 times a week. Post a picture of you and your family walking together on our Johnson Facebook page @JohnsonTbirds1988.



### **PSD Shifting to Phase 3**

Please be sure you have read Superintendent, Dr. Smyser's community message titled "[PSD shifting to hybrid learning for PreK-elementary](#)".

#### **Here's what elementary families can expect:**

- **Oct. 5 – 16:**
  - Grades K-2 in [Phase 3](#) Hybrid In-Person/Remote Learning (*see schedule below*)
  - Grades 3-5 in [Phase 1](#) Remote Learning
- **Oct. 19:**
  - Grades K-5 in Phase 3 Hybrid In-Person/Remote Learning (*see schedule below*)

#### **Phase 3 schedule**

*All students have been assigned to an A or B group. Please check [ParentVUE](#) for your student's assignment.*

- **"A group"** attends school **Mondays and Wednesdays** (full days) with remote learning Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- **"B group"** attends school **Tuesdays and Thursdays** (full days) with remote learning Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- On **Fridays, all students in remote education.**

### **Fundraising for Johnson Elementary**

These passive fundraisers directly benefit our JPTO:

1. Attendance at Restaurant Nights
2. King Soopers (grocery card programs)
3. Amazon Smile (designate Johnson Elementary JPTO)
4. Box Tops (Send in your receipt)
5. Participation in Original Works
6. Scrips Card Program (purchase gift cards through JPTO)

These passive fundraisers directly benefit Johnson Elementary discretionary fund/classroom budgets:

1. American Furniture Warehouse
2. Advertising in our Monthly Newsletter
3. Milk Bottle Tops (goes to our student council)

We appreciate all the donations that support our school and your children.

Best to you all,  
Georgianna Dawson, Principal

## **Ongoing Fundraisers for Johnson Elementary**

### **American Furniture Warehouse Fundraiser**

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 Fundraiser**

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 Fundraiser**

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

## Box Tops Fundraiser

Looking for a quick and easy way to help support our amazing school? Download the free Box Tops App. And register Johnson Elementary as your school and when you go shopping just go into the app and take a picture of your receipt and it will give our school .10 per participating items, just make sure you submit them within 14 days of your purchase.



Another easy way to support Johnson is if you shop at King Soopers, all you need to do is go online to your King Soopers Account or go into customer service and link your Soopers customer card to Johnson Elementary and every time you shop King Soopers will donate money to our school.

We would love for you to take a few minutes of your time to help make a huge difference in supporting our amazing school.

## Amazon – Smile.amazon.com Fundraiser



**Amazon** has a wonderful giving program called [Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) that gives **0.5% of your qualified purchases to a charity of your choice.** Here is how you can give to Johnson Elementary.

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### How to enroll:

Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), scroll to the bottom of the page

At the bottom of the page click on "**get started**"

It will take you to a login page. Log in with your **amazon account**

On the task bar you will see **Your Charity**. You can then **select the charity**. Our registered name is **Johnson Parent Teacher Organization**. (It is not listed as Johnson Elementary.)

Know that all funds go to support our school, Johnson Elementary.

Remember you must log in from the smile page at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) **each time you make a purchase for the charitable donation to count.**

Thank you so much for supporting our school!

## Johnson Calendar of Events

<b>September</b>		
17	12:45 – 2:15 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade MAPS Testing
18	7:30 am – 4:30 pm	<b>Student Work Distribution and Return</b>
21	12:45 – 2:15 pm 6:30 – 7:30 pm	MAPS Make-Up Testing for Grades 3 & 5 JPTO General Membership Meeting *Virtual
22	12:45 – 2:15 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade MAPS Testing
23	12:45 – 2:15 pm 6:00 – 7:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade MAPS Testing SAAC Committee Meeting *Virtual
24	Afternoon	MAPS Make-Up Testing for Grades, 3, 4, & 5
25	7:30 am – 4:30 pm	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Building Workday <b>Student Work Distribution and Return</b>
<b>October</b>		
1		<b>October Student Count Day</b>
5		<b>Phase 3</b> begins for <b>Grades PreK – 2</b> Group A – Monday and Wednesday Group B – Tuesday and Thursday All Students learn remotely on Fridays
12	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting *Virtual
15		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Conference Comp Day End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
16		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Conference Comp Day
19		<b>Phase 3</b> begins for <b>Grades 3 – 5</b> Group A – Monday and Wednesday Group B – Tuesday and Thursday All Students learn remotely on Fridays
19 – 23		Classified Staff Appreciation Week
26	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting - *Virtual
26 – 30		Virtual Scholastic Book Fair *Tentative
<b>November</b>		
25 – 27		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Thanksgiving Break

### Quick Links

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



## Important News Reminders

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

### **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.

### **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:**

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| • 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 year's 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.

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

## **Parents wanted for the District Accountability Committee**

The Poudre School District's District Accountability Committee is looking to fill several important representative seats for the 2021-2021 school year. We would love to have a representative from Johnson. Interested? [Here is information](#) about the committee and how to apply!

## **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](#)

## **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 >>](#)

## **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 >>](#)

## **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.

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