

Thunderbird Update – October 22, 2020



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have truly enjoyed having all students back in the building this week! We hope the children are coming home excited about their return to school. Things look a lot different, but it is so good to have them here with us. There are some very important reminders and information we need our parents/guardians to review. Please take a few minutes to carefully read through today's update.

Emergency Contact Information



Now, more than ever, it is very important that we have up to date emergency contact information for each student. Please be sure that we have current phone numbers for both parents/guardian, and additional emergency contacts in case we are unable to reach the parent/guardian. Parents can view and update information on file for your child through [ParentVUE](#).

If you are unable to access ParentVUE – please call our office (970-488-5000) to check the information we have on file for your child.

ParentVUE portal

Parents/guardians can access grades, attendance, health and other student information through Synergy parent portal. Complete secure login through the [ParentVUE/StudentVUE portal](#) 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](#).

Online Scholastic Book Fair

It is that time of year again for our "online" fall book fair "Time Machine"! We will be sending out an e-mail with the link to the online book fair and more information soon! Please keep a look out for flyers to come home this week. You can order at the online fair, shop the Scholastic 360 degree book fair online or shop the Scholastic online catalog. You will find the same great books for the children, and books to help our Library grow at the school. We will miss not seeing you in person, but we know you will enjoy the ability to help the school and get great books for your kids.

COVID-19 protocols for students, symptom checks

One of our goals is to remain open and serving families for as long as possible. We need your help in accomplishing this goal.

To do this, we need every family to commit to keeping sick children at home. Please make sure you do not send your sick child to school. If you know your child does not feel well, keep him/her at home. Limiting how much contact we have with people who do not feel well supports us staying open and serving our community.

Families must check their student(s) for COVID-19 symptoms daily and not send them to school if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

COVID-19 symptoms:

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Runny nose or congestion



If any of the above symptoms are present, please keep your child at home; call our school and leave a detailed message on the attendance line, **970-488-5095**; and contact your health care provider.

If your child develops symptoms while at school, they will be removed from class, parent/guardians will be notified, and the student will be isolated from others until their parent/guardian is able to pick them up.

Under current protocols, students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, not from another diagnosed condition, should isolate at home until **cleared by the school health office**, and when the student has had no fever for 24 hours, and if other symptoms have improved.

Teach and remind your children of the 3 W's:

- **W**ash your hands frequently....especially before and after activities
- **W**ear your mask inside school or outside when in groups
- **W**atch your distance.....remain 6 feet apart whenever possible

Original Works - Order Now!

By now your student should have a piece of unique artwork worthy of becoming a custom keepsake. These not only make great gifts for family and friends but also support our Johnson community.

A flier should have come home with ordering instructions otherwise you can simply visit <https://store.originalworks.com> where you can browse available products, create an account, upload images and place your order. At checkout, after selecting the shipping method, use code: JOHNSO to ensure the school receives credit for your order.

All orders must be placed no later than 11/09/2020.

~Kelly Steinway, Coordinator

RMHS Homecoming Feeder Parade update

Because of our current situation, we cannot host the Homecoming Feeder Parade like we normally do. However, we would still love to engage our feeder students in our Homecoming activities. There are a few ways they can participate, and all the details are outlined at our [Homecoming website](#).

Highlights for feeder students are:

- Virtual 5k and fun run - see attached flyer and also the website for the recommended path (decorated with chalk) - run sometime this week!
- Rocky Out Friday - wear Rocky gear or cardinal and gold THIS Friday 10/23 and send me an email with the picture at kmauch@psdschools.org or post online with the hashtag #lobohoco
- Eat at Cafe Mex this Friday 10/23 and show the flyer attached (also on our website) on your phone -- proceeds go to Rocky Homecoming

Kelsey Mauch, Family and Consumer Sciences, RMHS

Join us for the next JPTO General Membership Meeting – October 26

JPTO General Membership meetings will generally be held on the last Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams on October 26 at 6:30 p.m. 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 serve our Johnson community please email 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.

Andrea Evans, JPTO President

Important Reminders from previous newsletters

Arrival procedures

Gathering before school on the grounds or playing on the playground is not permitted. Students are to go directly to the exterior classroom door, unless he/she is having breakfast. If you would like your child to have breakfast, they should enter through the designated door, use hand sanitizer, go to the cafeteria, pick up breakfast for that day and the following remote day, go out the gym doors, report to the outer door for their classroom and line up on a dot. All classroom teachers are on duty at their classroom doors at 8:35 a.m. Students who come in late (after 8:50 a.m.) should check-in at the front door and staff will direct them.

Daily Schedule PHASE 3

School hours for students are 8:50 a.m. to 3:28 p.m. **Students should not arrive at school before 8:35 a.m. unless attending AlphaBEST or eating breakfast.** Safety is a priority, and we want to be sure that staff members are present for supervision. **Please make sure children are not on campus prior to 8:35 a.m. and leave promptly by 3:45 p.m.**

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| 8:35 a.m. | Campus supervision begins, and breakfast is served. |
| 8:50 a.m. | Classes begin. |
| 3:28 a.m. | School dismissed by grade level (oldest to youngest) using staggered dismissal procedures. |
| 3:45 a.m. | Students should be off campus. |

Dismissal procedures

Staggered dismissal calls will be made over the intercom starting at 3:28 p.m. All students leave out exterior classroom doors and pick up younger siblings at his/her classroom door. From there they proceed to either the bus line, car line, AlphaBEST, or walk home as directed by parent. Students who are not picked up by 3:45 p.m. should return to the oldest child's outside classroom door. Teachers will contact the office, so family contact can be made.

Parking Lot Etiquette

We are very fortunate at Johnson Elementary to have so many families who attend our school. Unfortunately, our parking lot was not designed to accommodate such many vehicles when families are dropping off or picking up their child/children. So, to ensure student safety and to speed up the process, we ask that you help us out by doing the following:

DO not leave your car unattended

In the drop off lane, please pull all the way forward to the very end of the parking lot (south side) before stopping to let your student(s) out of the vehicle. A staff member will be on duty and will motion you forward as space allows. We have two crosswalks to our building, and it is essential that we use the full

length of the drop off lane to keep traffic flowing. In the afternoon, when picking up, the staff member on duty will help your student(s) find your vehicle even if you pull all the way to the end of the lane.

- In the drop off lane, if you are waiting for the vehicle in front of you, please be patient and do not let your student(s) exit the vehicle until you have been motioned forward and are at least even with the first crosswalk. We will move vehicles through the drop off lane much faster and students will be better supervised.
- Please do not park and exit your vehicle in the drop off lane. It is important that you be able to pull forward when motioned by the staff member on duty. If you need to park and exit your vehicle, please find an open parking space on the east side of our parking lot (the west side is for staff) or park along Seneca to the north of our building. When picking up in the afternoon, the staff member on duty will help your student(s) find your vehicle so you do not need to get out to find your student(s).
- Please wait until a space is available in the drive through lane before pulling into our parking lot. Also, please do not let your student(s) exit the vehicle while parked at the stop sign, or pick-up your student at the stop sign. We must be able to keep traffic moving along and keep the lane open for the bus.
- After you drop off or pick up your student(s), please exit the drop off lane and pull through the parking lot to exit. This will open more space for parents waiting in line. Please watch for parents leaving parking spaces on the east side of our parking lot.

We appreciate your help in supporting safe arrival and departure from school.

Attendance and Absence Reporting

If your student is ill, they should not come to school.

If your child will be absent or tardy, please call our school attendance line at 970-488-5095. Be prepared to answer the following questions:



1. Give your students **First and Last Name, Grade and Teacher**
2. **Reason for Absence**
3. If your child is ill, is he/she experiencing any of these COVID-like symptoms:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell, OR
 - Sore throat

Please leave a detailed message about your child's symptoms, information about any possible exposure to a COVID-19 case, and your phone number to receive a call back from our health office staff.

Visitors and volunteers – Student pick-up/drop-off during the school day

No volunteers or visitors are permitted inside the school building during the first semester.

Parents who need to check their child out of school during the school day should ring the doorbell at the main entrance and speak to office staff. We will verify that you are on the child's pick-up list and bring the child out to you. You will be required to sign your student out.

PSD's new before and after school care provider – AlphaBEST

To support families during the modified return-to-school plan, AlphaBEST is providing a full-day option with their AlphaAcademy program, as well as before-and-after care for students returning to the classrooms during the hybrid schedule. Before-and after care will be held at Johnson. The full day program for the days children are not onsite will be available at Lopez Elementary.

A secure registration platform is available on the [AlphaBEST website](#).

Please contact AlphaBEST with questions:

972-668-0640 or customerservice@alphabest.org

Johnson Calendar of Events

October		
26	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting - *Virtual
26 – 11/9		Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
November		
1		Daylight Savings Time Ends “Fall Back” 1 Hour
4	6:00 – 7:30 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting *Virtual
9	4:00 – 5:00 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting *Virtual
11		Veterans’ Recognition at Johnson * *This event will look different than in years past.
16	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting *Virtual
18		Individual Student Pictures – Group A
19		Individual Student Pictures – Group B
25 – 27		NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
December		
14	4:00 – 5:00 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
18		Second Quarter Ends
21 – 31		NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
January 2021		
1		NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
4		NO SCHOOL – Staff Workday

Quick Links

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



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