

Thunderbird Update – October 29, 2020



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you are having a great week and that the children are enjoying the snow! Please take a few minutes to carefully read through today's update. Watch for the November issue of the Thunderbird Times to be published on Thursday, November 5th.

Important reminder re: Breakfast Service

If your student eats breakfast at school, it is very important that he/she arrive at school by 8:35 a.m. This allows the student time to eat breakfast before learning begins at 8:50 a.m. Breakfast service is available at the front of the building near the main entry. For students who arrive tardy – we are only able to provide breakfast until 9:00 a.m. This allows the food service employees adequate time to prepare for the lunch service. **If your student arrives to school after 9:00 a.m., please be sure he/she has had breakfast before arriving to school.**

Winter Gear Drive/Coat Swap



Although circumstances are different this year, we still plan to continue our tradition of a Johnson Coat Swap! We are collecting new/used: boots, coats, ski pants, hats, scarves, and gloves for our annual winter gear swap. Please bring your donations to the bin located outside the front entrance of the school by Friday, November 6th. **Scotchies Dry Cleaners** is kindly cleaning items which will be returned in time for the swap on Wednesday, November 11th at 3:00 p.m. We will have the cleaned winter gear items organized on tables outside the main doors.

Please use hand sanitizer prior to handling items, as well as practicing social distancing. Questions please email me at schleppy9@yahoo.com.

Sarah Stewart, JPTO Coat Swap Coordinator

Online Scholastic Book Fair is Open!

As you know, our Scholastic Book Fair is online this fall. Please see the flyer included with today's update for complete details. Please help us keep children reading, and raise critical funds for our school by supporting the Book Fair!



Individual Student Pictures

We will have Skillman Photography take our individual student school pictures again this year. All safety protocols will be followed in the process. Pictures for Group A will be taken on Wednesday, November 18th and Group B on Thursday, November 19th. Watch for more information soon!

COVID-19 Information and Updates



PSD illness, COVID-19 case protocols

Protocols are placed to limit the spread of COVID-19, in accordance with state and county public health department guidance for schools. PSD will update protocols as state and county guidance changes.

COVID-19 School Status and Information web page: PSD will post schools' current operating statuses, as well as information when cases trigger a classroom quarantine or school closure, following state and county public health guidance. Please note: Information about individual cases is NOT sent to the entire district or the entire respective school community; instead, there is direct communication with the parents/guardians of students with possible exposure and those identified as close contacts. For parents/guardians who do NOT receive communication about a case, it is because their student is not believed to have had close contact with a positive individual. [Read more >>](#)

When can my student return to school after being ill? The state health department recently changed its Return to Learn guidance, and PSD has new information about when students and staff can return to school and work after experiencing critical, major and minor symptoms. [Read more >>](#)

Health and Safety: Visit the [Health and Safety web page](#) for more on the 3 W's (wear a mask, watch your distance, wash your hands), cleaning and sanitizing of schools, and more.

PSD COVID-19 protocols: [Visit this web page](#) to learn more about state and county guidance for what happens when there is a COVID-19 case or outbreak in PSD and review the district's staff and student protocols.

Larimer County COVID-19 data: Get the latest from the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment on its [website](#), including current COVID-19 data.

Original Works - Order before November 9!

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

Important Reminders from previous newsletters

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

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.

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.** 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. |

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 so 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. If you call (970-488-5000) when you are about 5 minutes away from the school – we will try to have your student ready when you arrive.

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 – 11/8		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 Original Works orders are DUE
11		Veterans’ Recognition at Johnson
13		DUE Date for “Holiday Help Requests”
16	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting *Virtual
18		Individual Student Pictures – Group A
19		Individual Student Pictures – Group B Turkey Round-Up for the Larimer County Food Bank
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 Work Day
14		Kindergarten Registration for 2021/2022 School Year
15	Noon	School of Choice First Round Deadline: Secondary Schools
15	Noon	School of Choice First Round Deadline: Elementary Schools
18		NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Quick Links

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



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