



Johnson Elementary

Thunderbird Times November 2020

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8:50 a.m.—3:28 p.m.

Principal's Corner

Dear Johnson Families:

Welcome to November! Thank you to all families who have supported us in staying open to serve our families. We really appreciate all the families who have kept their sick children home. I know this is a very different year, but we could not accomplish what we have without all of you supporting us. Thank you for being patient with our mistakes and changes.

Some celebrations from October are opening back up for children to attend in-person, original works projects sponsored by our very own Lindsey England, our conference attendance, and our virtual book fair. During our parent-teacher conferences, we made contact with over 94% of our families. Thank you for attending conferences! Thank you to our JPTO and their sponsorship of our virtual book fair. This is the first time we have ever done a virtual book fair, and it was successful.

November brings a time of thanksgiving and celebration. We are in the middle of our coat swap as you read this newsletter. Thank you to families who donate to this cause and thank you to our sponsoring businesses. We strive to keep our students warm and ready to play in the cold weather. They have so much fun in the snow!


On November 11th, we will celebrate and thank our Veteran's. We currently have a letter writing campaign started. These letters will be sent to Operation Interdependence where they will be sent out to soldiers around the world.



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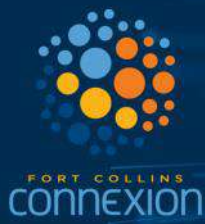
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Principal's Corner

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We are also sending letters to a two veterans' nursing homes and a retirement home located here in Colorado. If you would like your child to write a letter to a veteran, please have your child turn the letter into the office by November 11th. On November 11th, we will honor the day with a virtual speech, a moment of silence, wearing red, white, and blue, and our letter writing campaign.

We are collecting turkeys for our annual turkey round up on Thursday, November 19th. Thank you for thinking of other families with this needed donation. Each year, we provide Johnson families as well as community families with their Thanksgiving meal. Look for additional information in today's newsletter. Mr. and Mrs. Slocomb will be our "Turkey Wranglers" again this year.

We will round the month out with our usual break for Thanksgiving. May this time be filled with family, good health, and cheer.

Thank you for all you do for our school.

Georgianna Dawson, Principal

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AP's Angle

Blossoming Thunderbirds!

When I lived in Japan, I had the opportunity to visit one of the country's most famous trees. The 400-year-old tree is called, "Ishiwari Zakura", which means, the Rock-splitting Cherry Tree. Every Spring, this amazing tree-in-a-rock still produces the most beautiful cherry blossoms, bringing joy and hope to all who pass by.

I think I was reminded of this tree because every day at Johnson Elementary I get the privilege of viewing, "rock-splitting" attitudes from our students and staff! I can assure you that these challenging times have not been able to stop the journey of learning and personal growth for these Thunderbirds.

Resilience and perseverance are skills that successful students use to push through to the next layer towards achievement and greater potential. These skills can be gained through practice, commitment, and opportunities.

At your next family time, consider leading a discussion about a time when you persevered through something difficult, and did some rock-splitting in your life. Your story will be a source of encouragement and inspiration for your child to learn from.

Thank you and Go Thunderbirds!

Matt Hughes, Assistant Principal

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Online Scholastic Book Fair continues...

Johnson's Online Scholastic Book Fair continues through November 8th! You will love the NEW Options with shopping online:

- Over 6,000 items including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
- All orders ship directly to your home
- FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25
- All purchases support our school and earn 25% in rewards.

Please see the flyer included in today's newsletter for complete details.

Happy Reading!

Tonia Nelson & Lisa Hunter, Book Fair Coordinators

Don't Forget - Original Works orders are DUE by 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 is included with today's newsletter with ordering instructions or you can simply visit <https://store.originalworks.com> where you can browse available products, create an account, upload images and place your order. At check-out, 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

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 schlep-py9@yahoo.com.

Sarah Stewart, JPTO Coat Swap Coordinator

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!

Turkey Round-up – November 19th

More than 2,500 turkeys are needed for holiday food baskets. Each year the Food bank provides services to over 40,000 residents of Larimer County, many of them are PSD students.

Bring your **FROZEN** turkeys to school on the morning of November 19th, and our Turkey Wrangler will meet you out front by the main entrance. Please have your turkey here by 9:00 a.m. We will use a no contact process to accept the turkeys. Please use social distancing as you place your turkey in the truck. Frozen turkeys and canned goods will also be accepted starting at 8:00 a.m. in the old Kmart parking lot on the corner of College and Drake. Mention Johnson Elementary if you make a donation.

Breakfast Service at Johnson

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. 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.**

Student Council and Morning Fresh

Johnson's Student Council is still collecting Morning Fresh milk caps. There is a tote located near the front door at Johnson. Please use the hand sanitizer provided before opening the box. See flyer included in today's newsletter for more information.

Meal service during Phase 3 hybrid education

Beginning Monday, Nov. 2, students and families picking up meals will be asked to provide a PSD student name and ID number.

There is no cost for meals. Meals are free as part of a U.S. Department of Agriculture school district reimbursement program. Parents are encouraged to still apply for free and reduced-priced meals, which helps with school funding ([MySchoolApps website](#)).



- At school during Phase 3, students can choose to eat [school meals](#) or bring their lunch from home.
- On their remote education days, students can pick up meals at designated school and mobile meal sites. PSD Virtual students can get meals at these sites too.
 - ◇ Sack meals are available to students **11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday - Friday (on scheduled school days)**.
 - ◇ People must wear face coverings and maintain social distancing at meal sites.
 - ◇ Students may get meals at any location regardless of the school they attend or where they live.
- Community resources available for adults and non PSD students through the:
 - ◇ [Food Bank for Larimer County](#).
 - ◇ [Meal Distribution Locations](#)
 - ◇ [COVID School Meal FAQ](#)
 - ◇ [COVID School Meal FAQ Spanish](#)
 - ◇ [November In Person Breakfast Menu](#)
 - ◇ [November In Person Lunch Menu](#)

Have a question and are not sure who to contact? Send your question to nutrition@psdschools.org and we will get it forwarded to just the right person.

Updates from the Music Classroom



Hi musical Johnson Thunderbirds! Below are some updates from the music classroom.

-  **4th and 5th graders** are learning the ukulele. It is not necessary, but if you would like to purchase one for at home practice please see my recommendation below. I highly suggest NOT buying a ukulele from Walmart, Target, or any similar store. Unfortunately, those stores tend to carry low quality instruments that usually frustrate students.
 - ⇒ **Ukulele Suggestion:** Kala Waterman Soprano Ukulele. This is a great beginning ukulele due to durability, price, sound, and ease in sanitizing as it is plastic. Also, it was highly recommended by other music teachers in our school district that have taught ukulele. There are wooden ones and some of even higher quality, but the Waterman is a great one to begin learning the ukulele. Here is a link to purchasing through Amazon or West Music. They are available in a variety of colors and even glow in the dark!
 - ◆ https://www.amazon.com/Kala-KA-SWB-Waterman-Soprano-Ukulele/dp/B01LW7K0H4/ref=sr_1_10?dchild=1&keywords=waterman+kala+ukulele&qid=1603476446&sr=8-10
 - ◆ <https://www.westmusic.com/guitars-folk/ukuleles/305033>
-  Since we cannot have traditional live performances, I will be recording videos in November and December of classes performing instrumental pieces and/or dances. **Please look out for videos of mini-performances in mid-December!**

Breanne Mathias, Music Teacher - Contact: bmathias@psdschools.org

News from PE Land

Hi Thunderbirds,

PE has been different everyday- cold, smoke, inside/outside. We have reviewed the THREE W's and learned some recess routines that combine their PE experiences. Students should be prepared for the chilly temperatures, have their PE shoes and a water bottle for class. I will see your child's class for a two-week block.

A few other points:

- Some equipment will be shared but without touching with hands, as in soccer. We are allowed to share equipment, but it is best to limit that even though we are using foam sanitizer all the time in PE.
- As a side note from the IT Department, this may make it hard to navigate touch screens as the natural oil and dirt on fingertips is replaced by dry, super clean skin on our fingertips.
- Masks for PE will be necessary, along with social distancing.
- There will be no virtual PE during a live class but there are asynchronous activities on the PE Learning page for activities. The health and fitness of all of us is important and I hope you can find fitness in new ways.

Jim Rumbold, PE Teacher – Contact: jrumbold@psdschools.org

Counselor's Update

Dear Johnson Families,

We hope it will be a joyful and healthy holiday season for our families and staff here at Johnson. We know that the holidays can be a stressful time. Providing gifts for your family can create additional financial stress. Johnson and our community partners are offering support for families in need. If you would like to request support, please fill out the form included in today's newsletter and email it me at jallen@psdschools.org. All requests will be placed in a lottery and you will be notified if your name is selected. **The deadline to make a request is November 13th.**

There are also several holiday programs and resources available through community agencies. If you need additional information, please contact Wrenn Thornton, Johnson's Secretary at wthornto@psdschools.org (970-488-5003) or Jason Allen at jallen@psdschools.org (970-488-5038).

We are still planning our traditional Johnson "Giving Tree" initiative for this year. Over the years, it has been an honor to serve many Johnson families through this fund. We have been able to purchase much needed items to help get families through some difficult times. This year, especially, a lot of students and families may have a need and we are hoping that by continuing our Giving Tree efforts, we can continue to be a community school that brings supports together for those in need. The school staff and so many of our Johnson families appreciate so very much all of you who have contributed to this over the years!

If you would like to contribute, we are planning to use SchoolPay as a means for people to donate. As you know, we usually use change jars. This isn't possible this year. The intention, though, is still the same. Any amount you feel comfortable with goes directly to providing resources for families at our school (utilities, clothes, winter gear, etc). Click on the SchoolPay link, choose Giving Tree, and donate the amount you would like: [SchoolPay](#)

Thank You So Much and Best Wishes,

Mr. Allen, School Counselor

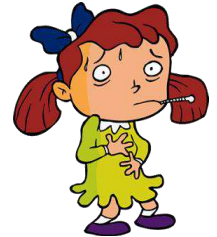
Important Information from previous news updates

Help us keep our school open

We are following our district guidelines that you can view if you click this link: [PSD Phase 3 Information](#).

Family expectations:

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. [At-Home Symptom Screening for Parents and Staff](#)

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

Family expectations:

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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.

ParentVUE portal

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

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.

School Arrival and Dismissal

School Hours for In-Person learning: 8:50 a.m. – 3:28 p.m.

Students can arrive to campus beginning at 8:35 am. Students should report directly to their outer classroom doors. **No students or family members should come through our front doors.** We have socially distanced dots/markers painted outside each door. Each child should wait (using social distancing dots) to be checked in with the teacher. Once students are checked in, they will wash hands and get settled at their learning space.

At dismissal, we will use a staggered dismissal process that supports social distancing. If you normally pick your child up, please allow for extra time for this staggered process. All students need to be picked up promptly.

Breakfast Information

Breakfast is available for all students beginning at 8:35 until 9:00 a.m. each day. If your student arrives to school after 9:00 a.m. – please be sure he/she has had breakfast before arriving at school.

Students pick up their breakfast at the cart in the front of the building, near the main entry, then go to their classroom outer door where they will wait to be checked in. They will then follow the handwashing procedures, then eat breakfast at their space. Once done eating, they will clean up their area and get it ready for sanitizing. Staff will help each student sanitize spaces.

Lunch Information

Students will eat lunch and snack in their classrooms. For students who normally get their lunch from our cafeteria, they will have their lunches delivered to the classroom. We will follow a sanitizing routine before and after eating times. Students will wash their hands before and after eating. Each child's space will be sanitized before and after eating times. We also plan to eat outdoors when the weather permits. During eating times, students will be socially distanced and have a mask break.

If you send your child with a lunch or snack, make sure your child can independently open what you have provided.

Lunch Schedule by Grade

- Kindergarten 11:30 – 11:55 a.m.
- 1st Grade 11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 2nd Grade 11:55 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- 3rd Grade 12:05 – 12:25 p.m.
- 4th Grade 12:30 – 12:50 p.m.
- 5th Grade 12:40 – 1:00 p.m.

Recess information

Students will have recess in cohort groups. When they can socially distance, they will not be required to wear a mask. We have planned activities that promote play and social distancing. When they play on the large play structures, they will need to have their masks on.

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.

Medication and Health Care Action Plans

Please turn in student medication forms, Health Care Action Plans, medications, and updated immunization records on Friday drop off/pick up day, or call to make arrangements to deliver them another day. **The items should be brought to the main entry.** Give us a call and we will come out to meet you. Phone: 970-488-5000

You may also FAX medical forms: 970-488-5007 – Attention: Wrenn Thornton

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

School donations help with learning materials

These donation items are visible in SchoolPay: [Pay Fees/Charges Online](#)

Our budget has seen significant cuts due to the decrease in enrollment, caused by COVID-19. We are very thankful for the donations that we have already received from the Johnson Community.

- **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.

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.

Join us for the next JPTO General Membership Meeting

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 November 16 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.

Meet our JPTO Officers:

- President Andrea Evans
- Vice-President Wednesday Melszen-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

Ongoing fundraisers for Johnson Elementary

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

⇒ **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.

⇒ **Advertising Fundraising for Johnson**

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

Fundraisers that directly benefit JPTO:

⇒ **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.

⇒ **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

- 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 ours is easy and at the top. (4101 Seneca Street) Click “**enroll**”
- Adding this card will not affect your gas points or other discount benefits you receive through King Soopers.

⇒ **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. All you have to do is register!

- **How to enroll:**

1. Go to smile.amazon.com, scroll to the bottom of the page
2. At the bottom of the page click on “**get started**”
3. It will take you to a login page. Log in with your **amazon account**
4. 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.)
5. Know that all funds go to support our school, Johnson Elementary.
6. Remember you must log in from the smile page at smile.amazon.com **each time you make a purchase for the charitable donation to count.**

Thank you so much for supporting our school!

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!

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

Review the PSD Calendar for dates beyond this date:

[2020 – 2021 Revised K-12 Student/Teacher Calendar](#)

Quick Links



- [Johnson Elementary Website](#)
- [PSD Schools Parent Website](#)
- [District News](#)
- [PSD School Calendars & Schedules](#)
- 2020-21 School Year web pages:
<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21>
- COVID-19 School Status and Information web page:
<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/COVID19schoolstatus>
- PSD Protocols for COVID-19:
<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/psdprotocolsCOVID19>
- Tech Support Resources:
<https://www.psdschools.org/Remote-Learning>
- Health and Safety:
<https://www.psdschools.org/node/1568>
- Meals during 2020-21:
<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/mealsremotelearning>