

Thunderbird Update – November 19, 2020



Dear Johnson Families,

We have had a solid week of in-person learning. We hope you all are healthy and ready for our fall break next week. Monday and Tuesday will be our first remote learning days with all children, and Phase I learning will continue through to our winter break.

By now, your child's teacher has sent out information about your child's schedule and how to access learning. If you have questions about this schedule, please reach out to your child's teacher.

While we are in Phase I, we will have our Friday materials exchange as we did before. Work bins will be located at teachers' outside doors for you to drop off and pick-up learning materials. We will begin our materials distribution exchange on Friday, December 4, 2020.

Although we will miss getting to work with your children in person, we are committed to making the most of remote learning. Our schedule is the same as the remote schedule we started the year with slight changes to when we provide small group instruction. You can expect your child to have a morning meeting at 8:50 and have a lunch break at 12:00. They will have a 30-minute "Specials" class each day.

We care deeply about your children here at Johnson. In person or virtual, we will continue to provide the best educational experience possible for them.

Georgianna Dawson, Principal

Turkey Round-up – TODAY!

It is time to "Round-Up" the Turkeys!!! Bring your **FROZEN** turkeys or canned food items to school this morning at or before 9:00 a.m. We will use a no contact process to accept the turkeys. Please use social distancing as you place your turkey/canned food items 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.



Phase 1 – Remote Learning at Home

The first day of [Phase 1](#) learning starts Monday, November 23rd for all grades. PSD will update the community about plans for January 5th and beyond as they monitor the situation through December.

PSD Community Tech Portal

As we prepare for Phase 1 we wanted to remind families of the [PSD Community Tech Portal](#). Please visit the site and familiarize yourself with the tools and information available there.

Meals during Phase 1

PSD will continue to distribute meals. We will share more information soon on how meal distribution will look beginning November 23rd. Visit the [PSD Schools Meals website](#) for more information.



Gift Card Extravaganza – Nov. 30 – Dec. 4

JPTO is selling gift cards for the holidays the week of November 30th - December 4th. Gift cards make great gifts for your teacher, coach, babysitter, or loved one. We have: \$5 Panera, \$5 Starbucks, \$5 Barnes & Noble, \$10 Target, and more. See order forms included with today's news update. **Order forms are due by December 4th. Please write checks to JPTO.** You can now order from the app using our enrollment code, OR you may drop off your order at the school office. I will notify families directly about your cards by email/text to let you know they have arrived and give the options to pick up the cards. Please support Johnson Elementary and purchase a gift card.

Michelle Doll, SCRIP Gift Card Coordinator

Johnson Spirit Gear Store Open until 11/30

If you're looking for an easy shopping experience and outfitting your student in some Thunderbird gear, the store is open now through November 30th. Orders will be delivered to the school and distributed by the students' teacher with Friday folders.

<https://johnsonwinter2020.itemorder.com/>

Kelly Steinway, JPTO Rep

Snow-cially Distanced Holiday Decorating Contest

Johnson PTO is excited to announce our first ever snow-cially distanced holiday decorating contest. The goal is to spread joy to our community through creative displays and beautiful lights while bringing families together to share the excitement of the holiday season. Join in the fun, get in the holiday spirit, and let's bring a glimmer of joy to our community this holiday season.



All information can be found here: <https://johnsonpto.weebly.com/snow-cially-distanced-holiday-decorating.html>

Kelly Steinway, JPTO Rep

Important Reminders from previous newsletters

Counselor's Corner

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

Attendance and Absence Reporting

If your student is ill during Phase 1, please continue to call the attendance line.

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:



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.

Johnson Calendar of Events

November		
18		Individual Student Pictures – Group A
19	9:00 am	Individual Student Pictures – Group B Turkey Round-Up for the Larimer County Food Bank
23		Phase 1 Remote Learning begins
25 – 27		NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
December		
14	4:00 – 5:00 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting *Virtual
18		Second Quarter Ends
21 – 31		NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
January 2021		
1		NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
4		NO SCHOOL – Staff Workday
11	4:00 – 5:00 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting *Virtual
13	6:00 – 7:30 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting *Virtual
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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