

Thunderbird Update – January 28, 2020



Principal's Corner

Dear Johnson Families,

As we finish up the last week of January, our in-person return has gone smoothly. Thank you to all of you for supporting a smooth return. The children got into classroom routines and academics with record speed.

As a gentle reminder, Colorado brings ever changing weather. Please make sure your child brings the appropriate gear to go out and play. The children love playing in the snow at recess and have such a great time with this. Our temperature cut point for going out is 10°. We do watch for windchill and factor this in. In other words, if the temperature is 20° but windchill says it feels like 7°, we keep the children inside.

On February 12th, many classrooms will host a simple Valentine's Day party. Each classroom teacher is planning a party for their students. Please check in with your child's teacher as to whether your child should bring in valentines and when. Some classrooms have activities planned that do not require students to bring in valentines. **Please, please do NOT send in valentines with candy.** We are a wellness school committed to inclusionary practices for all, and we will not be able to pass the candies out.

Our SAAC met this January 13th. We discussed budget priorities for our district, reviewed plans for phase 4, and discussed current enrollment. If you have an interest in advising our school for next year, please email me your interest as we plan for next school year.

In closing, thank you for making Johnson a great place to be.

All my best,

Georgie Dawson

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National School Counseling Week 2021

"School Counselors: All In for All Students," will be celebrated from Feb. 1-5, 2021, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February.

Please help us recognize Mr. Jason Allen for all the ways he supports students here at Johnson Elementary.

Online Spirit Gear Store – Reopened!

Families, we heard you and reopened our online store for all your Thunderbird gear needs. **You have until February 7th to place an order online.**

Once the store closes items will be delivered to the school within 3 weeks and distributed to your child. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Click here to order Johnson spirit gear: Shop for [Johnson Spirit Gear](#)

Kelly Steinway, Spirit Gear Coordinator

Skillman Photography offering makeup picture day – February 10

If your child was absent or is new to our school and did not get a school picture taken in November, there is another opportunity coming up on Wednesday, February 10th. Skillman Photography will be at Johnson from 9:00 – 9:30 for picture makeup/retakes. You may also get re-takes if you were not satisfied with your child's school picture. You can request that a picture makeup form be sent home with your child by calling the school office. You may also order pictures online. See flyer included in today's newsletter for complete details.

Here is what we expect of families to help our school stay open for in person learning:

- Complete symptom checks for your children every day. If your child is experiencing **any** of the symptoms listed, keep your child home: [Can I go to school today?](#)
- Reinforce the safety measures we put in place at school.
- Help your children to understand this will pass, and we hope to return to “normalcy” as soon as possible.
- Provide your children with a mask and teach them how to wear and care for masks. The mask should fit snugly.
- Remind your children to wash their hands frequently.
- Communicate with us about cases and potential exposures.



Processes when staff or students are exposed to or test positive for COVID-19

Parents, guardians, staff and students should notify their school or supervisor if there is a positive COVID-19 case or possible exposure.

Return to learning guidance

For students and staff returning to work or school in PSD following a positive COVID-19 symptom screen, PSD follows the [CDPHE Return to Learn guidance for K-12 schools](#).

A group of nurses and PSD staff evaluated the updated guidance, which is now in effect and outlines when staff and students can return to work and school.

Note: This guidance is NOT intended for cases or close contacts of COVID-19. A confirmed COVID-19 case or close contact should follow public health isolation or quarantine instructions for return to school/work.

Critical symptoms

- *Loss of taste or smell*

Critical symptom response:

- Follow home isolation for 10 days following symptom onset AND be 24 hours fever free without use of fever-reducing meds before returning to school.
- COVID-19 test recommended.

Major symptoms

- *Feeling feverish, having chills, temperature of 100.4 F or greater*
- *New or worsening cough*
- *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing*

Major symptom response:

- If symptoms resolve within 24 hours of onset and stay resolved an additional 24 hours, return to school. (48 hours total)
- If symptoms DO NOT resolve within 24 hours, either:
 - Follow home isolation for 10 days following symptom onset AND 24 hours fever free without use of fever-reducing meds before returning to school.

- Get a polymerase chain reaction (PCR), Abbott ID Now, Curative, or Binax Now COVID-19 test. If test is negative, return to school once symptom-free for 24 hours. If positive, follow home isolation for 10 days following symptom onset AND 24 hours fever free without use of fever-reducing meds before returning to school.

Minor symptoms

- *Sore throat*
- *Runny nose or congestion*
- *Muscle or body aches*
- *Headache*
- *Fatigue*
- *Nausea, vomiting*
- *Diarrhea*

Minor symptom response:

- If symptoms resolve within 24 hours of onset and stay resolved an additional 24 hours, return to school. (48 hours total)
- If symptoms resolve within 48 hours of onset and stay resolved an additional 24 hours, return to school. (72 hours total)
- If symptoms DO NOT resolve within 48 hours, either:
 - Follow home isolation for 10 days following symptom onset AND 24 hours fever free without use of fever-reducing meds before returning to school.
 - Get a polymerase chain reaction (PCR), Abbott ID Now, Curative, or Binax Now COVID-19 test. If test is negative, return to school once symptom-free for 24 hours. If positive, follow home isolation for 10 days following symptom onset AND 24 hours fever free without use of fever-reducing meds before returning to school.

If there are questions about when a student can return to school, the school nurse or PSD health staff will make that determination.

Schools on the Move Challenge – Coming in February!

The fabulous *Schools On The Move* team will push through our program again this February but it will be very different this year. Here are the changes:

LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR
Paper logs for ALL participants	Healthy Kids Club will email schools a TRACKING LOG LINK
Schools passed out the LOGS	Schools will email the TRACKING LOG LINK to students, families and staff
Use the paper log for ALL information	Participants track their 5210+ habits online or print a tracking log at home
PE teachers prepared tracking logs for Healthy Kids Club	Participants will submit their results online <i>after February 28, when the link is sent out</i>

Introduction video, it is very good! 😊

<https://youtu.be/R9Pk7xyAE4>

Healthy Kids Club google site:

<https://sites.google.com/view/2021hkcchallenge/home>

Look for 5210 Tracking Log and instructions included in today's newsletter.

Jim Rumbold, Johnson PE Teacher

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Johnson Calendar of Events

January 2021		
29	3:15 pm	Virtual PRIDE Assembly
February		
8	4:00 – 5:00 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting *Virtual
10	9:00 – 9:30 am	Makeup Picture Day
15		NO SCHOOL – Staff Workday
22	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting *Virtual
26	3:15 pm	Virtual PRIDE Assembly
March		
8	4:00 – 5:00 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
10	6:00 – 7:30 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting
12		End of 3 rd Quarter
14		Daylight Savings Time Begins
15 – 19		NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
20		Spring Begins!
22	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
April		
2	3:15 pm	Virtual PRIDE Assembly
12	4:00 – 5:00 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
16		NO SCHOOL – Conference Exchange Day
19		NO SCHOOL – Building Workday
26	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting *Virtual

Frequently asked questions and resources [Read more >>](#)

Technical Support	Health & Safety	2020-21 School Year	ParentVUE	PSD Virtual
Calendar	Transportation	School Meals	District Policies	Departments

Quick Links

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



In case you missed it...

Kindergarten – 4th grade families – Have you completed this survey?

We are beginning the important work of planning for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Part of that work is to establish expected student enrollment for next school year. We need your help in this process. We have created a short survey to gather information from each of our families regarding your plans for next school year. You will only need to complete one survey per family. The survey allows you to include information for more than one student. **Please complete the survey by February 19th.**



[Enrollment Survey for the 2021 – 2022 School Year](#)

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

Student pick-up during the school day/late arrival

If your child arrives late to school (after 8:50) and teacher has already closed her outside classroom door, please walk him/her to the main front door near the office. Office staff will ask you to sign your student in.

If you need to pick your child up during the school day – please call the main office (970-488-5000) when you are on your way to the school (5 to 10 min away). We will have your student ready and waiting for you to sign out at the main entrance. Ring the bell to the left of the main door and we will bring your student out to you.

Help us to celebrate Mission Moments at Johnson and in PSD

At PSD, your mission moments of how you support "Educate ... Every Child ... Every Day" is important to us. Telling positive stories about what is happening in the district during this challenging time is valuable not only for our staff but also for the community. We want to be able to display the good work that you are doing and know that it is appreciated! You're what makes us #PSDproud! [Submit a Mission Moment today. >>](#)

Mental Health: Lets juice this lemon!

Few would disagree that 2020 was a lemon and probably not anyone's favorite year. You might have noticed that 2020 became 2021 without many differences. We still have lemons (pandemic, fears, and uncertainty). Now what? We can choose what to do with those lemons.

[Read this week's full update on the Mental Health Resources web page >>](#)

Ask for help if you are having a tough time and remember, you are not alone.

Early Childhood Education

PSD's preschool program still has open spaces for the 2020-21 school year, and ECE's compassionate and professional teachers can't wait to work with the children in your lives. More families may qualify now than ever before. To learn more and begin an application online, visit the [Early Childhood Education web page](#) or call 970-490-3204.

AlphaBEST Education

Did you know **AlphaBEST Education** offers before and after school care at Johnson Elementary. The program adds enrichment, fitness, fun and quiet time in a safe and supervised environment? Johnson AlphaBEST Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. A secure registration platform is available on the [AlphaBEST website](#).

Please contact AlphaBEST with questions: 972-668-0640 or customerservice@alphabest.org

PSD COVID-19 case protocols

- [PSD COVID-19 Data and School Information](#): PSD 14-Day COVID-19 Location Screening case trends, monitoring when a school's case percentage goes over 1% – when a partial or whole school temporary closure may be necessary.
- [PSD COVID-19 protocols](#): Contact tracing will look different at the preschool/elementary and secondary levels.
- [Return to Learn](#): PSD will align with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's updated Return to Learn guidance, which maps out when students and staff can return to school and work after experiencing illness symptoms.
- [Health and Safety web page](#): Information on the 3 W's best practices, cleaning and sanitizing of schools.
- [Larimer County COVID-19 data](#): Current COVID-19 data from the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment.

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