

Thunderbird Update – February 11, 2021



Dear Johnson Families,

Please take a few minutes to read through today's news update.

Fundraiser for Johnson JPTO – Tomorrow at Panda Express!

Join us at **Panda Express**, located at College & Harmony on Friday, February 12th for a Johnson JPTO fundraiser. The fundraiser goes from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Your purchase will help raise funds for Johnson Elementary through our JPTO Organization. 20% of event sales will be donated to Johnson JPTO. All students received a flyer with details, and one will be included in today's update.

- **In-store:**
Guest must show paper or digital version of flyer
- **Online:**
Enter 321571 in the promo code box during online checkout at order.pandaexpress.com. Orders must be placed on the event day

Valentines Guidelines

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.



Online Book Fair – coming soon!

For the Love of Books, online book fair is coming to Johnson **February 15th-28th**

Help your child develop a love of reading and help raise funds for Johnson.

- ♥ Browse over 6,000 titles with free shipping to your home on book-only orders over \$25
- ♥ Spread the love with e-wallet, allowing friends and family to contribute to your child's account
- ♥ Share the love with a donation to your teacher's e-wallet for classroom book purchases
- ♥ Help us reach 313 books sold to secure an in-person outdoor BOGO fair in May of this year
- ♥ All purchases February 15th-28th earn 25% back in funds for Johnson Elementary

Visit our book fair homepage to learn more: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/joh>

The online fair will be open for purchases from: 2/15/2021 - 2/28/2021

JPTO Raise Craze Fundraiser

Raise Craze is a unique way for us to raise money for our school while making an impact in our community. During this fundraiser, students ask friends and family for donations via the online Raise Craze platform while paying it forward serving others. What a great way for us to teach our students the importance of kindness and gratitude while raising much needed funds. Students will spend time serving, not selling!

TO DO:

Registration Link: my.raisecraze.com/AGV83TJ

- Enter your student's name
- Select at least 3 Acts of Kindness
- Enter 5-10 email addresses of potential supporters.



Raise Craze will send all emails, reminders and thank you notes. Emails will never be shared with third parties or used for marketing.

At A Glance: Dates: February 15 - March 4

- Random Acts of Kindness Week is Feb. 14-20!
- Our Goal: \$15,000 School-Wide
- Service Projects: Canned food drive and Card Making

Every student can participate in Raise Craze by completing Acts of Kindness (AOK) so we're aiming for 100% participation. As a little encouragement, teachers will be handing out daily "Kindness Coins" when they see students being kind so please talk to your student about ways he or she might show kindness at school. We are excited to see all of the ways our students choose to serve others!

If you'd like to share AOK in progress with our community, please email jksteinway@gmail.com, text 970-222-5663 or tag us on social media!

Thanks,
Johnson Parent Teacher Organization

P.S. For updates, follow us on facebook at Johnson Elementary Community and be sure to check out the Leaderboard at my.raisecraze.com/leaderboard/for/AGV83TJ!

Need help getting started? Check out the Raise Craze Instructional Video at raisecraze.com/instructional-video/ or contact Kelly Steinway at jksteinway@gmail.com

Kelly Steinway, Fundraiser Coordinator for JPTO

Outdoor Recess Guidelines

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.

Encouragement Matters

During these difficult times, hearing positive feedback about how we are doing means so much to our staff. If you have something you would like to share to encourage them, please send an email to Tina Crewdson at tcrewds@psdschools.org. I will share your comments in our school newsletters and the PSD Communications office.

Johnson Calendar of Events

February		
15		NO SCHOOL – Staff Workday
15		Online Book Fair begins JPTO “Raise Craze” Fundraiser begins
16 – 18	9:00 – 10:20 am	CogAT Testing for 2 nd Grade Students
19		Intent to Return Survey DUE – Grades K - 4
22	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting *Virtual
26	3:15 pm	Virtual PRIDE Assembly
March		
4		JPTO “Raise Craze” Fundraiser ends
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 – “Spring” forward 1 hour
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 – Staff 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...

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.

Mental Health Matters

Join us for night two of the 6th annual Mental Health Matters event. This event is open to all grade levels, parents, families, and friends. Learn how you and your student can reframe stress, renew your resilience, restore your energy, and revive your relationships from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 18. [Sign-up here \(English/Spanish\) >>](#)

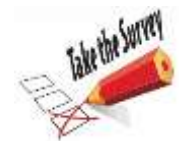
Family Resources available for hardships during COVID-19

PSD staff and community partners recently compiled updated support resources for staff and families. If you know someone who needs help, check out the [Family Resources web page >>](#)

PSD Jobs: PSD is hiring substitute teachers, bus drivers, paraprofessionals and more! For more information on open positions and how to apply, visit [PSD's job fair website >>](#)

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.

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 February 22 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.

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. >>](#)

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/R9Pk7xyAIE4>

Healthy Kids Club google site:

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



Look for 5210 Tracking Log and instructions are available on the [Johnson Website](#).

Jim Rumbold, Johnson PE Teacher

Contact: jrumbold@psdschools.org

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.

The Poudre School District is committed to the policy that no otherwise qualified person shall be denied access to, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to unlawful discrimination under, any District program or activity on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, age or disability. District compliance with this policy shall be the responsibility of, and reports and complaints of discrimination based on these protected classifications should be directed to: For District students and community members: Director of Student Services, 1630 South Stover Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525, phone: 970-490-3033; For District employees: Executive Director of Human Resources, 2407 La Porte Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521, phone: 970-490-3620.