

Thunderbird Update – February 25, 2021



Dear Johnson Families,

Please take a few minutes to read through today's news update. We have been open for in-person learning for a little over 5 weeks! Thank you for helping us stay open!

Here is what we expect of families to help our school stay open:

- 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 (970-488-5000).

Spirit Gear – Orders are here!

If you placed an order through the online Spirit Gear Store, the items will be coming home with your student this week. Let us know if you have any questions.

Online Book Fair – Still time to order!

For the Love of Books, Johnson's online book fair continues through this Sunday, February 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 is open for purchases from: 2/15/2021 - 2/28/2021

JPTO Raise Craze Fundraiser – Over \$6,600 raised so far!

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 are spending time serving, not selling!

So far, 66 participants have completed 266 acts of kindness and raised over \$6,600 for our school. Many of our students have received kindness coins, be sure to ask them if they have one!

Even better is, we still have a week to go! Imagine how much more impact we can make serving our community.

If you participated in **card making for first responders, troops serving overseas, or healthcare workers** - please get them to the school ASAP. If you didn't, you still can!

March 1-4 is our canned food drive for the Food Bank for Larimer County. Please bring your canned goods to school and drop them in the box by the front door.

If you haven't registered your student yet;

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.

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

Johnson Calendar of Events

February		
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
22 – 26		Classified Staff Appreciation Week
April		
2	3:15 pm	Virtual PRIDE Assembly
12	4:00 – 5:00 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
16		NO SCHOOL – Conference Exchange Day
26	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
May		
7	3:15 pm	Virtual PRIDE Assembly
10 – 14		Teacher Appreciation Week
10	4:00 – 5:00 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
17		NO SCHOOL – Staff Workday
17	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
26		Last Day of School – Half Day

In case you missed it...

Second School of Choice consideration period now open

If you missed the first period of consideration to apply for School of Choice, the second application period is now open. Families have a wide array of wonderful PSD schools to choose from. [More information >>](#)

Kindergarten registration is available online

Register online at olr.psdschools.org. Even if you opt to send your child to a school outside your neighborhood through School Choice, you must still register your child at your neighborhood school. [Read more about Kindergarten options >>](#)

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.

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 >>](#)

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. >>](#)

Early Childhood Education

Know a preschooler who could benefit from going to school in PSD and connecting with professional, compassionate educators? Did you know ECE is in-person, four days a week during the second semester? To learn about the application process and more, visit the [Early Childhood Education web page](#)>>

School Meals

The district will provide free meals to PSD students (PreK-12) through the end of the 2020-21 school year. [PSD Meals During 2020-21 web page](#) >>

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.

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

Technical Support	Health & Safety	2020-21 School Year	ParentVUE	PSD Virtual
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Quick Links

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



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