

Thunderbird Update – April 15, 2021



Dear Johnson Families,

Please take a few minutes to read through today's Thunderbird Update. Remember that **school is not in session** on **Friday, April 16th** (Conference Comp Day) and **Monday, April 19th** (Teacher Workday).

Attention 4th Grade Families - ECO Week Informational Meeting

There will be a [virtual ECO week meeting](#) available to all 4th grade families to learn about the ECO week field trip coming up September 22-24, 2021. Please click on the [link](#) to attend the virtual meeting this **Tuesday, April 20th** at **5:00 PM**.

Attention 3rd – 5th Grade Families – CMAS State Testing

Dear Johnson Families,

Next Tuesday (April 20), students in grades 3-5 will begin taking the [CMAS](#) State Assessments. Students will complete three units of testing in total, one unit on Tuesday morning, one unit on Wednesday morning, and one unit on Thursday morning. Third and Fifth grade students will be taking the English Language Arts test, and Fourth graders will take the Math test. For students who have been opted out of the tests, please know that if they come to school during the testing time, they will still have to sit quietly in their classrooms and will only be allowed to read a book during the testing time. **We are therefore recommending that students who have been opted out do not arrive to school until 10:45AM.** Thank you for your cooperation.

For parents who have opted their child in to take a second optional test, we will conduct these units (along with any make-ups) during the week of April 26. Please know that the opt-in window is now closed, but parents can still opt their child out of CMAS. For instructions on how to opt your student out of CMAS state testing, please click [here](#).

CMAS is different from MAPs and other tests, as it compares our school's results with other schools across Colorado. These test days are a great way for our Thunderbirds to show what they know., and to help students be ready to do this, we are suggesting the following:

1. Students arrive to school in good time, fed, and rested on the testing days (Tues/Wed/Thurs).

- Students get some time to wake up their brains. So, at **8:45AM**, classroom teachers will be showing a 2–3-minute fun warm up exercise video to help with this. We will also practice some good deep breaths to help students stay relaxed and focused. **Students who participate in these warm-up activities will be entered into a raffle prize drawing** (winners will be announced at the end of each testing day). JPTO has kindly donated some prizes for this.

Thank you very much for your support during our annual state testing time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Matthew Hughes, Assistant Principal

Contact: mhughes@psdschools.org or (970)-488-5015.

In case you missed the testing schedule in previous newsletters:

Please see Johnson’s testing schedule:

Grade	Dates	Times	Subject Area
3	Apr. 20, 21, 22	9:10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	ELA, 3 units / 90 minutes
4	Apr. 20, 21, 22	9:25 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Math, 3 units / 65 minutes
5	Apr. 20, 21, 22	9:10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	ELA, 3 units / 90 minutes
3, 4, 5	Apr. 26, 27, 28	9:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	2 nd test Opt-ins, Make-ups

For more information about state assessments, visit the Colorado Department of Education [website here](#) or visit the [PSD District and State Assessments web page](#).

Earth Day clean-up at Johnson – April 22

One of our parents is organizing an event for Earth Day clean-up here at Johnson. Join us in front of the school (social distanced of course) at 4:00 p.m.



What to bring: trash bags, gloves, masks, positive attitude

For questions about this event please contact: Dawnell Huitt at DawnellandJason@gmail.com or call 970-988-8302.

Help keep our school 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?](#)
- Provide your children with masks and teach them how to wear and care for them.
- Remind your children to maintain safe social distancing and to wash their hands frequently.
- Honor school procedures for school arrival and departure and school guidelines for visitors.
- Let us know about COVID-19 cases and potential exposures. Call (970)488-5000.



Group Class Composite – Order Now!

We will be offering an 8x10 class composite in lieu of the spring class group. Each composite is only \$11.50.

They can be ordered by returning order envelope (sent home with students) or order online. Online orders will have a \$1.00 convenience fee added.

Please ordered by **April 16, 2021**. We will accept order envelopes through Tuesday, April 20.

SECURE PRE-ORDER ONLINE:

Go to www.skillmanphotography.com

Click on “order prepaid school portraits” and have credit/debit card ready.

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All student devices/technology, including MiFis, will be turned in for inventory.

All PSD owned technology must be returned to your assigned PSD location.

- If your student no longer requires a MiFi to ensure reliable internet for homework, or a shift to remote learning, please return it, with the power cord to the Johnson Media Center ASAP.
- Tech equipment such as borrowed mice, headphones, laptops, and MiFi will all be due Friday, May 21, 2021
- Always include the power cords!
- PSDV students should return equipment to the school from which they checked it out. Johnson's students can return the equipment to the Johnson office.
- We will return any equipment to its home school if it comes to Johnson.
- Return all equipment. If you are attending summer school, new equipment will be checked out to you then.
- Teachers, return the equipment that comes from home to the library just like returned books.

5th grade end of year events

We are in the planning phase of organizing our traditional 5th grade end of year events. We are planning for an "in person" promotion ceremony. The promotion ceremony will take place on the last day of school, Wednesday, May 26th in the morning. Our planning will follow all district and county guidelines. We will share more information as it becomes available.



News from PE Land

Due to Covid 19, we are unable to hold the Johnson track and field meet for 4th and 5th grades this spring. We hope to resume normal activities next school year. We are planning on a bike or walk to school day in April.

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

Johnson Calendar of Events

April		
16		NO SCHOOL – Conference Exchange Day
19		NO SCHOOL – Elementary Teacher Workday
20	5:00 pm	Virtual ECO Week Information Meeting for 4 th Parents
20 – 22	9:10 – 9:45 am 9:25 – 10:35 am	CMAS Testing for 3 rd and 5 th CMAS Testing for 4 th
22	4:00 pm	Earth Day Clean-up at Johnson
23		Class Placement Requests DUE for 2021 - 2022
26	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
26 – 28	9:05 – 10:30 am	CMAS 2 nd Test Opt-ins, Make-ups – Grades 3, 4, 5
30		Talent Show Video Auditions are DUE
May		
3 – 7		Teacher Appreciation Week Outdoor Scholastic Book Fair - Tentative
5		Arbor Day Event – 5 th Grade
7	3:15 pm	Virtual PRIDE Assembly
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
21		Field Day – Grades K – 5
25	AM – TBD PM – TBD	Meet Your New Grade Level Teachers Talent Show Video Showing
26	Time TBD	5 th Grade Promotion Last Day of School – Half Day

In case you missed it...previously published articles

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 >>](#)

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 >>](#)

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 >>](#)

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

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

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Quick Links

- [Johnson Elementary Website](#)
- [PSD Schools Parent Website](#)
- [District News](#)
- [PSD School Calendars & Schedules](#)
- [2020-21 FAQ web page](#): Answers to common questions are available here.
- [PSD COVID-19 protocols](#): Want to know what happens when there is a COVID-19 case in school? Need to know what other health and safety protocols are in place this school year?
- [PSD COVID-19 Data and School Information](#): View COVID-19 cases by school and department, trends across age groups, school outbreak statuses, total students and staff in remote learning and more.
- [CDPHE Return to Learn](#): When students and staff can return to school and work after experiencing illness symptoms.
- [Health and Safety web page](#): PSD's health-centered practices, the 3 W's, cleaning, sanitization of schools, and more.
- [Larimer County Department of Health and Environment](#): Current LCDHE COVID-19 data and county pandemic response information.



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