

Dear Johnson Families,

Please take a few minutes to review this week's Thunderbird Update. We still have a lot of activities happening during the last few days of school.



### **Join us for the last JPTO general membership meeting of the school year**

JPTO General Membership meetings are generally held on the last Monday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. **Our last meeting will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams on Monday, May 17 at 6:30 pm.** 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](mailto: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.

Andrea Evans, JPTO President

### **Field day – Friday, May 21**

On Friday, May 21st, all Thunderbirds (K-5) will get to participate in a fun-filled Field Day. Staff will be organizing different events (stations) and the schedule is as follows:

#### Morning Session:

- 9:00 am – 10:00 am      5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am    3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm    4<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Afternoon Session:

- 1:00 – 2:00 pm            1<sup>st</sup> Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm            Kindergarten

Please remind your student to come with a water bottle and apply sunscreen to your student before he/she comes to school. You may also send sunscreen with your child. We cannot provide it or apply it. Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to invite parents to observe the event this year.

JPTO will kindly be providing ice-pops for all the students.

## **5<sup>th</sup> grade end of year events**

### **Sunshine plan:**

Since our communication with 5<sup>th</sup> grade families, we have decided to host our 5<sup>th</sup> grade commencement on our school grounds May 26, 2021. If we have pleasant weather, we will host all three classrooms on our south lawn between Johnson and Webber. Guests can begin arriving at 9:15 am. The event will begin at 9:30 am and should end about 10:30 am. Each class will have their own section for guests. We are allowing each student to have two guests at the ceremony. Fifth grade families will receive more information about how to RSVP and reserve your seating. Please watch for an invitation sent home with your child.

Following the ceremony, family members who could not attend because of COVID space restrictions may participate in a car parade through our inner bus lane. Families should start out traveling from the north (Horsetooth) and go south on Seneca towards Johnson, take a right-hand turn into our inner lanes, travel through our inner bus lane, and exit traveling south on Seneca. If you need to go north, please go to Harmony, take a right and travel west to S. Taft Hill Rd. and travel north. Our inner lanes will shut down to new traffic at 11:15 am. Do not travel from the south and expect to take a left hand turn into our inner lanes. This will bottle neck traffic and the parade will not go as smoothly as it should.

If we have inclement weather, no car parade will occur.

Commencing 5<sup>th</sup> graders will stand along our sidewalks at the front of the school by classrooms.

### **Rain/bad weather plan**

If we have rain/bad weather, we will move the event into our gym. Each class will commence separately to allow social distancing. The following will be our staggered schedule to allow for adherence to current county guidelines:

- 9:15 - 9:45 am      Ms. Steinle's class commencement
- 10:00 -10:30 am    Ms. Hudson's class commencement
- 10:45 -11:15 am    Ms. McNamee/Bouchelle's class commencement

All district and county guidelines are to be followed. To meet this expectation all participants and guests need to follow the "3 W's": wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

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In addition to the ceremony, we have some special things planned for your children.

1. Each child will receive a commemorative goody bag with a few surprises.
2. We usually have an inside parade of our commencing 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This year we will have our parade outside.
3. We are ordering each child a Thunderbird face mask to be worn on the day of the ceremony. Our parent group is asking for a \$10.00 donation to cover the cost of the masks.
4. Photo-opportunities will be available with fun "photo booth" set ups for families to take pictures after the ceremony (only for sunshine plan).
5. Our traditional student video (with then and now pictures) will be launched virtually. Families can order a CD of this video if they so wish.

There are two links below. The first link is for pictures and a student quote to be submitted for our video. **Please submit this by May 17<sup>th</sup>.** The next link is to school pay to donate for the Thunderbird mask cost.

[5th Grade Picture and Quote Submission](#)

[PSD Schoolpay](#)

**An announcement about Sunshine or Rain plan for our 5<sup>th</sup> Commencement will go out by 8:30 am May 26<sup>th</sup> via school messenger to 5<sup>th</sup> grade families only.**

### **Fifth grade pool party – May 26<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>TH</sup> graders, join us for a pool party from 12 – 2 pm after the promotion ceremony at Westfield Pool. Food and drinks will be provided. No siblings or parents due to limited space. Bring a towel, swimsuit, and sunscreen. **This event is not school sponsored and is considered a private event.** We need volunteers to help make this party a huge success, this is their chance to celebrate together all year.



Link to donate <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084EA5A923A64-5thgrade>

Michelle Doll, Event Coordinator

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



- 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. I will come around and pick them up from your return baskets in the hallway.

~Mrs. Slocomb, Johnson Library

## May 26 last day of school for 2020-2021

To close out the 2020-21 school year, the last day of school – May 26 – is a half day for students. **Johnson will release at 11:58 pm.** No lunch will be served on that day. The last day for meals to be provided to the community will be May 25. [View the school calendar, updated March 2021 >>](#)



## Registration options for the 2021-22 school year

If you still need to register for the next school year, here are some helpful links with more information about registration, School of Choice and some secondary options:

- [General school registration info >>](#)
- [Apply to Early Childhood Education >>](#)
- [Kindergarten registration >>](#)
- [Earn college credit, work toward an associate's degree or industry certification in high school >>](#)
- [School of Choice second-consideration period >>](#)

## **1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies – Get your school supplies for next school year!**

Dear Parents,

I know it's hard to think about school supply shopping. That is why I am so excited to announce a (new partnership) (continued partnership) with 1st Day School Supplies!

This year, 1st Day School Supplies is going to help parents and teachers get the exact supplies needed for next school year without the headache of shopping at WalMart, Target or Staples.

I have personally found 1st Day School Supplies to be convenient, easy and hassle free! Plus, they have guaranteed competitive prices on the highest quality brands, including the germ fighting brands like Purell and Lysol. Why not check school supply shopping off your list now! As for me and my family, I will have already purchased my school supplies from the comfort of my home! You can make your purchase right now, get started by clicking the link below:

<https://1stday.sale/18800>

If you have questions, please contact Shalese at 970-420-0616 or [shalesep48@gmail.com](mailto:shalesep48@gmail.com) .

Thank you,

Shalese Payton – JPTO



## Johnson Calendar of Events

May		
14		Johnson Library Closes – Return those books!
17	6:30 – 7:30 pm	<b>NO SCHOOL – Staff Workday</b> JPTO General Membership Meeting
18 – 25		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Human Growth and Development Units
20		Last Day for Early Childhood Students
21		Field Day, Grades K – 5 <sup>th</sup> *During Specials
24	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip – Walking to Dragonfly’s Lair
25	9:00 – 9:30 am	Students meet Teachers at Next Grade Level Talent Show Video showing in PM
26	9:30 am 11:58 pm release	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony <b>Last Day of School – Half Day/No Lunch Service</b>
<b>Summer Break</b>		
August 2021		
3 – 4	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	<a href="#">New Student Registration</a>
16		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of School – School Year 2021 - 2022</b>

## Important Reminders

### 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.

## **Return to Learn guidance DOES apply to vaccinated individuals**

As a reminder, all PSD staff and students must follow the Colorado Department of Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Return to Learn guidelines for when they can come back to work and school after experiencing illness symptoms (not a COVID-19 case). This also applies to all individuals who have completed their vaccination.

The Return to Learn guidelines are available on the [PSD Protocols for COVID-19 web page >>](#)

CDPHE updated the guidelines in April and there is one significant change of note: Staff and students may follow regular return-to-school illness policies if major or minor symptoms resolve within 24 hours of onset. This duration has been **shortened** from 48 to 24 hours.

## **Your guide to graduation 2021: Ceremony details, livestream links and more**

We can't wait to celebrate the Class of 2021! PSD will host in-person ceremonies in May, with health protocols. [Check out the Graduation 2021 web page >>](#)

As part of the [2021 Grads at a Glance](#) series, we asked soon-to-be graduates to share **two words**: one that describes their school-home experiences during the 2020-21 school year and another that represents what they see for their futures.

## **Second School of Choice consideration period open for the 2021-22 school year**

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](http://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 >>](#)

## **Family Resources available for hardships during COVID-19**

If you know of students, families or colleagues in need during this difficult time, be sure to check out the [Family Resources web page](#)>>.

**PSD Jobs:** PSD is hiring substitute teachers, bus drivers, paraprofessionals and more. For more information, visit [PSD's job fair website >>](#)

### **Join the school board's Student Advisory Committee (SAC)**

The PSD Board of Education is looking for students interested in joining a committee to share their experiences and ideas for the future. All students interested in being a part of the SAC for the 2021-22 school year should [complete this form](#) by May 21. Committee members will be selected through a random drawing to get broad representation and will be notified of their selection May 25. Questions can be sent to [boe@psdschools.org](mailto:boe@psdschools.org).

### **District Accountability Committee wants you**

Interested in getting involved in PSD? The District Accountability Committee consists of thoughtful parent and school representatives who provide guidance and recommendations to the Board of Education regarding district spending priorities, the District Improvement Plan and the districts charter schools. More information [here](#).



### **Ongoing Fundraisers for Johnson Elementary**

These passive fundraisers directly benefit Johnson Elementary discretionary fund/classroom budgets:

#### **American Furniture Warehouse fundraiser**

Shop at any AFW location, online or by phone and mention Johnson Elementary at checkout. Our school will receive 2% donation on any purchase, 4% on Beauty Rest mattresses. Invite others to participate. Friends and Family can help too!

#### **Caps4Cash – Morning Fresh Dairy fundraiser**



Caps4Cash is a Morning Fresh Dairy program where schools earn cash by collecting caps from Morning Fresh Dairy glass bottles. Each cap will be redeemed for 5 cents. We use this fundraiser to help support our Student Council Program.

### **Advertising fundraising for Johnson**

Organizations can purchase advertising in individual school newsletters through the [School Communications Agency](#). 60% of revenue from advertising goes back to the school to be used at the principal's discretion. Contact: (970) 239-1641

### **Fundraisers that Directly Benefit JPTO**

#### **Amazon – Smile.amazon.com fundraiser**

Amazon has a wonderful giving program called [Smile.amazon.com](#) that gives 0.5% of your qualified purchases to a charity of your choice. Here is how you can give to Johnson Elementary. All you have to do is register!

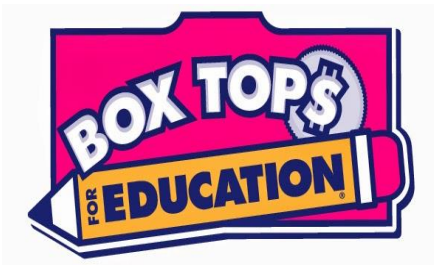
How to enroll:

Go to [smile.amazon.com](#), scroll to the bottom of the page .

- At the bottom of the page click on "**get started**"
- It will take you to a login page. Log in with your **amazon account**
- On the task bar you will see **Your Charity**. You can then **select the charity**. Our registered name is **Johnson Parent Teacher Organization**. (It is not listed as Johnson Elementary.)

Know that all funds go to support our school, Johnson Elementary.

Remember you must log in from the smile page at [smile.amazon.com](#) **each time you make a purchase for the charitable donation to count**. Thank you so much for supporting our school!



### **Box Tops fundraiser**

Looking for a quick and easy way to help support our amazing school? Download the free Box Tops App. And register Johnson Elementary as your school and when you go shopping just go into the app and take a picture of your receipt and it will give our school .10 per participating items, just make sure you submit them within 14 days of your purchase.

### **King Soopers community rewards fundraiser**

Johnson has been added to the list of nonprofits eligible for funding through their community rewards program. We encourage our families to register your **King SooperCard** and choose Johnson as the designated nonprofit.

- Go to [www.KingSoopers.com](http://www.KingSoopers.com)
- Scroll all the way down near the bottom of the page where you will see "**Community**" click on it.
- You will then see "**KingSoopers Community Rewards**" click on it.
- In the middle of the page you will see "**enroll now**" click on it.
- Next you will need to add your **email and password**.

**If you've never logged in before**, but still have a card, you can attach an email and password to your existing number by creating an account.

**If you don't have a card**, choose "create an account".

A search box will open to select your charity – type "**Johnson PSD**" on the left of the screen. On the right, you can select "**education**" as type. Click on the magnifying glass for the search to work and select your organization.

There are two Johnson schools listed. The address is with it, so finding ours is easy and at the top. (4101 Seneca Street) Click "**enroll**". Adding this card will not affect your gas points or other discount benefits you receive through King Soopers.

## Frequently Asked Questions and Resources

### [PSD Community and District News](#)

Answers to other common questions are available on the PSD website. [Read more >>](#)

<a href="#">Technical Support</a>	<a href="#">Health &amp; Safety</a>	<a href="#">2020-21 School Year</a>	<a href="#">ParentVUE</a>	<a href="#">PSD Virtual</a>
<a href="#">Calendar</a>	<a href="#">Transportation</a>	<a href="#">School Meals</a>	<a href="#">District Policies</a>	<a href="#">Departments</a>

### 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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