

Johnson Elementary – Thunderbird Update

May 20, 2021

Dear Johnson Families,

It is amazing that we are in the last few days of 2020-21. I appreciate your grace, patience, and flexibility during this challenging school year. We have weathered this time together, and I continue to be grateful for such a strong, supportive community!



Thank you to our Johnson Parent-Teacher Organization. The first week of May was our teacher appreciation week with our theme of celebrating our ROCK STARS. You all made this incredibly special, and our staff was overwhelmed with our community's generosity. We also hosted an in-person book fair. Many families that attended this had positive feedback, and they loved that they were able to come into the school. I hope we see more events return to some level of normal as we close out this year and plan for next school year.

In planning for next school year, we have the following Rock Stars for our teacher line-up.

Grade Level Teachers:

Early Childhood Teams:

Rebecca Ward-Smith and Allison Weinberger (½ day programming)

Kathi Slavik and Karen Stroh (full day programming)

Kindergarten: Bonnie Hallisey and Becky Troutman

1st Grade: Erin Cochran, Kathryn Kvidera, and Jennifer Morris

2nd Grade: Denise Holder and Keri Kreuter

2/3 Impact Teacher: Tracy Funk

3rd Grade: Tracey Clark and Becky Hunter

4th Grade: Alondra Flores, Teresa Matzdorff, Chantel Bartels

5th Grade: Emily McNamee, Adrienne Steinle, Dayna Hudson

Specials:

Ms. Breanne Mathias – Music
Mr. Jim Rumbold – PE
Ms. Lindsey England – Art
Mr. Jason Allen – Counselor

Special Service Providers:

Katie Dionesotes – Integrated Services
Kathleen Morris – SLP
Leah Goodrich – OT
Danielle Swinford – School Psychologist
Becky Avery – English Language Development
Sara Cawley – Reading Specialist
Ann Durkin – GT Specialist and Technology



The above list does not include all our classified staff yet. We will update our staff list come fall with any changes that occur over the summer.

While we are in our last few days, there is still much to be aware of as we close the year. Please read the rest of our newsletter and mark your calendars.

Thank you for your continued support!

Best,
~Georgianna Dawson, Principal

My First Year

I feel very grateful and fortunate to have landed at such a wonderful neighborhood school, and I am already feeling excited about the next school year! Thank you to all the students, staff, volunteers, and families for making me feel so welcome to the Johnson community.



My closing thought for this year centers around our amazing Thunderbirds during their summer break. Of course, we want students to decompress and enjoy every minute of the special time that summer brings, but we also hope that students will avoid what has become known as "summer slide", or summer learning loss. A comprehensive study (of over half a million students) found that, on average, students lose between 25-30 percent of their schoolyear learning over the summer. This is a significant amount. Imagine how you would feel if, when on a road trip, you pulled over for a rest break, and during this time

your car's tires started going flat? Certainly, you would want to get this fixed before hitting the road again. So, your mindful consideration of this dilemma in education is greatly appreciated. I also wanted to provide a [very helpful article](#) from the Scholastic website on how to face the challenge of summer learning loss. I hope you find it useful.

Thank you again and again for all your support this year.

Go Thunderbirds!

~Matthew Hughes, Assistant Principal

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 5th Grade
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am 3rd Grade
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm 4th Grade

Afternoon Session:

- 1:00 – 2:00 pm 1st Grade and 2nd Grade
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm Kindergarten

Please remind your student to come with a water bottle and apply sunscreen to your child 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.



Track Meet Results

As we wind down the 2020-2021 school year, I am grateful that PE opportunities outside the gym, such as Walk and Bike to School Day, Schools on the Move Challenge, the 4th and 5th Track Meet and Field Days were part of our program to be healthy and have fun. We missed Jump Rope for Heart, Running Club and Climbing Club and hope that we can have them back!

PSD TRACK MEET students raced during specials classes and little bit outside of their PE time thanks to Mr. Hughes, Ms. Flores and Mrs. Hudson. With all times entered on the computer by Mrs. Durkin, we selected the TOP 3 students at each grade level to compete on May 8. Students were allowed to enter up to 2 races.

Below are JOHNSON boys and girls and their TOP 15 places:

4th Girls:

Olivia Stephens, 11th place in 50m, 12th in 75m

Audrey Crist, 2nd in 100m, 2nd in 200m

Brooklyn Warner, 14th in 75m

Lydia Osberg, 10th in the 100m, 8th in the 200m

4th Boys:

Landen Ferraro, 2nd in the 75m

Dylan Olsen, 15th in 75m

Chase Olsen, 4th in 100m, 7th in 200m

Joseph Sartin, 11th in the 100m, 8th in the 200m

5th Girls:

Ella Ferrin, 6th in 50m, 8th in 75m

Taylor Peterson, 8th in 50m, 2nd in 75m

Norah Hathcock, 12th in 50m

5th Boys:

Blake Leetham, 8th in 50m

David Soto-Escoto, 10th in 50m, 11th in 75m

Cade Holley, 12th in 100m 6th in 200m

Marcus Lang, 13th in 100m

Cam Olschner, 13th in 200m

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4th graders, I hope you are excited about running faster next year (*or even next week!*).
5th graders, your opportunities are much greater at Webber MS. I hope you get to try all of the sports you are interested in.

Have an active and healthy summer and don't be a Couch Potato.

Mr. Rumbold, PE Teacher

5th Promotion Ceremony – Wednesday, May 26

Sunshine plan:

Since our original communication with 5th grade families, we have decided to host our 5th 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. Because the County has lifted many restrictions for outdoor celebrations, we will no longer have a car parade.

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.

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 5th 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.

The link below is to school pay to donate for the Thunderbird mask cost.

[PSD Schoolpay](#)

Fifth grade pool party – May 26th

5TH 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 >>](#)

1st 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.



~Shalese Payton – JPTO

Johnson Calendar of Events

May		
18 – 25		5 th Grade Human Growth and Development Units
20		Last Day for Early Childhood Students
21		Field Day, Grades K – 5 th
24	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	2 nd Grade Field Trip – Walking to Dragonfly’s Lair
25		Students meet Teachers at Next Grade Level Talent Show Video showing in PM
26	9:30 am 11:58 am release	5 th Grade Promotion Ceremony Last Day of School – Half Day/No Lunch Service
Summer Break		
August 2021		
3 – 4	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	New Student Registration
16		1st Day of School – School Year 2021 - 2022
23	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Virtual Back-to-School Night & Q & A

In case you missed it.....

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.

Meals will be free again in 2021-22

Thanks to an extension of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's school district reimbursement program, PSD will once again offer free meals to any enrolled PSD student during the 2021-22 school year. Families are encouraged to [apply for Free and Reduced meals](#) for the coming year. Those who qualify for benefits are eligible for school fee/charge waivers. [School Meals web page >>](#)

School board votes to continue SRO program in PSD

At the May 11 meeting, the PSD Board of Education voted to direct district staff to continue the SRO program in PSD schools. As part of this decision, staff were asked to draft agreements between the district and the three law enforcement agencies – Fort Collins Police Services, Larimer County Sheriff's Office and Timnath Police Department – that employ the SROs who serve PSD schools. The board also gave staff directions to update the [Standard Operating Procedures](#), or SOPs, that outline the scope of work of a school resource officer in PSD schools. [Read more on the Community Advisory Council web page >>](#)

PSD will open a bus request process for 2021-22

Students who currently receive busing services are guaranteed to receive busing for next school year. Their families do not need to take any action steps at this time if none of the following changes apply. If a current rider has a change in addresses, change in schools or is moving from Early Childhood Education to kindergarten, they will need to submit a bus request and be considered for services. Students who did NOT receive busing in 2020-21 need to submit a request. Requesting transportation is not a guarantee, and Transportation will notify families about busing after Aug. 1 and before the start of school. Direct communications will go out to families this week, and information will be updated soon on the Transportation web page.

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. 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.

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!

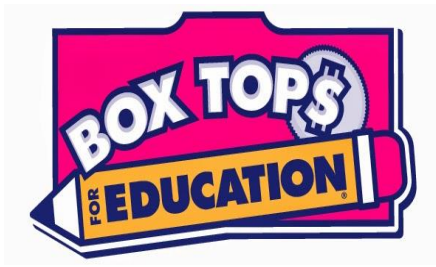
How to enroll:

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
- 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 >>](#)

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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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