

Thunderbird Update – July 28, 2021



Dear Johnson Families,

We are excited and busy getting ready for the start of the 2021-22 school year. Our office is open, and we are here to answer any questions you may have (970)488-5000. We hope the following information is helpful as your family begins thinking about this school year.

Our next communication will come to you on Thursday, August 5th in our first monthly issue of the **Thunderbird Times**. We will include an update on health and safety protocols, but know we will continue to update you as we know more regarding district guidance. We will also include other important information as you prepare for the 2021-22 school year.

In closing, we are excited to see you and welcome your children back to school.

All my best,
Georgianna Dawson, Principal

New Student Registration – August 3rd and 4th

We are offering in-person registration on Tuesday, August 3rd and Wednesday, August 4th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. This is for families “new” to the Johnson community. Please spread the word! Visit the [PSD School Registration page](#) for complete details and information to help you prepare for registration. [Online Registration](#) is also open for the 2021-2022 school year. Feel free to call the Johnson office (970-488-5000) with any questions.

If you currently have a student enrolled at Johnson, you do not need to re-register.

Class Placement/Teacher Assignments – August 13th

We know students are excited to know who their teacher and classmates will be! Class lists will be posted on the main doors at Johnson on Friday, August 13th by 10:00 a.m. Parents may also look for your child’s teacher assignment through [ParentVUE](#) on this date.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



School Supplies

The school supply list for this school year is included in today’s news update, posted on the main doors at Johnson, and on the [Johnson website](#). If your family ordered school supplies through “1st Day School Supplies”, they will be waiting in your child’s classroom on the 1st day of school.

Back-to-School Night

Our Back-to-School Night is still in the planning stage. We do plan to hold the event on Monday, August 23. More information coming.

First Day of School

The first day of school for students in 1st – 5th grade will be Monday, August 16th. School hours are 8:50 a.m. to 3:28 p.m.

Kindergarten students will have intake testing on August 16 and 17, and staggered start on August 18 and 19. Kindergarten families will receive a letter from your child's teacher with detailed information on the opening schedule.



Fall 2021 Health/Safety Protocols

Visit the [PSD Health and Safety website](#) for the most up to date information regarding district COVID protocols for schools. The district continues to follow guidance and orders from public health officials to meet evolving health and safety requirements and to implement district COVID protocols.

You can read the most recent communication from our Superintendent Brian Kingsley, regarding [what health conditions may mean for our mask approach](#).

Daily Schedule

School hours for students in Kindergarten – 5th Grade are 8:50 a.m. to 3:28 p.m. **Students should not arrive at school before 8:35 a.m. unless attending BASE Camp or a special program.** Safety is a priority, and we want to be sure that staff members are present for supervision. **Please make sure children are not on campus prior to 8:35 a.m. and leave promptly by 3:45 p.m.**

8:35 a.m.	Playground supervision begins
8:45 a.m.	Entrance bell rings
8:50 a.m.	Classes begin
3:28 a.m.	School dismissed
3:45 a.m.	Students should be off campus

Tentative Lunch Schedule

Grade	Lunch
K	11:35 – 12:00
1 st	11:45 – 12:05
2 nd	12:20 – 12:40
3 rd	12:15 – 12:35
4 th	12:35 – 12:55
5 th	12:45 – 1:05



ParentVUE – Synergy (PSD Student Information System)

Parents/guardians can access grades, attendance, schedules, and other student information through the Synergy parent portal. Complete secure logon through the [ParentVUE/StudentVUE portal](#) or through the apps, which can be downloaded from the [iTunes Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

Parents/guardians can only see their student's information. Parents/guardians must have "educational rights" to access ParentVUE. Once educational rights are reflected in Synergy, parents will receive an email with a user activation code.

Learn how to access and/or activate your account on the ["Accessing and Activating a ParentVUE Account" web page](#). If you have questions, refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" or contact our school office at 970-488-5000.

Transportation – Bus eligibility, applications, and school choice busing information



PSD's Transportation department is striving to maximize student ridership while following state and county safety guidelines for bus transportation. For the most up to date information on bussing in PSD, visit the [Transportation website](#).

School Meals

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. A la carte items will once again be sold at secondary schools.

Families are encouraged to apply for [Free and Reduced meals](#) for the coming school year starting on August 1, 2021. Those who qualify for benefits are eligible for school fee/charge waivers.

For complete details on school meals in PSD, visit the [Child Nutrition website](#). Have a question and your not sure who to contact? Send your question to nutrition@psdschools.org and we will get it forwarded to just the right person.

Before and After School Care – AlphaBEST services at PSD Schools

[ALPHAbest](#) Education offers before and after school childcare services to students at PSD schools. For information about rates, schedules and to register visit the [Alphabest website](#).

Johnson Representative needed for the District Advisory Board

We would like to have a representative from the Johnson parent community for the PSD District Advisory Board. The District Advisory Board advises the district on a number of issues and is made up of parent representatives from each school and acts as a link between the community and the district.

The DAB gives parents an opportunity to interact and engage with the district. If you are interested in being a DAB representative for your school, please contact your principal.

Please see the [DAB bylaws](#) and [representative responsibilities](#) documents for more information.

Meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Johannsen Support Services Center, 2407 Laporte Avenue.

Johnson SAAC Committee

Our School Accountability and Advisory Committee meets four times a year. Please see our meeting dates below. Our SAAC is responsible for advising the school in the following areas: resource allocation, our school unified improvement plan, school safety, and school direction. Other topics are discussed as they come up. If you are interested in supporting Johnson Elementary in this work, please contact the school principal to get more information.

We meet at Johnson Elementary in the media center from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meeting dates are listed below.

2021 - 2022 SAAC Meeting Dates:

- September 22, 2021
- November 3, 2021
- January 12, 2022
- March 9, 2022

Johnson Calendar of Events

August		
13	10:00 am	Class Lists Posted on the main doors at Johnson
16	8:50 am – 3:28 pm	1 st Day of School for 1 st – 5 th Grade Students
16 – 17		Intake Testing for Kindergarten Students
18 – 19		Staggered Start Days for Kindergarten Students
20	8:50 am – 3:28 pm	1 st Full day of school for Kindergarten Students
23	TBD	Back-to-School Night 1 st Day of School for Pre-School Students
September		
6		NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
17		NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday
24	TBD	Johnson P.R.I.D.E Assembly
22	6:00 – 8:00 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting
22 – 24		ECO Week for 5 th Grade Students
29		Individual Student Picture Day

* PSD Calendar dates beyond this point – [PSD 2021-22 K-12 Student/Teacher Calendar](#)

Quick Links

- [Johnson Elementary Website](#)
- [PSD Schools Parent Website](#)
- [District News](#)
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