

## Thunderbird Update – August 19, 2021



### Back-to-School Night

Our Back-to-School Night is next Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are hosting an in-person event with 1/3 of each classroom for each session. The sessions are 5:30 – 6:00, 6:05 – 6:35, and 6:40 – 7:10. This evening is for parents/guardians only. It will be important for you to stick to the time you signed up for, so we are following district guidance and the 3W's. You can sign up for a session with your child's teacher with this link: [Back-to-School Night Sign-up](#)

### Breakfast at Johnson

Sack breakfast is available in our cafeteria starting at 8:35 a.m. **Students who would like to have breakfast should come to the main front doors, ring the bell, and let the office staff know they are here for breakfast.** Breakfast service ends at 8:50 AM. If your child arrives to school after this time, make sure they have had breakfast. Two sack lunch choices will be available.

Breakfast and lunch menus available on the [PSD menu website](#).

### Revised Lunch Schedule

| Grade           | Lunch         |
|-----------------|---------------|
| K               | 11:30 – 11:55 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 11:40 – 12:00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 12:00 – 12:20 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 12:30 – 12:50 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | 12:20 – 12:40 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | 12:40 – 1:00  |



### Health Office Donations Needed

We could use some clothing items for the school health office. New or gently used items appreciated.

- Underpants – Boys and girls – Sizes 3/4-5/6-7/8
- Pants – All sizes, both girls and boys
- Shirts – Large for upper grades, boys and girls

## Emergency Contact Information

Now, more than ever, it is very important that we have up to date emergency contact information for each student. Please be sure that we have current phone numbers for both parents/guardian, and additional emergency contacts in case we are unable to reach the parent/guardian. Parents can view and update information on file for your child through [ParentVUE](#).

## School Donations help with learning materials

These donation requests help cover the cost of many learning materials. We appreciate your support in helping supply our students with the materials they need to be successful in school. These donation items are visible in SchoolPay: [Pay Fees/Charges Online](#)

- **Johnson Supplies: Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2021-22**  
\$20 to cover all or a portion of the cost of purchasing expendable supplies to be used by all students for literacy, math, social studies, science, and craft activities. Waivers are not applicable; students will have access to the supplies regardless of whether payment is made. **For families with more than one child enrolled at Johnson – we would only ask for one donation of \$20.**
- **Johnson Student Planner: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2021-22**  
\$4 To cover all or a portion of the cost of the planners. Waivers are not applicable; all students will receive a planner regardless of whether payment is made.

## Student Code of Conduct

Each year, parents/guardians and secondary students must acknowledge that they have reviewed the Student Rights and Code of Conduct, which is a compilation of rules, policies and regulations regarding student behavior.

Parents/guardians will be asked to acknowledge they have reviewed the Student Rights and Code of Conduct when they log into the [ParentVUE parent portal](#). Parents/guardians will not be given access to ParentVUE until they electronically sign the acknowledgment. This box only needs to be checked once per year (once for elementary students and once for secondary students, if you have students in the different grade levels) to gain access to ParentVUE.

Parents of students in secondary schools (6-12): Your student will also be asked to acknowledge having received and reviewed the Students Rights and Code of Conduct when logging into StudentVUE for the first time this school year.

Families new to PSD or those who have never accessed their ParentVUE account have received a separate email with instructions for how to log into ParentVUE. If you have questions regarding ParentVUE or StudentVUE, see the [ParentVUE FAQ](#) or contact your school.

- [2021-22 Student Rights & Code of Conduct](#)
- [2021-22 Derechos Estudiantiles & Codigo de Conducta](#)
- [2021-22 Student Rights & Code of Conduct \(Arabic\)](#)

## Transportation Update

We want to thank parents for your patience with bus schedules during these first days of school. We also want to share a helpful tool with you!

The "Here Comes the Bus" app helps parents know where their child's bus is. [Here Comes the Bus](#), which provides the real-time location of each bus, can be accessed through desktop or mobile devices. The information is secure, provided to parents through a private ID that grants access to only their child's bus information. **Full-access subscriptions are free to PSD parents.**

The app is available in the [Apple iTunes Store](#) or [Google Play](#). To create an account, use the **PSD school code 75840**.

The app is designed to increase convenience for parents during hectic mornings and provide another layer of safety for students. Schedule changes and bus delays due to traffic or weather are easy to find, and users can choose to receive push notifications when the bus is within five minutes of their stop.

You can view a brief video, from PSD TV, showing how the app works here: [Here Comes the Bus](#)

## Johnson Calendar of Events

| August    |                                     |  |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 20        | 8:50 am – 3:28 pm<br>1:00 – 2:30 pm | 1 <sup>st</sup> Full day of school for Kindergarten Students<br>MAPS Testing – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade   |
| 23        | 9:00 – 10:00 am<br>5:30 – 7:10 pm   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School for Pre-School Students<br>MAPS Testing – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade<br>Back-to-School Night *Sign-up for one of 3 sessions |
| 24        | 9:00 – 10:00 am<br>10:15 – 11:45 am | MAPS Testing – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade<br>MAPS Testing – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade   |
| 26        | 9:00 – 10:00 am<br>10:15 – 11:45 am | MAPS Testing – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades<br>MAPS Testing – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade  |
| September |                                     |  |
| 6         |                                     | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Labor Day   |
| 17        |                                     | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> – 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students *more info to come   |
| 29        |                                     | Individual Student Picture Day   |

[PSD 2021-22 K-12 Student/Teacher Calendar](#)

[Early Childhood Poudre School District Calendar](#)

Visit the [Johnson Website](#) for events and activities specific to Johnson.

## Important News from Previous Publications

### 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.

### Fall 2021 School Return

- **Symptom Screening:** Please screen your child for symptoms prior to sending him/her to school. [Can I go to school symptom check](#)
- **Handwashing:** We will wash hands in the classroom
  - each morning upon entering,
  - before lunch,
  - after every recess
  - after every cough or sneeze, and
  - after using the restroom
  - Students may bring a personal lotion to use.
- **Surface areas:** Will be sanitized routinely throughout the day and in the evening.
- **Arrival:** Students may arrive on the Johnson campus at 8:35 AM. Students can play on our playgrounds or go to breakfast at this time. When the school bell rings, K-1 students should line up on our playground for teachers to bring them into the building, and 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade students line up at their classroom doors. Students will not use the main entrance if at all possible.
- **Playground:** Students will have recess while at school. The Johnson playground will be closed to other students and visitors Monday - Friday from 8:30a - 3:30p.
- **Dismissal:** All students are dismissed through exterior doors
- **Breakfast/Lunch:** Sack breakfast is available in our cafeteria at 8:35 AM. Breakfast service ends at 8:50 AM. If you send your child after this time, make sure they have had breakfast. Two sack lunch choices will be available. Lunches brought from home should include items that children can open independently. **We are planning on meals being eaten in our cafeteria or outside (as the weather allows).**
- **Masks:** Cloth or disposable masks must be worn at all times except when eating. Please send a spare mask in your child's backpack. As stated previously, please make sure your child has a clean mask every day. Masks are not required when outdoors. Students can put their masks on as they enter into the building.
- **Snack/water bottles:** Students may bring a small snack and one or two full water bottles. Bottle fillers will be used this year for refilling. No other personal items (toys, recess equipment) should be brought from home.
- **Cohorts:** Students will interact with students in their **classroom cohort**. This will be about 16-25 students. A few students may interact with a small group of students from other classrooms to receive specialized instruction for GT, special education, or

intervention. In all cases, students will be spaced 3 feet or more apart during those specialized services where possible.

- **Spacing:** Students will be spaced 3 ft apart when possible. Some classrooms are configuring with a learning partner for social emotional reasons and because of space restrictions.
- **Attendance:** Attendance will be taken daily. If your child is ill, please call our attendance line at 970-488-5095. Please describe the symptoms related to the illness in case we need to begin contact tracing and other protocols.
- **Recess:** Students will go out to recess 2-3 times a day to the playgrounds. While outside, students are not expected to wear masks. They can play with whomever they wish to within their grade level.
- **Contact tracing:** We will use targeted trace contact methods if we have a COVID positive case.
- **When students are absent:** We will follow our normal policies of providing missed work for students to complete. Teachers may check in with students who are absent, but students will not access the classroom remotely. See note about learning pages.
- **Learning pages:** Learning pages will continue to be updated.

### Daily Schedule

School hours for students in Kinder – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are 8:50 a.m. to 3:28 p.m. **Students should not arrive at school before 8:35 a.m. unless attending AlphaBEST childcare, 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. | <b>Classes begin</b>          |
| 3:28 a.m. | School dismissed              |
| 3:45 a.m. | Students should be off campus |

### 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.

### **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. Ala 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](mailto:nutrition@psdschools.org) and we will get it forwarded to just the right person.

### **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 you 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.

SAAC Meeting Dates: September 22, 2021, November 3, 2021, January 12, 2022, March 9, 2022

## **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](#).

## **PSD needs Substitute Teachers**

Are you interested in becoming a substitute in Poudre School District? PSD is recruiting substitute teachers. Here is the link to the PSD Website for more information: [Subbing for PSD](#). On this page is a link to the Colorado Department of Education’s website, which includes CDE stipend incentives for those who get licensed to substitute.

## **Quick Links**

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



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