

## Thunderbird Update – August 26, 2021



We want to thank our parents/guardians for keeping children home when they are not feeling well. Please screen your child for symptoms prior to sending him/her to school. [Can I go to school symptom check](#)

As always, we ask that you continue monitoring your child and keep them at home if they begin experiencing any symptoms (runny nose, new or worsening cough, fever of 100.4 F or higher and more). PSD strictly adheres to the state's [Return to Learn guidelines](#). If symptoms begin, we encourage you to be tested for COVID-19. Please notify us immediately at (970-488-5000) if any member of your household tests positive.

### Volunteer Opportunities

We are welcoming volunteers to help our teachers with clerical projects, shelving library books, outdoor field trips, and other projects. We are not allowed to have volunteers work with students at this time.

Volunteers must be registered with PSD, always wear a mask, maximize physical distancing from others and wash hands frequently. Volunteers **may not** enter a PSD building with any of the following symptoms:

- *New loss of taste or smell, Fever of 100.4 or higher, New or Worsening Cough, Chills, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Muscle or body aches, Sore throat, Headache, Fatigue, Runny nose or congestion, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.*

### Volunteer Online System

- Follow this link to access PSD's online system: [community.psdschools.org](http://community.psdschools.org)
- For guidance and support on registering see the Community Tech Portal at <http://techportal.psdschools.org/>
- First-time users will need to register using a valid email address.
- To support accurate contact tracing efforts, **volunteers must check-in at each PSD location visited.**
- Volunteers can access their account to make modifications throughout each day as needed.

Please reach out to your child's teacher for volunteer opportunities.

## 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.

## Health Office Donations

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



## Donations for Tech Room

Mrs. Durkin would appreciate donations of paper towels for her classroom.

## Johnson Calendar of Events

<b>August</b>		
26	9:00 – 10:00 am 10:15 – 11:45 am	MAPS Testing – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades MAPS Testing – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>September</b>		
6		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Labor Day
10		JPTO Fundraiser Kick-Off
13	2:15 – 3:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
17		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Teacher Workday
21	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, Colorado Youth Outdoors
22	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 6:00 – 8:00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, Lory State Park SAAC Committee Meeting, Media Center
24	9:00 am	Johnson P.R.I.D.E Assembly
27	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting, Media Center
29		Individual Student Picture Day
<b>October</b>		
11	2:15 – 3:15 pm 4:00 – 8:00 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting, Media Center Parent/Teacher Conferences
12	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences
13	4:00 – 8:00 pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences
14 – 15		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Elementary Conference Exchange Day
25	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting, Media Center
29	Time TBD Time TBD	Johnson P.R.I.D.E. Assembly Class Holiday Parties
<b>November</b>		
3	6:00 – 8:00 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting, Media Center
7		Daylight Savings Time Ends "Fall back 1 hour"
8		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Building Work Day
11		Veteran's Recognition at Johnson
15	2:15 – 3:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
22	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
24 – 26		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Thanksgiving Break

[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.

### Quick Links

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



## Important News from Previous Publications

### 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.      **Classes begin**  
3:28 a.m.      School dismissed  
3:45 a.m.      Students should be off campus

### **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**

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



### **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.

## **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](#)

## **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.

## **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](#).

## **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

### **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.

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