

Thunderbird Update – September 17, 2021



We want to thank our parents/guardians for continuing to keep 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.

New Bell Schedule

Some of you have already noticed the adjustment to our morning bell schedule. Before COVID our standard was to have a bell ring at 8:45 am for students to line up and an 8:50 am bell to signal that all students should be in seats and ready to learn. We are reinstating this practice as our learning time is incredibly important to us and to your children.

- 8:35 a.m. – Staff report to duty locations
- 8:45 a.m. – First Bell Rings and students line Up at classroom doors
- 8:50 a.m. – Second bell rings and class begins – students in seats (the 8:50 am bell is considered our tardy bell)

By October 1st, we hope all families can adjust back to our pre-COVID standard. Students who **arrive in the classroom after 8:50 will be counted as tardy.**



Raise Craze fundraiser continues...

We continue our Raise Craze school fundraiser through September 24th. This is a unique way for us to raise money for our school while making an impact in our community. During this fundraiser, students ask friends and family for donations via the online Raise Craze platform while paying it forward serving others. What a great way for us to teach our students the importance of kindness and gratitude while raising much needed funds. Students will spend time serving, not selling!

Registration Link: my.raisecraze.com/A387RS5

1. Enter your student's name
2. Select at least 3 Acts of Kindness
3. Enter 5-10 email addresses of potential supporters.

(Raise Craze will send all emails, reminders and thank you notes. Emails will never be shared with third parties or used for marketing.)

Raise Craze - At A Glance:

Dates: September 10 - September 24

Our Goal: \$22,000

Every student can participate in Raise Craze by completing Acts of Kindness (AOK) so we're aiming for 100% participation. As a little encouragement, teachers will recognize "Kindness On the Spot" when they see students being kind so please talk to your student about ways he or she might show kindness at school.

Need help getting started? Check out the Raise Craze Instructional Video at raisecraze.com/instructional-video/ or contact Kelly Steinway at jksteinway@gmail.com

Running Club Update

Running Club started on Monday, Sept. 13 and did we ever have a good time!! Mr. and Mrs. Sprinkler and all their kin showed up. No fancy pool to cool off in. It was just like growing up when I was a kid, except we had to keep our running shoes on.

Our very own Mr. Hughes will have a special surprise for Running Club in a few weeks. Make sure you get your PERMISSION SLIP in so you can participate. You won't want to miss this!!!

Running Club meets every Monday from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. We meet by the small trees outside the gym. You must have a permission slip to participate. See Johnson Website>enrichments. Or pick up a permission slip in the main entry near the office.

Walk and Bike to School Day will be Tuesday, October 6, before school. This is a day where we try to use muscle power to get from home to school in the morning. Prizes are awarded to our walkers, cyclists, in-liners, and bladers.

A word about PE classes- *THEY NEED THEIR PE SHOES*. Safety is the main concern. Flip flops, dress sandals, open-toed shoes, dress shoes either inhibit movement or increase risk of falling or both. Affordable used shoes are at ARC and Goodwill.

Thanks in advance for making sure kids leave the house with PE shoes.

On a similar note, most health agencies recommend children have an active recess, so having the PE shoes on ALL DAY makes it easier for kids to get active, blow off steam, get focused, whatever you want to call it 😊

***Running Club will be canceled for rain/lightning

***PreK, K, 1st, 2nd must have a parent or guardian

Students need PE shoes, comfortable clothes and a water bottle.

Mr. Rumbold, PE Teacher – Contact: jrumbold@psdschools.org



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be scheduled after school during after school hours of October 11 – 13th. School will not be in session on October 14 and 15 for Conference Exchange Days for staff. Please watch for information and conference sign-up to be available soon.

Johnson Calendar of Events

September		
17		NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday
21	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	5th Grade Field Trip, Colorado Youth Outdoors
22	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 6:00 – 8:00 pm	5th Grade Field Trip, Lory State Park SAAC Committee Meeting, Media Center
23	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	5th Grade Field Trip, Dragonfly's Lair *walking
24	9:00 am	Johnson P.R.I.D.E Assembly Raise Craze Fundraising Concludes
27	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting, Media Center
29	5:00 – 9:00 pm	Individual Student Picture Day Spirit Night @ Chipotle E. Harmony (JPTO)
October		
4	7:45 – 8:30 am	Thunderbird Choir begins for 5 th Grade *Permission Form Required
6	7:45 – 8:30 am	Thunderbird Choir begins for 4 th Grade *Permission Form Required
10	4:00 – 8:00 pm	Spirit Night at Noodles, S. College
11 – 15		Johnson Spirit Week at Loveland Laser Tag *Details will come from JPTO
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		NO SCHOOL – Elementary Conference Exchange Day
25 – 29		Scholastic Book Fair
25	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting, Media Center Last meeting of Running Club until Spring
29	Time TBD Time TBD	Johnson P.R.I.D.E. Assembly Class Holiday Parties
November		
3	6:00 – 8:00 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting
7		Daylight Savings Time Ends "Fall back 1 hour"
8		NO SCHOOL – Building Work Day
10	4:00 – 8:00 pm	Spirit Night @ Noodles S. College (JPTO)
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		NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

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

[Early Childhood Poudre School District Calendar](#)

Johnson Parent/Teacher Organization (JPTO)

Stay up to date on JPTO events, meetings, fundraisers, spirit nights and more. Visit the JPTO page on our website: <https://joh.psdschools.org/about-us/johnson-pto>

Check the JPTO Weebly website: <http://johnsonpto.weebly.com> and our Community Events page on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/JohnsonElementaryCommunityPage/>

Quick Links

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



Important Information from Previous Publications

School Picture Day

Skillman Photography will be at Johnson on Wednesday, September 29th for School Picture Day. All students are photographed. Order forms were sent along with the Thunderbird News last week and will also come home with each child. You Each homeroom is scheduled for pictures during the morning and early afternoon.

Thunderbird Choir

CHOIR IS BACK!!! Let's make captivating and beautiful music this year! Choir for 4th and 5th grade students will be starting this fall on the week of October 4th, 2021. In order to follow the school district's COVID rules and guidelines, we will have separate practices for 4th and 5th graders. Mondays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. will be practices for 5th graders. Wednesdays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. will be practices for 4th graders. All practices will be in the music room and students may enter from the outside music door, which is closest to the 2nd grade classrooms. Music teachers are waiting to hear back from the district about performances. In any case, we will at least have virtual performances. Please look out for papers with more information about choir to come home in the beginning of September. I am overjoyed to direct Johnson Thunderbirds again in choir!

Ms. Breanne Mathias, Johnson Elementary Music Teacher - bmathias@psdschools.org

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.

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.

Daily Schedule

School hours for students in Kinder – 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 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](#).

2021-2022 Lunch Schedule

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



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
- 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.

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