

## Thunderbird Update – September 9, 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.



### Raise Craze – JPTO Fundraiser for Johnson Elementary

We kick off our annual fund raiser for Johnson Parent Teacher Organization, on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year! You will receive a separate communication from JPTO, and flyers will come home with your student with all the details. We began this virtual fundraiser last year with great success. Raise Craze is fundraising through kindness. You can find more information at the following link: [Raise Craze: How RC works](#).

Mark your calendars for our Family Service Night at Rita's Italian Ice (250 E. Harmony Road, Suite F7), September 14<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 9 pm. Join your Johnson Community at Rita's Italian Ice and get started on your Raise Craze Acts of Kindness as JPTO will provide the supplies to make placemats for Meals on Wheels.

### Coats and Boots

This school year we have the tremendous help of our North Fort Collins Business Association (NFCBA) to provide Winter coats and boots to families who would otherwise not be able to afford them.

If you would like to be considered for coats and/or boots please send an email to: [jallen@psdschools.org](mailto:jallen@psdschools.org) no later than **Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. In your message, please include the gender and sizes you are requesting for your student(s) who attend Johnson. The amount we receive is limited and the NFCBA does request that only families who are financially unable to afford these items make a request for items.

The winter clothing typically arrives in mid to late October. There may be some delays due to complications arising from Coronavirus. I will distribute the coats and boots directly to students when the items are delivered.

Jason Allen, Johnson School Counselor – [jallen@psdschools.org](mailto:jallen@psdschools.org)

## Thunderbird Choir

CHOIR IS BACK!!! Let's make captivating and beautiful music this year! Choir for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be starting this fall on the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. In order to follow the school district's COVID rules and guidelines, we will have separate practices for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Mondays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. will be practices for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Wednesdays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. will be practices for 4<sup>th</sup> graders. All practices will be in the music room and students may enter from the outside music door, which is closest to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:bmathias@psdschools.org)

## Running Club is BACK!

All Johnson students, pre-K-5, are invited to participate. The goal of Johnson Running Club is to promote healthy lifestyles and physical activity. We want to encourage children to have fun while running. Maybe your child is an avid runner or maybe he/she would just like a fun thing to do after school. We encourage all children to come enjoy Running Club. The Club also serves as an after-school enrichment program for your child. It will give your child the opportunity to meet more children from our school and community. The Club is designed to be a self-esteem builder, giving students the feeling of achievement when they finish a run and challenging them to improve with each run.

We will meet on Mondays after school from 3:30 – 4:30 pm, starting September 13 and end Monday, October 25. All students will need a new permission slip for this year. Go to Johnson website>Enrichments>Running Club or the front entryway and turn it in to Mr. Rumbold, PE Teacher.

\*\*\*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.

For questions about Running Club contact: Jim Rumbold, PE Teacher, [jrumbold@psdschools.org](mailto:jrumbold@psdschools.org)



## School Picture Day

Skillman Photography will be at Johnson on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 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. COVID

## Johnson Calendar of Events

<b>September</b>		
10		JPTO "Raise Craze" Fundraiser Kick-Off
13	2:15 – 3:15 pm 3:28 – 4:30 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting Running Club Begins – Permission Form Required
14	4:00 – 9:00 pm	<b>Family Service Night @ Rita's Italian Ice (JPTO)</b>
17		<b>NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday</b>
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 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 <b>Spirit Night @ Chipotle E. Harmony (JPTO)</b>
<b>October</b>		
4	7:45 – 8:30 am	Thunderbird Choir begins for 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade *Permission Form Required
6	7:45 – 8:30 am	Thunderbird Choir begins for 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade *Permission Form Required
11 – 15		<b>Johnson Spirit Week at Loveland Laser Tag</b> *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		<b>NO SCHOOL – Elementary Conference Exchange Day</b>
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
<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 – Building Work Day</b>
10	4:00 – 8:00 pm	<b>Spirit Night @ Noodles S. College (JPTO)</b>
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 – Thanksgiving Break</b>

[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

### 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.

### **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.

### 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](#).

### 2021-2022 Lunch Schedule

Grade	Lunch
<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



## 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](https://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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