

## Thunderbird Update – September 23, 2021



Dear Johnson Families,

It has been wonderful seeing so many volunteers back in our building! Thank you to those who volunteered to support teachers and students during our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ECO Days this week. We would like to send a big shout out to Mr. Byron Straw for organizing volunteers and stations for the Field Trip to Dragonfly's Lair today. Byron, you are truly amazing! We also want to thank Mrs. Kelly Steinway for all her work in organizing the Raise Craze fundraiser for our students. We appreciate you SO much!

All volunteers must be [registered with PSD](#) and follow all COVID protocols.

### Reporting if you are exposed to or have COVID

If you volunteer and experience one of the following, please report it to the office as quickly as possible so the COVID Response Team can follow district protocols for cases:

- You are identified as a close contact of an individual who tested positive or probable for COVID-19, or
- You test positive for or are considered probable for COVID-19 yourself.
- Go to the [PSD Protocols for COVID-19 web page](#) for information about returning to school.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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.**



### Don't forget - School Picture Day coming up soon!

School pictures will be taken by Skillman Photography on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Picture order forms were sent home with each student. Please return the order forms to your child's teacher. Pictures may also be ordered online. See flyer included with today's news for complete details.

## Raise Craze Update

Thank you all for your generous support of our Raise Craze fundraiser. So far, we've raised \$14,635 and completed 434 Acts of Kindness! How amazing is that?!

We hope to finish strong, so please continue logging your completed Acts of Kindness in the software. We can't meet our goal without YOU!!!

Not registered? Get started at [my.raiseacraze.com/A387RS5](https://my.raiseacraze.com/A387RS5). Fundraising isn't even necessary, just join to track your Acts of Kindness.



For those who aren't comfortable using the online platform, please utilize our paper tracker. We want to be sure ALL AOKs are counted so we're holding out tallying all results until 9/30.

Did you know Johnson Parent Teacher Organization funds around \$75 per student each year? This goes toward things like classroom supplies, field trips, assemblies, playground equipment, wellness supplies and so much more. Without the help of the Johnson community our school would be without many of the resources our students utilize each day.

P.S. For the latest class results, check the Leaderboard at [my.raiseacraze.com/leaderboard/for/A387RS5](https://my.raiseacraze.com/leaderboard/for/A387RS5).

Questions? Contact Kelly Steinway at [jksteinway@gmail.com](mailto:jksteinway@gmail.com)

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be scheduled after school on October 11 – 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 soon.

## 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.

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.

## Johnson Calendar of Events

<b>September</b>		
23	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, Dragonfly's Lair *walking</b>
24	9:00 am	Johnson P.R.I.D.E Assembly
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>
30		Raise Craze Fundraising Concludes
<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
8	9:00 – 11:30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip, On The Vine Farm *walking
10	4:00 – 8:00 pm	<b>Spirit Night at Noodles, S. College</b>
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 – 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
<b>November</b>		
3	6:00 – 8:00 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting
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/>

## 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](#)
- [School Meal Information/Menus](#)
- [PSD School Calendars & Schedules](#)



## [Information from Previous Publications](#)

### Before and After School Enrichment Opportunities

#### 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 Update

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.

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!!!

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](mailto:jrumbold@psdschools.org)



## Before and After School Childcare

AlphaBEST Education offers before and after school childcare services to students here at Johnson.

For information about rates, schedules and to register visit the [AlphaBEST webpage](#).

### Hours of operation

- Before-school programs will run 6:30 a.m. until the first bell Mondays through Fridays.
- After-school programs will operate from the time of dismissal until 6 p.m.
- AlphaBEST will align with PSD decisions about opening, delayed start and school closures due to emergencies and inclement weather. AlphaBEST will be closed on most days when PSD is closed. Full-day care will be available at a PSD site on teacher workdays.

## 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

## 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 <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



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