

# Thunderbird Update – September 30, 2021



Dear Johnson Families,

Please take a few minutes to read through this week's news update. We don't want you to miss out on any important information.

## Raise Craze ends TODAY

Our Raise Craze fundraiser ends today, so be sure to get those final donations in! **So far, we've raised \$20,800 and seen SO many acts of kindness!** We are so proud of our students and the many amazing Acts of Kindness they've completed. Keep up the great work!

Not registered yet? There's still time! Simply visit [my.raisecraze.com/A387RS5](https://my.raisecraze.com/A387RS5) to get started.

Many thanks for your generous support so far! We are fortunate to be part of such a kind and supportive school community. Let's pull together to finish strong!

Kelly Steinway, JPTO Events and Fundraising Coordinator  
Questions? Contact Kelly Steinway at [jksteinway@gmail.com](mailto:jksteinway@gmail.com)

## Spirit Gear Update

We apologize for the delay in families receiving the Spirit Gear that was ordered in our recent online store for student spirit gear. The vendor is experiencing shipping delays but expects orders to arrive either tomorrow, or early next week. Thank you for your patience.

## Students marked Tardy after 8:50 a.m.

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)

**Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, students who arrive in the classroom after 8:50 will be counted as tardy.**

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences are being scheduled on October 11 – 13<sup>th</sup>. All parents/guardians should have received a conference sign-up link from your child's teacher. Some of our Specials teachers have additional conference availability. Sign-up for your child's conference(s) here: [Conference Sign-up](#)

**NO SCHOOL** on October 14 and 15 – Conference Comp Days

## Johnson Spirit Week at Loveland Laser Tag

**Loveland Laser Tag** has a great deal for our Johnson families from October 11 – 15. The timing is perfect if you're looking for something to do on those days school is out!

A \$25 entry includes: 3 hours of laser tag, laser maze, climbing wall, ropes course, bumper cars, X-Rider, and a \$10 game card. Johnson receives \$5 back!!

Kelly Steinway, JPTO Events and Fundraising Coordinator

## Important Reminder RE: Health Protocols

Please help us keep our classrooms open for in-person learning by keeping children home if they are not feeling well. We ask that you screen your child for symptoms prior to sending him/her to school each day: [Can I go to school symptom check](#)

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.

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.



## PSD needs Substitute Teachers

Are you, or someone you know 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. See flyer included with today's news update.



## Math Olympiads for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

We will be launching *Math Olympiads*, every Thursday (starting Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>) from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., in the Media Center.

Created in 1977 by Dr. George Lenchner, an internationally known math educator, the [Math Olympiads](#) went public in 1979. Last year nearly 170,000 students from over 6,000 teams worldwide participated in the Olympiads. All 50 states and about 35 other countries were represented.

During this afterschool enrichment, students will practice and prepare for contests, using non-routine problems that support higher level thinking. From November to March, students will participate in five challenging monthly contests. **No traveling is required.** These contests provide an incentive for students to intensify their study of math.

During our afterschool sessions in October, we will give our “Mathletes” strategies and instructions for the monthly contests. Following each contest, we’ll break down and discuss solution methods together for each problem that was presented. Our main goals are as follows:

- To stimulate enthusiasm and a love for mathematics
- To introduce important mathematical concepts
- To teach major strategies for problem solving
- To develop mathematical flexibility in solving problems
- To strengthen mathematical intuition
- To foster mathematical creativity and ingenuity
- To provide for the satisfaction, joy, and thrill of meeting challenges

Interested 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students will receive more information and parent consent forms this Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. **Parent consent forms will need to be returned by Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.** (Please contact your child’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to request a consent form).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [mhughes@psdschools.org](mailto:mhughes@psdschools.org).

Go Thunderbirds!

Matt Hughes  
Assistant Principal

## Johnson Calendar of Events

September		
30		Raise Craze Fundraising Concludes
October		
4	7:45 – 8:35 am	Thunderbird Choir begins for 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade (weekly) *Permission Form Required
5		Walk or Bike to School Day
6	7:45 – 8:35 am	Thunderbird Choir begins for 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade (weekly) *Permission Form Required
8	9:00 – 11:30 am	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip, On the Vine Farm *walking</b>
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>
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>
21	3:30 – 4:30 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math Olympiad Program Begins (weekly)
25 – 29		Scholastic Book Fair at Johnson
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		<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](#)

### Quick Links

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



# Information 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](#).

## 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



## **Before and After School Enrichment Opportunities**

### **Thunderbird Choir for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades**

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 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)



### **Johnson Running Club**

Running Club meets every Monday from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. We meet by the small trees outside of 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.

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.

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