

Thunderbird Update – October 28, 2021



Dear Johnson Families,

Please take a few minutes to read this week's update.

Original Works – Orders DUE Tomorrow!

Original Works orders are due tomorrow. Orders should be turned into the main office.

Fall Festival Parties and Costume Parade

Fall festival parties take place tomorrow, **Friday, October 29th from 2:30-3:00 p.m.** followed by our costume parade. The classroom parties are planned and hosted by your child's teacher. We are excited about hosting the parties and our costume parade. For our class parties, only our students and staff will be allowed in the building. Families can watch the parade from our playgrounds. See below for our reminders about appropriate costumes. If the costume/mask would scare a 4 year-old, then it cannot be worn to school:

Fall Festival Parties and Costume Parade – Friday October 29, 2021

This year the Costume Parade will follow the classroom parties, beginning at 3:00 pm (class parties are from 2:30-3:00 pm). This is a simple seasonal celebration. We want to keep our celebration age-appropriate, therefore, firm rules and costume criteria are below.

NOT to be worn:

- NO weapon accessories
- NO bloody/gory/scary/demon costumes
- NO horror movie characters
- NO excessive make-up

Students will change into their costumes prior to the parade – costumes are NOT to be worn to school. When selecting a costume for your child, keep in mind it needs to be something that they can change into on their own or can slip over their school clothes.

School and district dress code rules will remain in force on this day which means children cannot take this opportunity to wear short shorts, tank tops with spaghetti straps, bare midriffs, inappropriate language/logos on shirts, gang affiliated clothes, etc.



Scholastic Book Fair – Still time to shop or order!

The **Scholastic Book Fair is here through Friday the 29th**! Click here for complete Details: [Book Fair Details](#)

Families may shop online or sign-up for an in-person shopping experience. The safety and well-being of your family is our priority. A reservation is required for all in-person shopping. Please wear a mask and maintain a distance of 6 ft from other Thunderbird Families. A sign-up link is included in the Book Fair Details flyer.

Tonia Nelson - Book Fair Coordinator

PHS Invite – Under the Sea Tea Party Matinee

Poudre High School Theatre is putting on multiple showings of Disney's Little Mermaid this month. They are providing an opportunity for young fans of the Little Mermaid to join them for an Under the Sea Tea Party before the Saturday matinee on **October 30th**. See flyer included with today's news update for more information.

PSD is hiring Substitute Teachers and Bus Drivers

PSD is working hard to hire Substitute Teachers and Bus Drivers. We have a shortage in these areas of coverage. If you are looking for employment, please join us!

Learn more about becoming a PSD bus operator at our hiring event on Monday, November 8th. See flyer for details.

Subbing in PSD is a great way to gain valuable work experience. Would you like a flexible schedule and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students? See flyer for details.

PSD Lockdown Drill Week set for Nov. 1-5

During the week of Nov. 1-5, all Poudre School District schools will participate in lockdown drills. The following is what you can expect:

- We know we will participate in a drill that week but won't know the specific time at which it will occur.
- We will make an announcement over our intercom when the drill is underway and emphasize that it is only a drill and that there is not an active threat to our school.
- During a lockdown drill, students and staff are directed to a safe location inside the building. Exterior and interior doors, windows, and access points are closed and locked. Due to COVID protocols, students will remain at their desks or normal socially distanced positions during the drill.
- When it's completed, school staff, members of PSD's Safety and Security Department, and law enforcement officers will review how things went.
- Community members can expect to see a heavier-than-usual law enforcement presence at the schools when lockdown drills occur.

For more information: www.psdschools.org.

It's A Turkey Round Up!

Each year the Food Bank provides services to nearly 40,000 residents of Larimer County and many of them are PSD Students. Please consider donating **FROZEN turkeys** or a plant-based alternative for our families. FROZEN turkeys should be brought to school on the morning of **Thursday, November 18th**. Our Turkey Wranglers, Mr. and Mrs. Slocomb will meet you in front of the school to collect the turkeys from 8 – 9 a.m.

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.

COVID Protocols for Volunteers

We are so thankful for our many volunteers here at Johnson. If you are interested in volunteering, visit the [PSD Volunteer Website](#) and register to be a volunteer in PSD. Once you are approved, check with your child's teacher for volunteer opportunities.

COVID protocols in PSD for Volunteers

1. **Masks are required for all volunteers and visitors** to PSD schools and buildings. Masks are not required outside.
2. **Self-monitoring for symptoms** is required before entering a building.
3. Log into the [PSD Community Portal](#) when you volunteer or visit.
4. Then scan your badge or log in to volunteer.

Learn more about COVID protocols in PSD on the [Health and Safety web page](#).

Volunteer opportunities at schools may be designed to limit the potential for close contact as much as possible.

Reporting if you are exposed to or have COVID

If you volunteer and experience one of the following, please report it to the school 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.

Johnson Calendar of Events

| October | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 29 | 2:30 – 3:00 pm 3:00 pm | Johnson P.R.I.D.E. Assembly Video Fall Festival Classroom Parties Fall Festival Parade – Around the Outside of the School |
| November | | |
| 1 – 5 | | PSD Lockdown Drill Week |
| 3 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | SAAC Committee Meeting |
| 7 | | Daylight Savings Time Ends “Fall back 1 hour” |
| 8 | | NO SCHOOL – Building Workday |
| 9 | 10:30 – 11:00 am | Picture Re-takes *more info to come |
| 10 | 9:00 – 1:00 4:00 – 8:00 pm | 2 nd Grade Field Trip, Avery House Spirit Night @ Noodles S. College (JPTO) |
| 11 | | Veteran’s Recognition at Johnson |
| 15 | 2:15 – 3:15 pm | JPTO Executive Board Meeting |
| 18 | 8:30 – 9:30 am | Turkey Round-Up for Larimer Cty Food Bank |
| 22 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm | JPTO General Membership Meeting |
| 24 – 26 | | NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break |
| December | | |
| 10 | | Johnson P.R.I.D.E. Assembly Spirit Night @ Panda Express |
| 13 | 2:15 pm | JPTO Executive Board Meeting |
| 17 | Time TBD | Classroom Holiday Parties |
| 20 – 31 | | NO SCHOOL – Winter Break |
| January 2022 – Happy New Year! | | |
| 3 | | NO SCHOOL – Building Workday |
| 4 | | Students return from Winter Break |
| 10 | 2:15 pm | JPTO Executive Board Meeting |
| 12 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | SAAC Committee Meeting |
| 17 | | NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| 18 | | Vision & Hearing Screening |

[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 – 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 |



Before and After School Enrichment Opportunities



Math Olympiads for 5th Grade Students

Math Olympiads has started! Every Thursday from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., in the Media Center, registered 5th grade students are training hard to become Mathletes, and to represent Johnson Elementary School in a monthly international Math competition! Go Thunderbirds!

Thunderbird Choir for 4th and 5th Grades

Let's make captivating and beautiful music this year! Choir for 4th and 5th grade students will be starting 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

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.

The Poudre School District is committed to the policy that no otherwise qualified person shall be denied access to, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to unlawful discrimination under, any District program or activity on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, age or disability. District compliance with this policy shall be the responsibility of, and reports and complaints of discrimination based on these protected classifications should be directed to: For District students and community members: Director of Student Services, 1630 South Stover Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525, phone: 970-490-3033; For District employees: Executive Director of Human Resources, 2407 La Porte Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521, phone: 970-490-3620.