

Thunderbird Update – November 18, 2021



Dear Johnson Families,

We are so thankful for the additional time to rest and rejuvenate during the Thanksgiving holiday. In case you missed the announcement, the break has been extended – **NO SCHOOL – November 22 – 26**. It was such a joyful time this morning during our Turkey Round-up. Thank you for your amazing generosity! Happy Thanksgiving from your Johnson Staff!!

Counselor's Update

Dear Johnson Families,

We hope it will be a joyful and healthy holiday season for our families and staff here at Johnson. We know that the holidays can be a stressful time. Providing gifts for your family can create additional financial stress. Johnson and our community partners are offering support for families in need. If you would like to request support, please fill out the form included in today's newsletter and email it me at jallen@psdschools.org. All requests will be placed in a lottery, and you will be notified if your name is selected. **The deadline to make a request is November 30th.**

There are also several holiday programs and resources available through community agencies. If you need additional information, please contact Wrenn Thornton, Johnson's Secretary at wthornto@psdschools.org (970-488-5003) or Jason Allen at jallen@psdschools.org (970-488-5038).

We are still planning our traditional Johnson "**Giving Tree**" initiative for this year. Over the years, it has been an honor to serve many Johnson families through this fund. We have been able to purchase much needed items to help get families through some difficult times. This year, especially, a lot of students and families may have a need and we are hoping that by continuing our Giving Tree efforts, we can continue to be a community school that brings supports together for those in need. The school staff and so many of our Johnson families appreciate so very much all of you who have contributed to this over the years!

If you would like to contribute, we are planning to use SchoolPay as a means for people to donate. As you know, we usually use change jars. This isn't possible this year. The intention, though, is still the same. Any amount you feel comfortable with goes directly to providing resources for families at our school (utilities, clothes, winter gear, etc). Click on the SchoolPay link, choose Giving Tree, and donate the amount you would like: [SchoolPay](#)

Thank You So Much and Best Wishes,
Mr. Allen, School Counselor

Meals during Fall Break

Due to the fall break extension, schools will not be open Monday, November 22nd and November 23rd. Free meals will still be available to students on those days. Visit the [PSD School Meals website](#) for details and locations.

Johnson Calendar of Events

November		
22 – 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
16	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	4 th Grade Choir Performance, Johnson Gym 5 th Grade Choir Performance, Johnson Gym
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
20	8:00 – 4:30 11:55 – 1:30	Kindergarten Registration for 2022-23 5 th Grade Field Trip, YES Concert
21	Noon	Deadline for 1 st Round School Choice -2022-23
24	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
28		Johnson PRIDE Assembly Crazy Hair/Sock Day
February		
3	Time TBD 6 – 7:30 pm	5 th Grade visits Webber MS Webber MS Open House
10	5:00 – 9:00 pm	Spirit Night at Red Robbin
14	2:15 pm	Class Holiday Parties JPTO Executive Board Meeting
21		NO SCHOOL – K-12 Building Workday
25		Johnson PRIDE Assembly Sports Day

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

[Early Childhood Poudre School District Calendar](#)

Quick Links

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Information from Previous Publications

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.

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.

Johnson Parent Handbook

The Johnson Parent Handbook for the 2021-2022 School Year is available on the [Johnson website](#) under the "About Us" Tab.



The purpose of the handbook is to provide information regarding Johnson Elementary School, as well as our school's rules and procedures in an "easy to access" format. We encourage you to read it, keep it on hand to refer to it, and let us know if you need any clarification.

Poudre School District policies and regulations (including but not limited to those in the [District's Student Rights & Code of Conduct booklet](#)) also apply to Johnson Elementary School and are controlling over our rules and procedures if there is any inconsistency or conflict. Although this handbook may reference certain District policies and regulations, the actual language of the referenced policies and regulations is controlling over the language in this handbook. District rules and regulations change over time. We will update you as new information becomes available. If you have any questions, feel free to call 488-5000 or visit the main office of Johnson Elementary School.

Student Data Verification

We encourage parent/guardians to review and/or update their family and student information. Up to date contact information is important in order to receive communication from Johnson and Poudre School District. Updates can now be completed through ParentVUE. Once you log into ParentVUE, click on the Online Registration tab on the top right corner of the screen:



Then, select 2021-2022 Family and Student Data Verification from the drop-down menu:

A screenshot of a web form. At the top, it says 'Please select the school year you are enrolling students in: *'. Below this is a drop-down menu with the text '2021-2022 Family and Student Data Verification' selected.

If applicable, parents can upload a proof of address and updated immunization record. Please contact our office at 970-488-5000 if you have any questions or need a hard copy of the student verification form sent home.

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.

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.