



Johnson Elementary

Thunderbird Times December 2021

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8:50 a.m.—3:28 p.m.

Principal's Corner

Dear Johnson Families,

We hope you had a restful fall break. December has come quickly, and I wanted to take a moment to thank you, our community for your support in so many ways! Thank you for supporting our Turkey Round-Up. At last count, we had 121 turkeys donated. Our canned food drive was a considerable success as well. Johnson was highlighted again this year on our district website. As we move into the holiday season, thank you for supporting our Giving Tree. The Giving Tree supports families within Johnson's community.

Our School Advisory and Accountability Committee met on November 3rd. We discussed our School Unified Improvement Plan, we had 95% attendance for our parent-teacher conferences, we gave feedback to our district for funding priorities, and we discussed our behavior/mental health system. Our SAAC is also sponsoring a family column to highlight support for the challenges we all face. We hope you find this addition to be supportive and valuable. Our SAAC gives feedback on how we are doing as a school and supports our continuous improvement. If you would like more information about our SAAC, our website is a useful resource.

January brings our school of choice season. We are open to school of choice families at many grade levels. If you have a friend who is looking for a school like Johnson, please have them go to our website to explore what we offer. January also brings our first official report card. Please check your child's progress. If you have questions about your child's report card, please contact his/her teacher.

We end the month with our December break. We will see you in 2022!

Georgie Dawson, Principal



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AP's Angle



December 2021

Restorative Practices

This past semester, Johnson staff have been taking part in **Restorative Practices** trainings. This work is in alignment with our school's commitment-to-improvement plan. The restorative approach to discipline helps us fulfil our Thunderbird PRIDE values, as well as strengthens our sense of community and our overall school climate. Together, students and staff are managing conflict and tension (yes, we are like any typical family!) by staying committed to relationships and repairing any harm caused. The main tool in this approach is the Restorative Conversation component, when staff members meet with those involved in a conflict to work it out. In school we use the following questions to help guide these conversations:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking about at the time?
- How did it make you feel?
- Who has been affected?
- What needs to happen to fix it (to make things fair and better)?

These Restorative Conversations help show students that their actions have consequences. Furthermore, understanding how our choices can affect someone (especially someone's feelings) helps to develop empathy, which, in turn is a very powerful force for shaping pro-social skills at school.

If you have any questions about the Restorative Practices work that we are doing at Johnson, please let me know. Thank you and Go Thunderbirds!

Matt Hughes

Assistant Principal

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PSD School of Choice first-consideration application period deadline noon Jan. 21

Poudre School District has a wide array of fantastic schools that each offer unique experiences to learn and grow, as well as paths that fit students' interests and needs.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying to our school during PSD's School of Choice application period, we'd love for you to share the following information:

- School of Choice first-consideration application period deadline to apply: noon Jan. 21, 2022
- Learn more on the [School Options and Choice web page](#)
- [Submit a School of Choice application](#)
- Those with questions about the School of Choice process may email choice@psdschools.org.
- Those who are interested in applying to our school and have questions about what we offer may call the main office.

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Updates from the Music Room

Thunderbird families please mark your calendars for the following performance dates for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in the spring in the Johnson gym. More information will come out in letter form in January.



- **March 3rd – 5th Music Performance**, 6:30 p.m., Call 6 p.m. @ Johnson gym
- **April 5th – 4th Music Performance**, 6:30 p.m., Call 6 p.m. @ Johnson gym
- **April 12th – 3rd Music Performance**, 6:30 p.m., Call 6 p.m. @ Johnson gym

Thunderbird Choir Families keep your calendars marked for our upcoming concerts this month in the Johnson gym. **Make sure to read the choir packet about concert wear and please contact me in advance with any questions.** We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our festive winter music with you!

Winter Concert: Thursday, December 16th 2021 @ Johnson gym

- 4th Grade Performance at 6:00 p.m., meet at 5:40 p.m. in the music room
 - 5th Grade Performance at 7:00 p.m., meet at 6:40 p.m. in the music room
- ◇ This is a close transition from the 4th Grade Performance so know that if you show up early you may have to wait until 6:40 p.m. to be let in.

Breanne Mathias, Music Teacher – Contact: bmathias@psdschools.org

Weigh in: Take this survey to inform PSD's future school year calendars

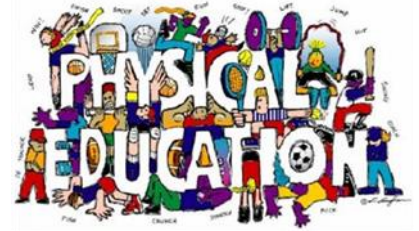
You are invited to share your thoughts to help inform the development of future Poudre School District school year calendars. [This survey](#), available in Spanish and English, is open from Dec. 1, 2021, through Jan. 1, 2022. Families who need support with Arabic translation may contact their family liaison. The PSD Calendar Committee will consider community feedback when creating the draft 2023-24 and 2024-25 school year calendars. PSD Calendar Committee members are scheduled in April 2022 to present draft school year calendars to the school board.

[More information >>](#)

News from PE Land

Hi Thunderbirds,

It is *December*, and we are still in a drought, but without the heat. DRINK WATER!!! Yes, plain old water is still important. Do not wait until you are tired or have a headache. Our “insides” need to stay hydrated.



Speaking of dry fields, grades 1-5 will be outside as much as possible during these dry days even when it is cold outside. Students should bring gloves or mittens to PE. Kinder will remain indoors.

IMPORTANT: If you can be a Climbing Club volunteer, please email me at jrumbold@psdschools.org

If you are a registered volunteer that is good with ropes, tying knots, helping kids get into a climbing harness, belaying and helping put the mats up at the end, *Climbing Club needs you!* If we get enough volunteers, our meeting time will be *FRIDAY MORNINGS, 7:45- 8:30*. March 11 being the final day. If you can be a regular volunteer through *SPRING BREAK*, please contact Jim Rumbold jrumbold@psdschools.org

If you have photos of your little Thunderbird participating in sports or healthy activities (hiking, biking, raking leaves or snow shoveling), please send to jrumbold@psdschools.org. I post these on the “Beyond the Nest” bulletin board.

Jim Rumbold, PE Teacher

Giving Tree

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](#)

Johnson Calendar of Events

December		
10		Spirit Night @ Panda Express
13	2:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
16	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	4 th Grade Thunderbird Choir Performance 5 th Grade Thunderbird Choir Performance
17		Johnson P.R.I.D.E Assembly 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	11:55 – 1:30	Kindergarten Registration - 2022-2023 5 th Grade Field Trip, YES Concert
21	Noon	1 st Round Deadline for School Choice Applications
24	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
28		Johnson P.R.I.D.E. Assembly Crazy Hair/Sock Day
February		
3	6:00 – 7:30 pm	5 th Grade Field Trip, Webber Middle School Webber MS Open House
10	5:00 – 9:00 pm	Spirit Night at Red Robbin
14	2:15 pm	Classroom Holiday Parties JPTO Executive Board Meeting
21		NO SCHOOL – Building Workday
25		Johnson P.R.I.D.E. Assembly
28	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
March		
3	6:30 pm	5 th Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
9	6:00 – 8:00 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting
13		Daylight Savings Time Begins “Spring Forward”
14 – 18		NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

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

[Early Childhood Poudre School District Calendar](#)

Calendar events are also posted on [Johnson’s website](#)

In Case you Missed it & Monthly Reminders

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:



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.

PSD is hiring Substitute Teachers and Bus Drivers

PSD is working hard to hire [Substitute Teachers and Bus Drivers](#). We have a shortage of staff in these areas. 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 published later in the newsletter 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? Then you should apply to be a substitute in PSD. You can even arrange to “only sub at Johnson” if you like. See flyer for details



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 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.

Johnson Representative needed for the District Advisory Board

We would like to have a representative from the Johnson parent community for the PSD District Advisory Board. The District Advisory Board advises the district on a number of issues and is made up of parent representatives from each school and acts as a link between the community and the district.

The DAB gives parents an opportunity to interact and engage with the district. If you are interested in being a DAB representative for your school, please contact your principal.

Please see the [DAB bylaws](#) and [representative responsibilities](#) documents for more information.

Meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Johanssen Support Services Center, 2407 Laporte Avenue.

Before and After School Enrichments

Thunderbird Choir

Thunderbird Choir has started for 4th and 5th grade students. To follow the school district's COVID rules and guidelines, we will have separate practices:

- 5th Grade Choir - Mondays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- 4th Grade Choir - Wednesdays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

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

AlphaBEST - 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.

School Donations help with learning materials

These donation requests help cover the cost of many learning materials. We appreciate your support in helping supply our students with the materials they need to be successful in school. These donation items are visible in SchoolPay: [Pay Fees/Charges Online](#)

- **Johnson Supplies: Kindergarten - 5th Grade 2021-22**

\$20 to cover all or a portion of the cost of purchasing expendable supplies to be used by all students for literacy, math, social studies, science, and craft activities. Waivers are not applicable; students will have access to the supplies regardless of whether payment is made. **For families with more than one child enrolled at Johnson – we would only ask for one donation of \$20.**

- **Johnson Student Planner: 4th & 5th Grade 2021-22**

\$4 To cover all or a portion of the cost of the planners. Waivers are not applicable; all students will receive a planner regardless of whether payment is made.

Ongoing fundraisers for Johnson Elementary

These passive fundraisers directly benefit Johnson Elementary discretionary fund/classroom budgets:

American Furniture Warehouse Fundraiser

Shop at any AFW location, online or by phone and mention Johnson Elementary at checkout. Our school will receive 2% donation on any purchase, 4% on Beauty Rest mattresses. Invite others to participate. Friends and Family can help too!

Caps4Cash – Morning Fresh Dairy Fundraiser

Caps4Cash is a Morning Fresh Dairy program where schools earn cash by collecting caps from Morning Fresh Dairy glass bottles. Each cap will be redeemed for 5 cents. We use this fundraiser to help support our Student Council Program.

Advertising Fundraising for Johnson

Organizations can purchase advertising in individual school newsletters through the [School Communications Agency](#). 60% of revenue from advertising goes back to the school to be used at the principal's discretion. Contact: (970) 239-1641

Fundraisers that directly benefit JPTO

King Soopers Community Rewards Fundraiser

Johnson has recently been added to the list of nonprofits eligible for funding through their community rewards program. We encourage our families to register your **King SooperCard** and choose Johnson as the designated nonprofit. Go to www.KingSoopers.com

- Scroll all the way down near the bottom of the page where you will see “**Community**” click on it.
- You will then see “**KingSoopers Community Rewards**” click on it.
- In the middle of the page you will see “**enroll now**” click on it.
- Next you will need to add your **email and password**.

(If you’ve never logged in before, but still have a card, you can attach an email and password to your existing number by creating an account)

If you don’t have a card, choose “create an account”.

- A search box will open to select your charity – type “**Johnson PSD**” on the left of the screen. On the right, you can select “**education**” as type. Click on the magnifying glass for the search to work and select your organization.
- There are two Johnson schools listed. The address is with it, so finding ours is easy and at the top. (4101 Seneca Street) Click “**enroll**”

Adding this card will not affect your gas points or other discount benefits you receive through King Soopers.

Box Tops Fundraiser

Looking for a quick and easy way to help support our amazing school? Download the free Box Tops App. And register Johnson Elementary as your school and when you go shopping just go into the app and take a picture of your receipt and it will give our school .10 per participating items, just make sure you submit them within 14 days of your purchase.



Amazon – Smile.amazon.com Fundraiser

Amazon has a wonderful giving program called Smile.amazon.com that gives 0.5% of your qualified purchases to a charity of your choice. Here is how you can give to Johnson Elementary. All you have to do is register!

How to enroll:

Go to smile.amazon.com, scroll to the bottom of the page

- At the bottom of the page click on "**get started**"
- It will take you to a login page. Log in with your **amazon account**

Fundraisers that directly benefit JPTO *continued*

- On the task bar you will see **Your Charity**. You can then **select the charity**. Our registered name is **Johnson Parent Teacher Organization**. (It is not listed as Johnson Elementary.)
- Know that all funds go to support our school, Johnson Elementary.

Remember you must log in from the smile page at smile.amazon.com **each time you make a purchase for the charitable donation to count.**

Thank you so much for supporting our school!

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Mrs. Hunter 3rd Grade

<https://maleav.wixsite.com/johnsons1466>

Mrs. Cochran 1st Grade

<https://angelag88.wixsite.com/johnsonsteaching>



2021 FALL

Please note that fall protocols could shift, as PSD adapts to public health conditions and guidance.

-  [Review PSD's 2021-22 protocols for Health & Safety](#)
-  [Info on vaccinations, clinics happening at PSD schools](#)
-  [2021-22 Frequently Asked Questions web page](#)
-  [More information available PSD's 2021-22 School Year and COVID-19 data](#)

PSD COVID-19 mask protocols

Masks are required for all staff, students, visitors and volunteers in PSD buildings, regardless of vaccination status.



Why masks in PSD

- We want to keep students and staff safe and keep kids in school, while minimizing quarantines and impacts to families. When both parties are masked, neither individual should be quarantined in a regular classroom exposure.
- We protect one another from the spread of COVID by wearing masks.
- Wearing masks allows us to prioritize in-person learning. In school, students have opportunities to build a sense of belonging and connect with people and their passions through activities, athletics and extracurriculars.



Two or more layers of fabric



Completely cover nose and mouth



Fit snugly against face and nose with no gaps

Mask FAQs

- Protective masks should cover the nose and mouth, with multiple layers and that fit snugly against a person's face.
- Masks are NOT required outdoors.
- Teachers and students will have opportunities to have mask breaks.
- Schools will have extra masks on hand, for those who need them.
- When you're in a room with someone else, your mask should be on.

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PSD COVID-19 protocols for fall 2021

Some have changed since the spring of 2021, while others will be familiar. This is not an exhaustive list. For all protocols, please visit the [Health and Safety web page](#).

What's different?



Close contact has been changed by public health officials to being within 6 feet for a cumulative 15 minutes or more (if the ill and exposed person are not masked.) (as of September 2021)

- **All activities and athletics** are happening with protocols.
- All secondary students can use **lockers**.
- Students are encouraged to **use water bottles**.
- Students at all schools can eat in **cafeterias**.
- **School assemblies** are allowed with masks, 3 feet spacing and assigned seats.

Note: 6 feet of distance will be used if the school is in outbreak status.

You should be exempt from quarantine if you are one of the following:

- Fully vaccinated
- You and others are masked
- Positive for COVID 90 days prior
- Participated in weekly testing

Note: These exemptions do not apply when a classroom or cohort is in outbreak status.

With masks, we expect that fewer people will be quarantined. Quarantines may still occur due to exposures at lunch (no masks while eating) and high-risk activities (athletics, performing arts). There may be other instances where these may occur.

What's the same?



Keep washing your hands. We will do this before and after recess, as well as before and after meals.

- **Students don't have to wear masks outdoors or at recess**, and students from different grades can play outside at the same time.
- **Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms** (runny nose, new/worsening cough, fever, etc.). Follow [Return to Learn guidance](#) to come back to school.
- If you are deemed to be a close contact in a COVID case, the health department will ask you to **quarantine for 10 days**.
- There is still the option for an early release on day eight of quarantine, following the **early test-out process**.
- PSD will continue using **Precautionary Rooms** (formerly Isolation Rooms) to separate symptomatic students from peers and staff.



Contact tracing

PSD will continue working with the [Larimer County Department of Health and Environment \(LCDHE\)](#) to conduct contact tracing investigations when there is a COVID case.

- PSD and LCDHE will identify whether anyone had close contact. LCDHE will ask close contacts to quarantine.
- In a routine classroom exposure (i.e. third graders sitting at desks), LCDHE

will likely not quarantine individuals because PSD requires universal masking.

- PSD will still notify families when there is a classroom/cohort exposure, even if no quarantines occur. The entire

school community will not be notified.

- Case information, including pre-outbreak and outbreak statuses, is available on the [COVID-19 data web page](#).



What to do if you're experiencing symptoms

Do your part. Don't come to school if you're experiencing symptoms. Even a runny nose counts. PSD follows the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Return to Learn guidelines](#). Parents should monitor their children for symptoms, keep them home if they are experiencing any of the following and consider getting [tested for COVID-19](#).

Critical symptoms

- Loss of taste or smell

Major symptoms

- Feeling feverish, having chills
- Temperature of 100.4 F or greater

Minor symptoms

- Sore throat, runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches

Review the [guidelines](#) for a full list of symptoms and how to respond.



Vaccination FAQs

- Please get vaccinated, if it is the right decision for you and your family.
 - PSD is not requiring but strongly encouraging staff and students to be vaccinated.
 - PSD continues to partner with public health agencies to offer vaccination opportunities. For more information, including about upcoming clinics in PSD, visit the [Vaccinations web page](#).
- For more information, visit [LCDHE's website](#).