

Thunderbird Update – December 16, 2021

Dear Johnson Families,

Thank you for reading through our weekly updates. We do our best to keep you informed about important calendar items and events here at school.



Remember, school is out for winter break, December 20 – 31st. We do not have school on Monday, January 3rd, this is a teacher workday. We welcome our students back on Tuesday, January 4th. We wish our Thunderbird families a very happy and healthy holiday season!

Chess Wizards offered at Johnson

Chess Wizards is a premier chess education company providing fun, informative and challenging chess lessons to students. Chess Wizards teaches children many important life concepts, such as learning the ability to win graciously and accept defeat with dignity and sportsmanship. Students will be divided into groups according to their chess experience. At the end of this session, each student will have had the chance to participate in a mini-chess tournament.

To register, please visit our website at www.chesswizards.com/register. Should you have any questions feel free to contact our Program Director, Trishana Walker, at office@chesswizards.com or 866-949-4386.

Spanish and French classes offered at Johnson by BikePath Learning

Spanish and French classes are now offered after school, in-person, at Johnson Elementary with BikePath Learning! BikePath is an after-school K- 5 beginner Spanish & French foreign enrichment program. BikePath has been in business for over 13 years and has successfully taught over 5,000 students. Classes are affordable, 45 minutes in length, and no previous language experience is required. If the date or times do not work for you there are virtual options available as well. If you have any questions email Makayla at BikepathLearnNoCo@gmail.com. To register go to www.bikepathlearning.com.

Donations Needed

Mrs. Durkin would appreciate donations of paper towels for the computer lab.

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 >>](#)

[In case you Missed it....](#)

Kindergarten Open House and Registration for the 2022-23 school year

Johnson will offer an in-person **Open House/Information Night** for families of incoming Kindergarteners for the 2022-23 school year. Join us on Thursday, January 13th from 6 – 7 p.m. in our Media Center. This evening is intended for parents/guardians only – please arrange for childcare on this evening. You can view an introductory video on our website as well. We are excited for this night! If you know of a family who has a kindergartener, please reach out to them to let them know about our open house.

Johnson will offer in-person registration for our incoming kindergarten families on Thursday, January 20th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. [Online registration](#) is open between January 3rd and January 20th.

Families must register for kindergarten at their neighborhood school.

- **Neighborhood schools and school choice**
 - Parents must register their new kindergartner at their neighborhood school, including those who submit school choice applications for kindergarten.
 - Parents who want their child to attend a school outside their attendance/neighborhood school area must submit a [School Choice application](#).

- **Register new kindergarten students online or in-person**
 - To register online, visit the [PSD Online Registration web page](#). Online registration for the 2022-23 school year opens Jan. 3, 2022.
 - Families can also register in-person at Johnson on January 20th. You will need to bring this information to the school:
 - Verification of child's birth date (birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, military ID, original or certified copies acceptable).
 - Proof of address (a copy of a lease agreement, mortgage statement, utility bill, etc., that shows that the parent/guardian lives at an address within school boundaries)
 - Immunization record or an [immunization exemption form](#)
 - Custody documents (if applicable)

School Options and Choice

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2022-23 school year. Visit [PSD's school choice website for complete details](#).

If you know a family who may be interested in attending Johnson as their school choice next school year, please share this information with them.

- Please note the order in which applications are received during the first consideration application period do not affect a student's acceptance.
- The first-consideration application period for new and renewal school choice applications closes at noon, Friday, Jan. 21.

If your child currently attends Johnson as your school of choice, you do not need to re-apply for next school year.

Johnson Calendar of Events

December		
17		Thunderbird PRIDE Assembly (Video) Classroom Holiday Parties *Teacher shares details
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
11	6:00 – 7:30 pm	Open House at Webber Middle School
12	6:00 – 8:00 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting
13	10:00 am – 6:00 pm 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Mobile Vaccine Clinic at Johnson Kindergarten Open House for 2022-23, Media Center
17		NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
18		Vision & Hearing Screening
20	8:00 am – 4:30 pm 11:55 am – 1:30 pm	Kindergarten Registration for 2022-23 5 th Grade Field Trip, YES Concert
21	12:00 pm	1 st Round School Choice Application Deadline
24	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
28		Johnson PRIDE Assembly Crazy Hair/Sock Day
February		
3	10:00 am – 6:00 pm Time TBD	Mobile Vaccine Clinic at Johnson 5 th Grade visits Webber MS
10	5:00 – 9:00 pm	Sprit 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

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



Mobile Bus Vaccine Clinic available at Johnson

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is offering several vaccine clinics at PSD locations. Johnson will be one of those locations on Thursday, January 13th and again on Thursday, February 3rd. PSD is not administering the vaccines or coordinating appointments. Free flu shots are also available at these clinics. Visit [PSD's COVID-19 Vaccine website](#) for complete details or to sign-up for an appointment.

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.

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](#).

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 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.