

## Thunderbird Update – December 9, 2021

Dear Johnson Families,

Please take a few moments to look through today's news update. We have lots of important information to share with you.



### **Spirit Day/Fundraiser at Panda Express**

Join us this Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at Panda Express (College & Harmony) for a Johnson JPTO Spirit/fundraising event. Hours of the event are 10:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Present flyer or order online with code. Our event's online ordering code is 326991. This code will need to be applied in the Fundraiser Code field at check-out when ordering on the Panda Express website or Panda app. All in-person orders will need to show a digital or paper copy of the event flyer to receive credit.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> and again on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. [Online registration](#) opens on January 3, 2022.

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 at schools.**
  - 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 their neighborhood school. School hours vary so check online or call the school directly to determine the best time to visit. **Kindergarten Registration Day for those starting school fall 2022 will be held at schools Thursday, Jan. 20.** 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)

### Thunderbird Choir Performance Reminder

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 16<sup>th</sup>** @ Johnson gym

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Performance at 6:00 p.m., meet at 5:40 p.m. in the music room
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Performance at 7:00 p.m., meet at 6:40 p.m. in the music room
  - This is a close transition from the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – [bmathias@psdschools.org](mailto:bmathias@psdschools.org)

**\*All COVID health protocols need to be followed: Wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance. We expect that all who attend are healthy and free of any symptoms.**

### December Class Parties

Classrooms are planning for parties either on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> or Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Each teacher is in charge of planning their class party, and only students and staff may attend. Class parties are activity based rather than food based. Please refrain from sending any food items in unless requested by the teacher specifically. Most classrooms have communicated the class party plan, so please pay close attention to this communication. Thank you for your continued support as we bring back traditions during a pandemic.

## 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 choice, you do not need to re-apply for next school year.

## Ongoing and timely Reminders

### **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 >>](#)

### **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 – 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.	<b>Classes begin</b>
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

## Johnson Calendar of Events

December		
10	10:30 am – 9:30 pm	Spirit Day @ Panda Express
13	2:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
16	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Performance, Johnson Gym 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Performance, Johnson Gym
17		Thunderbird PRIDE Assembly (Video) Classroom Holiday Parties *Teacher shares details
20 – 31		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Winter Break
January 2022 – Happy New Year!		
3		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – 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		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, YES Concert
21	12:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade visits Webber MS
10	5:00 – 9:00 pm	<b>Sprit Night at Red Robbin</b>
14	2:15 pm	Class Holiday Parties JPTO Executive Board Meeting
21		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – 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](#)



## **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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