

Thunderbird Update – January 13, 2022



Dear Johnson Families,

Thank you for reading through our weekly updates. We do our best to keep you informed about changing health protocols, calendar events and school updates.

Please be sure you have reviewed the communication sent out by our district on January 11. [COVID Protocols update; staffing shortages may prompt temporary remote shifts for classes and/or schools.](#)

Can my child go to school today?

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](#)



TONIGHT - Kindergarten Open House and Registration Information 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 Gym at Johnson Elementary. 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 also available until 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.

JPTO General Membership Meeting – Join Virtually

Hello Johnson Families!

I'd like to invite you to join us for our 1st JPTO meeting of 2022! We are really excited about some new, fun and truly helpful initiatives that our JPTO members have been brainstorming for Johnson Elementary and it's community. If you'd like to know more about what's going on at Johnson, and how to possibly get involved, then be sure to log on to the JPTO General Meeting on Monday January 24th at 6:30 pm. The meetings don't run longer than an hour and the simplicity here can't be beat, you don't even have to leave your house! We will share some thoughts and plans to improve the experiences for you and your children, as well as our teachers. We're excited to share these ideas and new volunteer opportunities with you. No commitment is required by 'attending' meetings.



Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

See you on the 24th!

Isaac Bartholomew, JPTO President

Johnson Calendar of Events

January 2022 – Happy New Year!		
13	10:00 am – 6:00 pm 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Mobile Vaccine Clinic at Johnson Kindergarten Open House for 2022-23, In Person
17		NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
18		Vision & Hearing Screening
20	8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Kindergarten Registration for 2022-23, In Person
21	12:00 pm	1 st Round School Choice Application Deadline
24	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting, Virtual
28		Johnson PRIDE Assembly Video Crazy Hair/Sock Day
February		
2	7:45 – 8:32 am	4 th Grade Choir Practice Resumes
3	10:00 am – 6:00 pm 1:00 pm	Mobile Vaccine Clinic at Johnson Webber Middle School Counselors – visit 5 th Graders
7	7:45 – 8:32 am	5 th Grade Choir Practice Resumes 2 nd Grade Cogat Testing window opens – March 4
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 Video Sports Day
28	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
March		
3	6:30 pm	5 th Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
7 – 11		Spring Scholastic Book Fair
8	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	5 th Grade Field Trip – YES Concert
9	6:00 – 8:00 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting
10	4:00 – 8:00 pm	Spirit Night at Panera Bread
13		Daylight Savings Time Begins “Spring Forward 1 hour”
14 – 18		NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
28 – Apr 29		State Testing Window for Grades 3 - 5
21	2:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
28	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
April		
1		Johnson PRIDE Assembly Video
5	6:30 pm	4 th Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
11	2:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
12	6:30 pm	3 rd Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
15		NO SCHOOL – K-12 Conference Exchange Day
18 – 22		PSD Classified Staff Appreciation Week
25	11:00 am – 9:00 pm 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Spirit Night at Modern Market JPTO General Membership Meeting
28	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	4 th Grade Spring Choir Concert, Johnson Gym 5 th Grade Spring Choir Concert, Johnson Gym

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

[Early Childhood Poudre School District Calendar](#)

Quick Links

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

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.

Before/After School Enrichment Opportunities

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

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 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.

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

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