

Thunderbird Update – February 17, 2022



Dear Johnson Families,

As you learned from my communication last week, we are retiring our Thunderbird at the end of the school year.

Students and staff will have the opportunity to submit mascot ideas from Feb. 14-25. Once the submission window closes, a committee will review all entries and select the top two to four. Students and staff will vote for their top choice, and we will announce the winner by April 4, 2022. Design work will then begin for the image of our new mascot.

Submissions that will be considered meet the following criteria:

- The mascot must be inclusive and respectful to all people.
- The mascot must be appropriate for a school with students ranging from 3 to 11 years old.
- The mascot represents the general region/area of the school.
- The mascot is unique and not already taken by another PSD elementary school.
- The mascot should be something staff, students and our community can be proud of.
- If it is an animal, the mascot is common to the area or has relatives here.
- The mascot cannot be copyrighted (i.e. a Disney character, Marvel, professional athletics team mascot, etc.).
- The mascot should reflect our Johnson beliefs and values:
- Submissions should articulate how the suggested mascot reflects our beliefs and values and provide a rationale.
- No artwork should be submitted. The chosen mascot will be submitted to our district Communications Department to create our mascot image.

One submission per email address will be accepted via this link: [Mascot Submission](#)
We encourage groups to make submissions. For example, a classroom could submit an idea together. If an individual from the same classroom would also like to make a submission, they may. Families are also encouraged to put forward a submission. We look forward to continuing to share our Johnson PRIDE throughout our community.

Respectfully,
Georgianna Dawson, Principal, Johnson Elementary



NO School on Monday, February 21

As a reminder, we do not have school on Monday, February 21st. This is a building workday for all K – 12 schools.

Spirit Night at “Smok” at Foothills Mall – February 22

Take a night off from cooking and join us! 20% of all food and beverage sales will benefit Johnson Elementary! See flyer included in today’s newsletter.

Outdoor Recess Guidelines

As a gentle reminder, Colorado brings ever changing weather. Please make sure your child brings the appropriate gear to go out and play. The children love playing in the snow at recess and have such a great time with this. Our temperature cut point for going out is 10°. We do watch for windchill and factor this in. In other words, if the temperature is 20° but windchill says it feels like 7°, we keep the children inside.



Vision and Hearing Screenings – March 1st

All students will have Vision and Hearings screenings on Tuesday, March 1st. If your student wears glasses, contacts, or hearing aids – please be sure they wear them on this day. Please reach out to Ms. Thornton (wthornto@psdschools.org) if you have any questions about vision and hearing screening.

Reminder about Health Protocols

As always, but especially now – we ask parents/guardians to keep children home when they are not feeling well. When your child has been absent due to illness – please contact our office before sending your child back to school.

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.

Johnson Calendar of Events

February		
21		NO SCHOOL – K-12 Building Workday
22	4:00 – 8:00 pm	Spirit Day at School “2’s Day” Dress like: Twins, Doubles, Tutu etc. Spirit Night at Smok @ Foothills Mall
25		Johnson PRIDE Assembly Video School Spirit Day - Sports Day
28	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting – Virtual Meeting
March		
1	9:00 – 12:00	Vision & Hearing Screenings – All Grades
3	6:30 pm	5 th Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
8	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	5 th Grade Field Trip – YES Concert
9	6:00 – 8:00 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting, Media Center
10	4:00 – 8:00 pm	Spirit Night at Panera Bread – 3700 S. College
13		Daylight Savings Time Begins “Spring Forward 1 hour”
14 – 18		NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
21	2:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting, Staff Lounge
28	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting, Media Center
April		
1		Johnson PRIDE Assembly Video
4 – 8		Spring Scholastic Book Fair
5	6:30 pm	4 th Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
5 – 7	9:00 – 10:15 am	State Testing for 5th Grade
11	2:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting, Staff Lounge
12	6:30 pm	3 rd Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
12 – 14	9:00 – 10:30 am	State Testing for 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades
15		NO SCHOOL – K-12 Conference Exchange Day
18 – 22		PSD Classified Staff Appreciation Week
19 – 21	9:00 – 10:30 am	State Testing for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades
25	9:00 – 11:45 am 4:00 – 9:00 pm	4 th & 5 th Grade Track Meet, Johnson Field Spirit Night at Modern Market – 3260 S. College
26	9:00 – 11:45 am	Rain Date for 4 th & 5 th Grade Track Meet
28	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	4 th Grade Spring Choir Concert, Gym 5 th Grade Spring Choir Concert, Gym
May		
5	9:00 – 12:30	4 th Grade Field Trip, Lory Student Center
9	2:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting, Staff Lounge
10	4:00 – 9:00 pm	Spirit Night at Schlotzky’s, 4212 S. College
13	9:00 – 11:00	5 th Grade Field Trip, walking to Webber MS
16		NO SCHOOL – Building Work Day
19	9:00 – 1:00	2 nd Grade Field Trip, Butterfly Pavilion
20		Johnson PRIDE Assembly Video
23	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting, Media Center
24	9:15 – 9:45 am	Meet the Teachers at your next Grade Level Time
25	9:00 am	5 th Grade Promotion Ceremony Last Day of School – Half Day

Quick Links

- [Johnson Elementary Website](#)
- [PSD Schools Parent Website](#)
- [District News](#)
- [School Meal Information/Menus](#)
- [PSD School Calendars & Schedules](#)
- [PSD 2021-22 K-12 Student/Teacher Calendar](#)
- [Early Childhood Poudre School District Calendar](#)



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

Greetings from Poudre River Public Library District!

Youth Services staff at Old Town Library would like to invite you to attend our first session of **Let's Discover Picture Books on March 1, 2022, from 6:00-7:00 pm**. Join us to discuss trends in new picture books and network with other educators and community members.

Program Description:

Discover new titles and trends in picture books! Join Youth Services staff and guests for an hour-long presentation/discussion. This program is designed for teachers, childcare workers, parents, storytellers, writers and all adults interested in picture books. Registration is required and is limited to 20 participants. Let's Discover Picture Books will be offered quarterly in 2022.

Registration is OPEN! Use the link below to register or visit Poudre [Libraries Events Calendar](#) or our website: [Poudre River Public Library District \(poudrelibraries.org\)](#) for more information.

If you can't make it, please forward this email to anyone you think might be interested.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)



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/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
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PSD is accepting applications for both substitute teachers and paraprofessionals for the 2021-22 school year.

To apply to become a substitute in Poudre School District, please click the Job Postings link below. For licensed substitute teachers, please apply to the **Substitute - Licensed Pool** posting or for classified paraprofessional/office staff substitutes, please apply to the **Substitute - Classified Pool** posting.

[Job Postings](#)

Substitute onboarding meetings will run through April 2022.

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.