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# **Johnson Elementary**

## Thunderbird Times March 2022

## **Principal's Corner**

Dear Johnson Families:

February brought much fun. Thank you all for supporting our different classroom and school events. Our celebration of 2-22-22 brought much laughter for the day! We are also well on our way to selecting a new mascot. Thank you all for your support in this new opportunity!

March brings our time to plan for next school year. We are currently looking at our projected enrollment, our budget allocation, and planning for staffing for next school year. We appreciate when families send back their intent for next school year. This also informs our planning. We use an interest-based solutions model to make decisions about how we will use our allocated budget. Our School Accountability and Advisory Committee (meets March 9<sup>th</sup>) gives input on what interests our community might have, and our shared leadership team (meets March 10<sup>th</sup>) gives input from our staff. We then create a balanced budget that meets as many interests as possible. Our plan goes to our district leadership for approval. Additionally, we do have staff changes for next school year. Both Mr. Jim Rumbold and Ms. Becky Hunter are retiring at the end of this school year. They will certainly be missed.

Our Spring conferences are coming up and usually happen sometime after Spring break. Unlike our fall conferences, we do not necessarily conference with all families. We conduct spring conferences when a family requests one or the teacher reaches out for a conference. Please connect with your child's teacher if you would like a spring conference. We should have dates set soon for these conferences.

In closing, thank you for all you do for Johnson and your children. You make Johnson a great place to be.

Sincerely,

Georgie Dawson, Principal





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#### March 2022

#### **Awesome Assembly!**

The PBIS team was very excited to release our latest virtual assembly for students to watch in their classrooms on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Our Johnson PRIDE Assemblies have become extremely popular with students, and our latest virtual assembly was watched with great interest last week. The video highlighted several awards given out to students and classrooms, the Johnson PRIDE Cheer (featuring students in kindergarten), and a special message from the CSU girls Volleyball team. You can watch the assembly by clicking <u>here</u> and then open the PRIDE Assembly link for February 2022.

#### **Johnson's Conflict Resolution Practices**

Throughout the school year, it is typical for students to experience peer conflict. During these testy moments, we support students and staff by employing several practices to ensure a peaceful resolution for all, and to prevent any type of bullying from taking root. Of course, the most important step is for students to talk to someone about what is happening. Depending on the conflict, we might suggest a simple game of "Rock, Paper, Scissors" to solve an argument, or a more thoughtful peer mediation to build mutual agreements. Students can complete "Imessage" and "Apology" forms with the oversight of a staff member. Lastly, our school counselor, Mr. Allen, provides insightful sessions on resolving peer conflict with every class. All these approaches help build healthy communication and respectful responses at Johnson, and our goal is that every child feels safe and supported when dealing with peer conflict.

Poudre School District has a zero-tolerance policy towards bullying behavior, be it physical, verbal, or relational. In the case of bullying, our discipline approach is adjusted to focus on making sure that the bullying stops. It is important to note

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## **AP's Angle**

the difference between typical peer conflict and bullying is to remember that bullying is a combination of the following three factors:

- 1. It is mean
- 2. It is repeated
- 3. It is one-sided (imbalance of power)

Thank you for your support in communicating any concerns or questions that you may have about student conflicts or bullying.

#### Just Around the Corner – State Testing

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessments will take place in April this year (the testing schedule is now posted on the school website). Students in  $3^{rd}$ ,  $4^{th}$ , and  $5^{th}$  grade will be assessed in Math and English Language Arts. This year,  $5^{th}$  grade students will also take Science tests.

To excuse your student from state assessments, you may complete a Parent Excusal form digitally by logging into <u>ParentVUE</u> and accessing Services Tracker. Instructions and screenshots on how to do this can be found <u>here</u>. Please note that you will need to fill out a form for each subject area. Please let me know if you have any questions. For more information from the Colorado Department of Education, please visit the following link: <u>https://www.cde.state.co.us/</u> assessment/cmas

Thank you for all your support.

Matt Hughes

Assistant Principal





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If your student has any symptoms of illness, they will need to follow the Return to Learn guidance below.

Return to learn guidance:

For students and staff returning to work or school in PSD following a positive COVID-19 symptom screen, PSD follows this <u>Return to Learn guidance for K-12</u> <u>schools</u>. If there are questions about when a student can return to school, the school nurse or PSD health staff will make that determination.

Note: This guidance is NOT intended for cases or close contacts of COVID-19. A confirmed COVID-19 case or close contact should follow public health isolation or quarantine instructions for return to school/work.

#### **Major symptoms**

- Feeling feverish, having chills, temperature of 100.4 F or greater
- New or worsening cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

#### Major symptom response:

- If symptoms resolve within 24 hours of onset follow regular return to school illness policies. In all cases, to return student must have no fever, vomiting, or diarrhea in prior 24 hours without use of medication.
- If symptoms DO NOT resolve within 24 hours, either:
  - Follow home isolation for 5 days following symptom onset. To return, individuals must have 24 hours diarrhea, vomiting or fever free without use of medications AND all other symptoms resolved or improved before returning to school on or after day 6. Students and staff must be able to wear a mask for day 6 through 10.
  - Get a PCR or molecular COVID-19 test and provide documented lab results to the school.
    - If the test is negative, return to school once symptoms have resolved or are improving AND 24 hours vomiting, diarrhea, and fever free without use of medications before returning to school.

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- Take an at-home COVID-19 test. Write directly on the card (not on a label added to the card) the person's name, date and time test was administered. Submit photo of the negative result to the school health office.
  - If the test is negative, return to school if symptoms are resolved or improving AND 24 hours vomiting, diarrhea, and fever free without use of medications before returning to school.
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- Symptoms must be improved and not interfere with learning or effective mask wearing. Individuals must have 24 hours vomiting, diarrhea, and fever free without use of medications before returning to school. Those with a medical mask exemption who do not test or have a positive result must remain out of school the full 10 days, returning on day 11.

#### **Minor Symptoms:**

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea

#### Minor symptom response:

• If symptoms resolve within 24 hours of onset, follow regular return to school illness policies.

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- If symptoms resolve within 48 hours of onset, follow regular return to school illness policies.
- In all cases, to return student must have no fever, vomiting, or diarrhea in prior 24 hours without use of medication.
- If symptoms DO NOT resolve within 48 hours, either:
  - Follow home isolation for 5 days following symptoms onset. To return, individuals must have 24 hours diarrhea, vomiting or fever free without use of medications AND all other symptoms resolved or improved before returning to school on or after day 6. Students and staff must be able to wear a mask for day 6 through 10.
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## **News from PE Land**

Hi Thunderbirds,

I have a few things to share with you:

- Healthy Kids 5210+ Challenge over!!! But not the healthy habits you are following. Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day to click the link on your log sheets and add your checks, T-Shirt Size, etc.
- Additional Pacer tests are available for students who would like an extra chance to take the test for a higher score. Students may come to the gym Monday, Tuesday, or Friday morning at 8:15 a.m. or Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday afternoon at 3:38 p.m. Remember to bring a recorder and be on time.
- Running Club starts Monday, March 21, 3:35 p.m.
- Johnson 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade track and field meet will be April 25. The PSD meet is May 3 for 800meter run and 1600meter run. Main track and field meet is Saturday May 7. 5<sup>th</sup> grade at 8:00, 4<sup>th</sup> grade at 10:00
  - Students that want to run the 800meter run (4<sup>th</sup>) or the 1600meter run (5<sup>th</sup>) will have opportunities before and after school starting Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. These are a time trial format usually 15 minutes per session. The best 3 times qualify like the regular track meet.

If you have photos of your little Thunderbird participating in sports or healthy activities (hiking, biking, sports, raking leaves or snow shoveling) please send to <u>irumbold@psdschools.org</u> or drop it off at school for me to post on the **"Beyond the Nest"** bulletin board

I hope everyone is enjoying that big block of daylight after school!

Jim Rumbold, PE Teacher – Contact <a href="mailto:irumbold@psdschools.org">irumbold@psdschools.org</a>

## **Johnson Calendar of Events**

March		
3	6:30 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
8	11:15 am – 1:30 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> 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
23		Group Class Picture Day by Skillman Photography
28	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
April		
1		Johnson PRIDE Assembly Video
5	6:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
5 – 7	10:15 – 11:20 am	State Testing for 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
11	2:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
12	6:30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
12 – 14	9:00 – 10:30 am	State Testing for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
15		NO SCHOOL – K-12 Conference Exchange Day
18 – 22		PSD Classified Staff Appreciation Week
		Spring Scholastic Book Fair
19 – 21	9:00 – 10:30 am	State Testing for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
25	9:00 - 12:00	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades Track Meet, Johnson Fields
	11:00 am – 9:00 pm	Spirit Night at Modern Market (3260 S College)
	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
26		Rain Date for 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Track Meet
28	6:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Choir Concert, Johnson Gym
	7:00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Choir Concert, Johnson Gym
May		
2 – 6		Teacher Appreciation Week
4	1:00 – 1:30 pm	Rocky Mountain Raptor Presentation for K – 2
	1:45 – 2:30 pm	Rocky Mountain Raptor Presentation for 3 – 5
5	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, Lory Student Center
9	2:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting
10	4:00 – 9:00 pm	Spirit Night at Schlotzsky's (4212 S College)

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## **Johnson Calendar of Events**

May		
16		NO SCHOOL – K – 12 Building Workday
19	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip, Butterfly Pavilion
20		Johnson Field Day
23		Rain Date for Field Day
	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting
25	Time TBD	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony
		Last Day of School – Half Day – Release at 11:58 pm

## **Quick Links**

- Johnson Elementary Website
- PSD Schools Parent Website
- District News
- <u>School Meal Information/Menus</u>
- PSD COVID-19 Data and School Information
- PSD Protocols for COVID-19



## In Case you Missed it & Monthly Reminders

## **School Options and Choice**

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2022-23 school year. The second-consideration application period for the 2022-23 school year is scheduled to open at 8 a.m., Wednesday, February 23. The second-consideration application period is available for families who missed applying during the first-consideration period. For complete details and to apply: <u>School</u> Options and Choice in PSD

## **School Registration Information**

#### Registration for new students and students returning to PSD

All new and returning K-12 students register at their neighborhood school. You can find your neighborhood school on the <u>School Locator web page</u>.

- Kindergarten students must be five and first-grade students must be six on or before Oct. 1. (<u>Superintendent's Policy JEB</u>). <u>Learn more about</u> <u>kindergarten registration >></u>
- Returning students are students who left PSD and are returning back to a PSD school. Current PSD students do not need to re-register every year to go back to the same school.

Students wishing to attend a school outside their attendance area must submit a <u>School Choice application</u>.

#### Online registration available for new and returning students

- To enroll new students in a PSD school, please visit the <u>PSD Online</u> <u>Registration web page.</u>
- If you have questions about registration, please call the school your child will be attending.

#### Registration for PSD students moving to a new school

Current PSD students who are moving to a new school should contact their current school to withdraw and their new school to register. Students moving from elementary to middle school and middle school to high school do not have to contact their schools. Fifth grade students are pre-registered at their neighborhood feeder middle school in February. Contact each middle school for registration details.

#### ParentVUE – PSD Student Information System

Parents/guardians access grades, attendance, schedules and other student information through the Synergy parent portal. Complete secure login through the <u>ParentVUE/StudentVUE portal</u> or through the apps, which can be downloaded from the <u>iTunes Store</u> and <u>Google Play</u>.

Parents/guardians can only see their student's information. Parents/guardians must have "educational rights" to access ParentVUE. Once educational rights are reflected in Synergy, parents will receive an email with a user activation code.

Learn how to access and/or activate your account on the <u>"Accessing and</u> <u>Activating a ParentVUE Account" web page.</u> If you have questions, refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" posted below or contact your school.

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## **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:

Please select the school year you are enrolling students in:*	
2021-2022 Family and Student Data Verification	Ţ

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.

## **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 <u>District's Student Rights & Code of Conduct booklet</u>) 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 you school, please contact your principal.

Please see the <u>DAB bylaws</u> and <u>representative responsibilities</u> documents for more information.

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

## I Matter

<u>I Matter</u> - Every Colorado youth is eligible for three free therapy sessions. Youth and their parents can visit the <u>I Matter platform</u> to take a confidential online survey about their mental health and schedule sessions with a licensed behavioral health clinician, primarily online over telehealth. State law allows youth ages 12 and up to use the platform independently; youth ages 11 and younger will need their parent or guardian's consent to sign up. Learn more on the <u>I Matter website</u>.

## **Before School Enrichment**

#### **Thunderbird Choir**

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

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Mondays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>AlphaBEST</u> <u>webpage</u>.

#### 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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## **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 <u>School Communications Agency</u>. 60% of revenue from advertising goes back to the school to be used at the principal's discretion. Contact: (970) 420-7163

## **Fundraisers that directly benefit JPTO**

#### **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.

#### **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 <u>www.KingSoopers.com</u>

- 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)

## **Fundraisers that directly benefit JPTO**

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.

#### Amazon – Smile.amazon.com Fundraiser

Amazon has a wonderful giving program called <u>Smile.amazon.com</u> 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
- 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 <u>smile.amazon.com</u> each time you make a purchase for the charitable donation to count.

Thank you so much for supporting our school!

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