

Thunderbird Update – March 24, 2022



Dear Johnson Families,

The following guidelines were sent to all PSD families on Monday, March 21st. We've had a lot of questions, so are requesting that you please review them.

The biggest change is that a negative COVID test is required to return to school following any symptom. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we implement these protocols.

This is an update about free COVID tests and the state's new illness guidelines.

What to do when sick: PSD will follow the [state health department's new "How Sick is Too Sick" protocols](#). Neither the state nor PSD will use Return to Learn guidelines anymore.

Have any of the symptoms below? You need a negative COVID test to return to school.

When not related to a documented chronic health condition, symptoms that require a negative test to return to school include fever, feeling feverish, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, sore throat, runny nose, congestion, muscle/body aches, headache, fatigue, new loss of sense of taste or smell.

If your student tests positive or chooses not to test, they must remain home for five days and wear a mask on days 6 to 10 when they return, per public health requirements.

- [More information >>](#)
- [Read CDPHE's "How Sick is Too Sick" >>](#)

Free tests: PSD is handing out roughly 1,500 free COVID test kits this week. There is a limit of four test kits per vehicle; each kit comes with two iHealth rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. PSD ordered these tests through a free, voluntary state program and is making them available as a public service.

Tests will be available in the parking lots of the following schools until supplies run out:

- 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, Fossil Ridge High School, 5400 Ziegler Road in Fort Collins
- 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, Poudre High School, 201 S. Impala Drive in Fort Collins

More free test options:

- Sign up with the [Test to Stay](#) program to receive free tests which can be replaced when used.
- Order free tests from www.covidtests.gov/

Options for exemptions from quarantine: If staff or students are identified as close contacts of a COVID-positive individual and receive quarantine orders from the health department, there are three options for them to remain at school or work. [More information >>](#)

- **Option 1:** Be fully vaccinated with a primary series and boosted, if eligible.
- **Option 2:** Follow all steps of the [Test to Stay in PSD program](#). PSD accepts results from at-home, rapid antigen tests, including iHealth.
- **Option 3:** Have record of a confirmed positive COVID test in the last 90 days.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we adapt to changing public health conditions and protocols.

Sincerely,
Poudre School District

City Call for Community Input

The City of Fort Collins is currently developing an Active Modes Plan, which will combine and update the City's 2011 Pedestrian Plan and 2014 Bicycle Plan. The City is looking for community feedback on our draft bikeway network, programming recommendations, and our ideas for prioritizing projects to make biking and walking safer and easier. [Click here](#) to take our brief survey and add your comments to our online map. **Our survey and map are open until the end of March 2022.** For more information, visit the project website at fcgov.com/WalkBikePlan.

Fabulous Fashion Show – Showcases Girl Scout Uniforms

A free and virtual fashion show of Girl Scout uniforms through the years will be presented Thursday, April 7, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. The show is in conjunction with *Girl Scouts Impact the World at the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures*. A press release is included with today's newsletter. Registration is available via the following link, and all registrants will receive their Zoom invitation on the day before the program.

<https://globalvillagemuseum.org/product/girl-scouts-in-style/>

PSD Night Athletic Fundraisers

Included in today's newsletter is information about the PSD Night at the Rockies (May 1 against Cincinnati) and the Rapids (April 2 against Salt Lake and April 23 against Charlotte). A portion of all sales benefit PSD, and tickets are deeply discounted. Tickets can be purchased through the links below.

Rapids Tickets - <https://Rapids.KSETickets.com/PoudreSchoolDistrict>

Rockies Tickets - www.rockies.com/PSD

Spring Conferences

Our Spring conferences are happening during the next couple of weeks. 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.

STEM-X Sponsored Learning Together Workshops

The Spring Semester [Learning Together Workshops](#) will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at Fossil Ridge High School and Preston Middle School. For Elementary age students they are offering workshops on ECO Explorers and Candy Lab. Click the link above for more information and to register.

NEW Enrichment opportunity 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 would have had the chance to participate in a mini-chess tournament.

To register, please visit www.chesswizards.com/register.

Johnson Calendar of Events

March		
28	6:30 – 7:30 pm	JPTO General Membership Meeting, Media Center
April		
1		Johnson PRIDE Assembly – Virtual Video
5	6:30 pm	4 th Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
5 – 7	10:15 – 11:20 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 Volunteer Appreciation Week Spring Scholastic Book Fair
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. Coll.
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		
1 – 4		Art Week at Johnson
4	1:00 – 1:30 pm 1:45 – 2:30 pm	Rocky Mtn Raptor Presentation for Grades K – 2 nd Rocky Mtn Raptor Presentation for Grades 3 - 5
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
18		Last Day of School for Pre-K Students
19	9:00 – 1:00	2 nd Grade Field Trip, Butterfly Pavilion
20		Johnson PRIDE Assembly Video Johnson Field Day – All Grades
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

Statewide Assessments – CMAS Testing (Grades 3 – 5)

This Spring, all PSD schools will administer statewide assessments, also known as the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). These tests provide valuable information for our school and teachers, who use the data to understand where students are in their learning and tailor instruction accordingly. The district also uses these results to measure overall student academic progress and identify opportunities for improvement.



The CMAS State Testing Schedule is available here:

<https://joh.psdschools.org/News/2022-02-28>

Opting Out

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

Thank you for all your support.

Matt Hughes, Assistant Principal

Johnson 4th and 5th Grade Track and Field Meet



Johnson's 4th and 5th grade track and field meet will be held on Monday, April 25. The PSD meet is on May 3 for 800meter run and 1600meter run. Main track and field meet is on Saturday May 7. 5th grade at 8:00, 4th grade at 10:00.

Students that want to run the 800meter run (4th) or the 1600meter run (5th) will have opportunities before and after school starting Tuesday, April 5th. These are a time trial format usually 15 minutes per session. The best 3 times qualify like the regular track meet.

For questions, please reach out to Mr. Rumbold at jrumbold@psdschools.org

About PSD's new School Resource Officer feedback form

As part of Poudre School District's commitment to ongoing evaluation of its School Resource Officer (SRO) Program, the district created a new online form that students, staff, families and community members can use to share feedback about their interactions with School Resource Officers.

The form is [available here](#). Completing it is voluntary. The form is [available here](#). Completing it is voluntary. For those completing a form, the more information you share, the more helpful it will be for our teams. [More information >>](#)

Talk with elected officials: PSD school board's community engagement schedule

The Poudre School District Board of Education is hosting four community engagement sessions this spring that are open to anyone to attend.

The in-person events are scheduled for:

- **6-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 29, in the media center at Eyestone Elementary, 4000 Wilson Ave. in Wellington**
- **5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, in the media center at Bauder Elementary, 2345 W. Prospect Road in Fort Collins**
- **6-7 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, in the media center at Linton Elementary, 4100 Caribou Drive in Fort Collins**

These are the first in-person community conversations the board has hosted since before the start of the pandemic. They are designed to be casual spaces in which people can talk with one to two of the board members about their experiences, concerns and hopes for PSD. Discussion is not limited to any particular topic. Attendees do not need to RSVP.

We will consider requests for reasonable accommodations, made under the ADA. Anyone seeking accommodations at these meetings must notify Ruben Chacon, director of Student Services, by email at rchacon@psdschools.org no later than 5 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting.

Those with questions may email board directors at boe@psdschools.org.

[More information about the board >>](#)

Invitation from Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures

In a free and virtual fashion show, Girl Scouts in Northern Colorado will model over 30 vintage uniforms from 1919 to 2000. The Zoom presentation – from **6-7:30 pm Thursday, April 7** – is hosted by the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures.

Registration and information is available via the following link, and all registrants will receive their Zoom invitation on the day before the program.

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Positive Behavior Intervention Support

Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) is our system for teaching and supporting students to make good choices here at school. Our motto is Thunderbird PRIDE: Participate Positively, Respect Everyone, Insist on Safety, Do your Best, Enjoy Learning. Our students understand what PRIDE means in our school, and we reward students' positive choices. This year we are producing monthly PRIDE videos that are shared with students. The school goal of PBIS is to recognize the positive choices that students make throughout the day and to affirm these choices. We want our students to understand appropriate behaviors and to encourage these behaviors through positive reinforcement.

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.



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
1st	11:40 – 12:00
2nd	12:00 – 12:20
3rd	12:30 – 12:50
4th	12:20 – 12:40
5th	12:40 – 1:00



Running Club

Running Club resumed on Monday, March 21st. All Johnson students, PreK – 5, are invited to participate. The goal of Johnson Running Club is to promote healthy lifestyles and physical activity. Running Club serves as an after-school enrichment program.

We meet on Mondays after school from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. A permission slip is required to participate. However, if your child participated in the fall and will continue this spring – a new permission slip is not required.

- Running Club will be cancelled for rain/lighting
- PreK, K, 1st, 2nd graders must have a parent or guardian join them
- Permission Slip available here: [Running Club Permission Form](#)

Permission slips should be sent to Jim Rumbold, Johnson PE Teacher.

For questions about Running Club, please reach out to Mr. Rumbold directly at jrumbold@psdschools.org

Before and After School Childcare - AlphaBEST services at Johnson Elementary

AlphaBEST Education offers before and after school childcare services to students at PSD schools. AlphaBEST which has been providing before and after school programs since 2005, serves approximately 30,000 students in 14 states. For information about rates, schedules and to register: [AlphaBEST Portal](#)

For more information on AlphaBEST: [About AlphaBEST](#)

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.