

## Thunderbird Update – March 31, 2022



Dear Johnson Families,

We have several busy weeks ahead as we draw near to the end of the school year. Please help us keep the students focused on learning!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Performance

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Performance "*Olivia's Birds*" is coming up on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Johnson gym.

- Attire for 4<sup>th</sup> graders: white t-shirt, jeans, and tennis shoes
- 4<sup>th</sup> graders should arrive in the music room at 6 p.m.
- This is a concert to raise funds and awareness for the Bounce Animal Shelter in Fort Collins. We will be selling crafts and asking for donations. Please bring a checkbook and/or cash if you are interested in helping financially.

Ms. Mathias, Music Teacher – Contact: [bmathias@psdschools.org](mailto:bmathias@psdschools.org)

### Health/Safety Protocols

Here is a link to the **most recent** Health and Safety protocols in PSD:  
<https://www.psdschools.org/2021-22-School-Year> .

We received revised guidelines, again on Monday.

### Promotion Ceremony Party Planners!!

Planning is underway for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony. The event will be held on the last day of school, Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents who would be interested in helping in the planning of the promotion ceremony, decorations, and festivities. If you can help, please contact Andrea Evans (303-596-5198) who has volunteered to help lead the event. A meeting will be scheduled soon to plan the details.

We will also need a few 4<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers to help on the day of the promotion ceremony to set-up, hand out cake and drinks, and clean-up. This allows the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents to enjoy this special day with their students. Please contact Andrea Evans if you can help in this way.

**Johnson Calendar of Events**

<b>April</b>		
1		Johnson PRIDE Assembly – Virtual Video
5	6:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
5 – 7	10:15 – 11:20 am	<b>State Testing for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
11	2:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting, Staff Lounge
12	6:30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Performance, Johnson Gym
12 – 14	9:00 – 10:30 am	<b>State Testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>
15		<b>NO SCHOOL – K-12 Conference Exchange Day</b>
18 – 22		PSD Classified Staff Appreciation Week <b>Volunteer Appreciation Week</b> Spring Scholastic Book Fair
19 – 21	9:00 – 10:30 am	<b>State Testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>
22	4:00 pm	Earth Day Clean-Up at Johnson
25	9:00 – 11:45 am 4:00 – 9:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet, Johnson Field <b>Spirit Night at Modern Market – 3260 S. Coll.</b>
26	9:00 – 11:45 am	Rain Date for 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet
28	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Choir Concert, Gym 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Choir Concert, Gym
<b>May</b>		
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 <sup>nd</sup> Rocky Mtn Raptor Presentation for Grades 3 - 5
5	9:00 – 12:30	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, Lory Student Center
9	2:15 pm	JPTO Executive Board Meeting, Staff Lounge
10	4:00 – 9:00 pm	<b>Spirit Night at Schlotzky's, 4212 S. College</b>
13	9:00 – 11:00	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, walking to Webber MS
16		<b>NO SCHOOL – Building Work Day</b>
18		Last Day of School for Pre-K Students
19	9:00 – 1:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip, Butterfly Pavilion
20		Johnson PRIDE Assembly Video Johnson Field Day – All Grades JPTO Family Movie Night in the Park
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 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Rehearsal
25	9:00 am 11:38 am	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony Early Release - Last Day of School – No Lunch served on this 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

### STEM-X Sponsored Learning Together Workshops

The Spring Semester [Learning Together Workshops](#) will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### 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>

Thank you for all your support.

Matt Hughes, Assistant Principal

### **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](http://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.

### **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](http://www.chesswizards.com/register).

## Johnson 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Track and Field Meet



Johnson's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 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](mailto:jrumbold@psdschools.org)

## 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:

- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## 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 >>](#)

## 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.

## 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
<b>K</b>	11:30 – 11:55
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	11:40 – 12:00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	12:00 – 12:20
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	12:30 – 12:50
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	12:20 – 12:40
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	12:40 – 1:00



## Running Club

Running Club resumed on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. 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, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](#)

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