

Thunderbird Update – April 14, 2022



Dear Johnson Families,

We will be celebrating and showing appreciation to our Volunteers and Classified Staff next week, April 18th – 22nd.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all volunteers. If you have given of your time to Johnson, please know how much we appreciate you. Volunteerism makes a daily difference here. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate all you do for us and the children here! We have little acts of kindness planned for next week.

Our classified staff are an integral part of our success. Without our classified staff, we would not run as smoothly as we do. If you have a moment, drop a note to a favorite classified staff member.

Johnson's Classified Staff

- Jill Allen - Paraprofessional
- Tammy Arens - Kitchen Manager
- Stephanie Brooks – Paraprofessional
- Ed Carpenter – IT Support
- Bob Koopman – Bus Driver
- Tina Crewdson - Office Manager
- Karen Elbrader - Paraprofessional
- Andrea Evans - Paraprofessional
- Cheryl Gramlich - Paraprofessional
- Aaron Koonce - Head Custodian
- Vivien Macdonald - Paraprofessional
- Ashlee McLaughlin - Child Nutrition
- Maggie O'Connor - In-Building Sub Support
- Ale Orozco - LCE Family Liaison
- Artis Rodriguez - Child Nutrition
- Jordan Saiz - Night Custodian
- Liz Slocomb - Librarian/Media
- Karen Stroh - Early Childhood Para
- Wrenn Thornton - Secretary/Health Tech
- Allison Weinberger - Early Childhood Para
- Jennifer Witteveld - IS Paraprofessional

Georgianna. Dawson, Principal



 SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIRS

Books bring us together!

Save the date!

BOGO BOOK FAIR at Johnson Elementary



April 18th - 22nd

We will be open for you to come
shop the fair from 8:15-9:15am
and 3:00-4:00pm every day!

(No sign-ups for time slots needed.)

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>.

Earth Day Clean-Up at Johnson – April 22

A parent volunteer has organized an Earth Day cleanup event at Johnson on April 22nd beginning at 4:00 p.m. Seeds will be given to all who participate. Please bring the following items if you plan to help out: trash bags, gloves, masks, and a positive attitude.

Johnson Choir's Spring Concert on April 28th in the Johnson gym

- 4th grade choir is at 6 p.m., call 5:30 p.m. in music room
- 5th grade choir is at 7 p.m., call 6:30 p.m. in music room
- Attire: white dress top, black dress pants or skirt, black or dark colored dress shoes, optional: tie, bowtie, or small jewelry



Please contact Breanne Mathias, Johnson music teacher, if you have any questions. Feel free to email bmathias@psdschools.org, or call: 970-488-5032. We hope to see you there!

Annual Art Show

Johnson Friends and Families,

Please save the date(s) for the return of our **annual art show, starting May 4th to May 6th**. This year, we are celebrating our amazing Johnson Artists with "The Creative Force Awakens," an exhibition of art that is truly out of this world.

Join us for our first ever Art-A-Thon, an opportunity to register for a 20m time slot where your family can come create art at school, during the art show. Each night beginning Wednesday, there will be staggered times available from 3:50p - 6:10p and craft tables available for a stress-free time to "make-and-take" some artistic creations. Donations accepted and encouraged!

We will also have art up for auction; all funds raised and donations gathered will be sent to the Save the Children Ukraine Relief Fund, an organization selected by our 5th grade students as part of their service learning curriculum in art.

Please check out the video announcement for our art show:

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/2629515084>

Please sign up for our Art-A-Thon here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4DA5A62BA5F94-2022>

I look forward to hosting my final art show here at Johnson, so please join us and May 4th be with you!!

Miss England, Art Teacher
lengland@psdschools.org



News from PE Land

Hi Thunderbirds,

Johnson 4/5 Track and Field Meet will be April 25, RAIN DATE April 26.

No limitations for events. The top 3 competitors in each event qualify for the PSD meet and can compete in 2 track events, 1 field event, 1 relay and 1 distance event (limitation rule).

TRACK and FIELD FANS, especially 4th and 5th parents - Please look over the signup genius link and select a spot to help make the 2022 JOHNSON TRACK AND FIELD MEET possible. We need 3-4 people for: SOFTBALL THROW, SHOT PUT, LONG and TRIPLE JUMP and a few others for start and finish line duties.

Additionally, 4th-7th place are eligible for the PSD meet for the following reasons:

- 1 limitation rule, see above
- 2 prior commitments by a top finisher

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4da5a62ba5fb6-johnson>

Your help is greatly appreciated to give ALL of our Thunderbird athletes a fair chance to advance to the PSD elementary Track and Field Meet (**May 7**).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The PSD 800meter run and 1600meter run will take place at 5:30 (800meter) and 6:15 (1600meter) at Rocky Mountain High School on Tuesday, May 3.

The main event is Saturday May 7. 5th grade at 8:00, 4th grade at 10:00 at RMHS.

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 AND THEY MEET THE DISTRICT QUALIFYING TIME. Please arrange for your child's transportation after school. Buses are NOT provided

- **TIME TRIAL SCHEDULE AM 8:15** - 4/14/, 4/19, 4/22,4/26, 4/28
- **TIME TRIAL SCHEDULE PM 3:30** - 4/14, 4/19, 4/22, 4/26, 4/28

This is not a regular schedule due to before and after school commitments.

Continued...

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

Running club is in progress on Mondays from 3:30-4:30. Permission slip required, K-2 students must have an adult present.

.Jim Rumbold, jumbold@psdschools.org

Registration for kindergarten is now open, [start here.](#)

Kindergarten is an exciting and important first step on your student's educational journey. In PSD, you'll find students are supported in many ways with caring teachers and staff, positive school, and classroom culture, as well as a collaborative, safe and welcoming learning environment.

Kindergarten offers:

- Small class sizes
- Structured, rigorous, play-based curriculum
- Kindergarten is free
- Social and emotional learning experiences

Children must be 5 years old on or before Oct. 1, 2022 to be registered for kindergarten in the 2022-23 school year.



1st Day School Supplies

Hey parents! I am happy to announce our partnership with 1st Day School Supplies. If there were ever a year to order your school supplies early, this is it! No longer is purchasing a back-to-school supply kit a luxury, it is a necessity. With all the supply chain issues it is the only way to order back-to-school supplies for next year.

I have personally found 1st Day School Supplies to be convenient, easy and hassle free! Plus, they have guaranteed our school the impossible to find and highest quality brands like Ticonderoga, Crayola, Elmers, Fiskars, Purell and Clorox.

As for me and my family, we have already purchased from 1st Day School Supplies, you should too! Order today before it's too late!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 970-420-0616, or shalesep48@gmail.com

Thank you,

Shalese Payton - 1st Day School Supplies Coordinator



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Free and Reduced Meal Program

It's not too late to apply for the Free & Reduced Meal Program for this school year. By doing so your student's approval to the program carries over for the first 30 days of next school year. Also, there are advantages to being on this program with discounts given throughout our community for student summer programs. Check out fcgov.com/reducedfee website for more information. The before and after school program, AlphaBest, also gives a 15% discount. Apply on-line at www.myschoolapps.com. Please note that August 1, 2022, is the first day you can apply online for the 2022-2023 school year. Families do have to apply each school year unless they receive a letter stating otherwise.

Library Reminder

The library will be closing for book check-out on Friday, May 13th. All books are due back in the library on that day and library fines need to be paid.

Thank you,

Mrs. Slocomb, Library/Media – Contact: liz@psdschools.org



Statewide Assessments – CMAS Testing (Grades 3 – 5)

As you know, we have started the 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.pdschools.org/News/2022-02-28>

Thank you for all your support.

Matt Hughes, Assistant Principal

Johnson Calendar of Events

April		
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
22	4:00 pm	Earth Day Clean-Up at Johnson
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		
4 - 6		Johnson Art Show
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
7	8:00 am 10:00 am	5 th Grade Track Meet at RMHS 4 th Grade Track Meet at RMHS
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 3:00 pm	5 th Grade Field Trip, walking to Webber MS Johnson P.R.I.D.E. Assembly – In Person
16		NO SCHOOL – Building Workday
18		Last Day of School for Pre-K Students
19	9:00 – 1:00	2 nd Grade Field Trip, Butterfly Pavilion
20	TBD TBD	Johnson Field Day – All Grades JPTO Family Movie Night in the Park
23	TBD 6:30 – 7:30 pm	5 th Grade Kickball Game JPTO General Membership Meeting, Media Center
24	9:15 – 9:45 am	Meet the Teachers at your next Grade Level Time 5 th Grade Promotion Rehearsal
25	9:00 am 11:38 am 12:20 – 3:30 pm	5 th Grade Promotion Ceremony Early Release - Last Day of School – No Lunch served on this day. 5 th Grade Pool Party – NON School Sponsored

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

(News items from previous newsletters.)

Promotion Ceremony Party Planners!!

Planning is underway for the 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony. The event will be held on the last day of school, Wednesday, May 25th. We are looking for 5th 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 4th 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 5th grade parents to enjoy this special day with their students. Please contact Andrea Evans if you can help in this way.

Lost and Found

Is your child missing a coat, mittens/gloves, hats? If so, they may be in our Lost and Found. Feel free to come by to check the Lost and Found area near the Gym.



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.

Before/After School Enrichments

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

Chess Wizards

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.

Kids Yoga by Family Balance Yoga

After school kid's yoga classes are back at Johnson!! Your child can come "zen out" on Thursdays from after school-4:15 p.m.. Students should meet their instructor by the flagpole. Once we are all together, we'll head back inside to the yoga room. We'll be stretching, strengthening, breathing, posing, and playing yoga games to promote great health, relaxation, coordination, anxiety-reduction, and most of all-FUN! If your child is stressing out about school, this class will be a perfect way to help them cope. 5-week class will meet on Thursdays. Class begins April 21st and will meet each week until May 19th. Cost is \$59/student. Space will be limited, so register today! To register head to www.familybalanceyoga.com, then click sign up, then choose the tab for kids yoga, scroll down to find the Johnson class. Email familybalanceyoga14@gmail.com with questions. See your kiddo on the mat soon!"

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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