

## Thunderbird Update – April 28, 2022



Dear Johnson Families,

We have a LOT happening during these last busy weeks of school!

**Johnson Choir's Spring Concerts are this evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>** in the Johnson gym

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade choir is at 6 p.m., call 5:30 p.m. in music room
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bmathias@psdschools.org), or call: 970-488-5032. These programs are open to the families of choir participants only. We hope to see you there!

### JPTO Teacher Appreciation Week Volunteer & Donations Requests

*We're in Good Shape with You as our Teachers*

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6

If the last couple years taught us anything, it's how important mental health and wellness is. So, we're transforming the Staff Lounge to a relaxing oasis for the week while we treat our teachers to gifts, goodies and above everything else, appreciation. We have a coffee station, trail mix bar, taco buffet and chill out-door oasis planned among other fun initiatives - like a bike/walk to school day and even a dress like Mr. Rumbold day!

[Sign up](#) is open for all things T.A.W. and we'd gladly accept help with any creative genius or some donation acquisition from nearby businesses. While the week is technically for teachers, JPTO takes this opportunity to recognize and appreciate ALL Johnson staff.



## Annual Art Show

Johnson Friends and Families,

Please save the date(s) for the return of our **annual art show, starting May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> be with you!!

Miss England, Art Teacher

[lengland@psdschools.org](mailto:lengland@psdschools.org)



## News from PE Land

Hello Dearest Thunderbirds and Huskies,

We had a splendid track and field meet on Monday, in so many ways!!! The weatherman nailed the forecast and threw in a little extra sunshine for us to enjoy in the afternoon. Students took advantage of the *"no limit rule"* for entering events and we went a wee bit over (in PE classes we are reviewing our "muscle soreness" protocols and how recess and after school play will get those tight muscles back to normal). It was great hearing the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders and adults cheering the racers on. Loudest track meet ever.

Lastly, thank you so much to our volunteers who made the track meet possible: Steve Saleeby, Nikki Sartin, Pam Davidson, Alyssa Bert and Diane Witteveld at long jump; Zach Stephens, Dave Palm and Mrs. Slocomb at the softball throw; Mr. Allen and Kelly Kline at shot put (forgive me if I left someone out); Betsy Pruznick, Corey Taylor and Sally Patella at triple jump. At the starting line, Sarah Hathcock, Sarah Stewart and Dante Conti; to the finish line crew of Gwen Crist, Josh Olsen, Breanne Mathias, assisted by Mrs. D and Conrad Crist. And finally, to Kelly Steinway and Elizabeth Williams who managed the "hydration station" from beginning to end. And one more 'Lastly', thank you to our fabulous Webber Middle School neighbors that allow us to use the entire track and field area for the morning and 10 minutes in the afternoon. Third grade classes paid them back by policing the fields when the meet was over. Thank you my third grade friends for helping with equipment, as well.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **The PSD 800meter run and 1600meter run will take place at 5:30 (800meter, 4<sup>th</sup> grade) and 6:15 (1600meter, 5<sup>th</sup>) at Rocky Mountain High School on Tuesday, May 3**
- **The main event is Saturday May 7. 5<sup>th</sup> grade at 8:00, 4<sup>th</sup> grade at 10:00 at RMHS**

More info is on the Johnson website. Qualifying lists from the TOP TEN of every event are on the PE bulletin board. Students will receive a map with their starting times and a STICKER that identifies the events they are in. I will send home a COMMITMENT SLIP if your child is unsure of participating. *It is very important to send the next qualified competitor if your child is unable to attend.*

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](mailto:jumbold@psdschools.org) or drop it off at school for me to post on the "**Beyond the Nest**" bulletin board

Running club has 2 more Mondays from 3:30-4:30. Permission slip required, K-2 students must have an adult present.

Jim Rumbold – Contact: [jumbold@psdschools.org](mailto:jumbold@psdschools.org)

## Library Reminder

The **library will be closing for book check-out on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:liz@psdschools.org)



## Field Day & JPTO Family Fun Night Volunteers Needed – May 20

In a new twist, we're taking Family Fun Night outdoors! Join us for a showing of Sing 2, directly following a 'community fair'. We'll have food trucks and welcome student organizations to sign up to host a tent/table and get the word out to Johnson families about any summer or fall activities or recruitments.

Prior to Family Fun Night, we are looking for volunteers to help run stations at Mr. Rumbold's last Field Day.

To streamline, both events are [listed here](#). We can't pull days like this off without our wonderful volunteers, so thank you in advance!

## 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.

**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.

**From the Health Office – End of Year Medication Pickup**

Medications cannot be sent home with students at the end of the school year.

- Parents must pick up all medications on or before the last day of school. Medications must be picked up by the end of the school day (noon).
- If medications need to be picked up before the last day of school, make arrangements with the school nurse or health tech.
- Emergency or as-needed medications (Epi-pens, Tylenol, Inhalers, etc.) must also be picked up.
- The school nurse will follow state health department procedures and all medications not picked up will be disposed of properly.
- If medications will be brought back to the school in the fall, you may obtain a medical permission form from the health tech in your school, or on the PSD website.

If you have any questions, please contact the health office at 970-488-5004.



## **1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies – Order NOW for next fall!**

Hey parents... Have you tried to buy chicken wings or a car lately? It's next to impossible. Worse yet, companies can barely hire enough employees to stay open! That's why we partner with 1st Day School Supplies. They are stocked up, staffed up and ready for you!

They have the exact supplies our teachers requested from the brands you trust and respect like Ticonderoga, Crayola, Elmers, Fiskars, Purell and Clorox! Try finding those on the shelves this summer! The only way to guarantee your school supplies for next year is to order from 1st Day School Supplies! It's not a luxury this year, it's a necessity.

Order today, before it's too late!

<https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=18800>

Please contact Shalese at 970-420-0616 or shalesep48@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you,

Shalese Payton - 1st Day School Supplies Coordinator



## Johnson Calendar of Events

April		
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
May		
2 – 6		<b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b>
4 - 6		<b>Johnson Art Show</b>
4	1:00 – 1:30 pm 1:45 – 2:30 pm	Rocky Mtn Raptor Presentation for Grades K – 2 Rocky Mtn Raptor Presentation for Grades 3 – 5
5	9:00 – 12:30	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, Lory Student Center
6	12:45 – 2:15 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip, Dragonfly Lair *walking
7	8:00 am 10:00 am	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet at RMHS 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet at RMHS
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	9:30 – 11:30 am 3:00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, to Webber MS *walking Johnson P.R.I.D.E. Assembly – In Person
16		<b>NO SCHOOL – Building Workday</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	6:15 – 10:15 pm	Johnson Field Day – All Grades  JPTO Family Movie Night in the Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Truck – 6:15 – 8:00</li> <li>• Community Fair – 6:30 – 8:00</li> <li>• Movie – 8:15 – 10:15</li> </ul>
23	9:00 – 11:15 am 11:30 – 12:15 2:00 pm 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Kindergarten Field Trip, Harmony Library *walking Kindergarten Picnic, Westfield Park 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Rehearsal
25	9:00 am 11:58 am  12:20 – 3:30 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony <b>Early Release</b> - Last Day of School – No Lunch served on this day. 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pool Party – NON School Sponsored

**HAPPY  
SUMMER  
VACATION!**

## 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.)

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

### 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>.

### 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. Items left at the end of the school year will be donated to a local charity.





## **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 >>](#)

## **Before/After School Enrichments**

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

### **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)

## **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 19<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$59/student. Space will be limited, so register today! To register head to [www.familybalanceyoga.com](http://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](mailto: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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