

## Thunderbird Update – May 12, 2022



Dear Johnson Families,

We still have a few crazy busy days left of this school year! Please help us keep the children focused on finishing strong!

### PSD Fundraiser - Helping children in need of beds

Johnson will participate with many other PSD schools in a fundraiser to help raise funds to support "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" an organization that works to build, assemble, and deliver beds to children and families in need. The fundraiser will take place **tomorrow Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**. The flyer indicates that participants wear pajamas to school, BUT... Johnson will be encouraging everyone to dress with a "Hawaiian" theme in honor of our very own Mr. Rumbold! See flyer for complete details: [Fundraiser Flyer](#)



### Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found area is overflowing with items that need to be claimed. Feel free to come by to check the Lost and Found area near the Gym. **Items remaining on the last day of school will be donated to a local charity.**

### 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!

### 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.

Mrs. Slocomb, Library/Media – Contact: [liz@psdschools.org](mailto:liz@psdschools.org)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:shalesep48@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thank you,

Shalese Payton – 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies Coordinator

## 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.

## Fueling up Kids with Free Summer Meals!

Summer vacation is right around the corner. Even though kids may not be in class, they can still power their minds and bodies with a nutritious meal. Poudre School District Child Nutrition is feeding kids this summer...for free! Any child, age 18 or younger, in Larimer County can receive free meals this summer from **May 31 – July 29**. There will be no meal service on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Meals will be provided to all children at no charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination during the meal service. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

- **Linton Elementary**                      4100 Caribou Dr. 80525    11:30 am – 12:30 pm
- **Putnam Elementary**                      1400 Maple St.    80521    12:00 pm – 12:30 pm



## Johnson Calendar of Events

May		
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	9:30 – 11:30 am 12:45 – 2:45 pm 6:15 – 10:15 pm	Johnson Field Day – All Grades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades</li> <li>• K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</li> </ul> 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 1:45 – 3:15 pm 2:00 pm 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Kindergarten Field Trip, Harmony Library *walking Kindergarten Picnic, Westfield Park 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip, 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 – <b>NON School Sponsored</b>

## Quick Links

- [Johnson Elementary Website](#)
- [PSD Schools Parent Website](#)
- [District News](#)
- [School Meal Information/Menus](#)
- [PSD School Calendars & Schedules](#)
- [PSD 2022-23 K-12 Student/Teacher Calendar](#)



## In case you Missed it

### 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.

### 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.

### PSD now accepting Bus Requests for the 2022-23 School year

Poudre School District aims to transport as many students as possible to and from school. To ensure that families needing transportation receive this service, **riders must now apply for busing each year, even if they've had bussing before.**

Families may request transportation [online here](#). Submitting a request is not a guarantee of services. Even with ongoing recruiting efforts and the hiring of additional bus operators, PSD is still busing fewer students than in previous years because of a reduction in routes due to the ongoing driver shortage.

## What you need to know when submitting a request



- Transportation will be provided automatically to all students who qualify for transportation through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the McKinney-Vento program, or foster placement. Students who meet these criteria need NOT apply.
- Busing is NOT provided for students who attend a school of choice or PSD-authorized charter school. If your student is eligible for busing at their neighborhood school but is switching to a school of choice, they will not receive busing.
- Alternate bus requests will not be accepted for [students in the walk area](#) or for multiple addresses.
- PSD is opening the new Wellington and Timnath middle/high schools in August.
  - Incoming freshmen and sophomores who currently attend Poudre High School or Fossil Ridge High School but live in the Wellington or Timnath attendance areas will not be eligible for busing to Poudre or Fossil.

## After you submit a request

- Families will be notified around the week before school starts if their student is scheduled to receive busing starting the first day of the 2022-23 school year.
- Bus-eligible requests submitted by July 15 should be ready for the start of school. Bus-eligible requests submitted after July 15 may not be approved until after the first day of school.
- Students who do not ride their assigned bus for two consecutive weeks may be removed from the bus route to make space for other eligible students.

**Questions?** Visit the [Transportation FAQs](#) webpage or email [busrequest@psdschools.org](mailto:busrequest@psdschools.org).

Thank you for your partnership. It is our honor to safely transport your student.

Sincerely,  
Poudre School District Transportation

### **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>.

## **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).

### **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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