

Husky Update

August 11, 2022



Dear Johnson Families:

We are so excited for the start of our new school year. I do not normally write a news item for our weekly updates, but I did want to let you know about new staff and communicate a few reminders.

Please help us welcome the following new staff:

- Ms. Lisa Regan – Integrated Services Teacher
- Ms. Jillian (Jill) Raymond – In-house floating substitute
- Ms. Anzola Zerpa – Family Liaison

Please introduce yourself and help us welcome our new staff.

As a reminder, please review our School Handbook on our Johnson Website. I am in the process of updating the handbook with new staff, but the policies and procedures outlined in our handbook are up to date.

Finally, while we are officially now the Johnson Huskies, students may still wear their Thunderbird gear until we offer new gear and phase fully into being the Johnson Huskies. GO HUSKIES.

I hope to see you at our ice cream social tomorrow night. Remember, materials drop off and meet your teacher is from 4:00-4:30 and our ice cream social is from 4:30-5:00. Monday is a workday for teachers, and they will be busy getting ready for the first day of school for our 1st-5th graders and assessment intake for our kindergarteners. Teachers will not be available for classroom visits on Monday.

Thank you for making Johnson a great place to be!

Georgianna Dawson, principal

Safety and security

Check out the district's new web page [PSD Safety and Security](#). We hope this resource is helpful for our families!

Class Lists/Teacher Assignments

We know students are excited to know who their teacher and classmates will be! Class lists will be posted on the main doors at Johnson on Friday August 12th by 10:00 a.m. Parents may also look for your child's teacher assignment through [ParentVUE](#) as of Tuesday, August 9th.

Once these lists are posted, they do not change. Administration, classroom teachers, support staff, and specials all work diligently to place your child in balanced classroom in which he/she will be successful. We consider a multitude of factors including but not limited to friendship, gender, academic needs/strengths, gifts and talents, learning styles, social/emotional needs, and more. Moving a student from one class to another class after all these considerations are made unravels this thoughtful work and has a ripple effect for other students.

School Supplies

The school supply list for this school year is posted on the main doors at Johnson, and on the [Johnson Website](#). If your family ordered school supplies through "1st Day School Supplies", they will be waiting in your child's classroom on the 1st day of school. If you are still in need of supplies or a backpack, please reach out to the office at 970-488-5000.

Ice Cream Social

We are happy to announce that our annual Ice Cream Social is returning this year! We are holding it on Friday, August 12th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Starting at 4:00, we will allow families to go into their new classrooms, drop off their school supplies, meet their new teachers and hopefully see old friends. Then head down to the gym to view our new Huskies mascot painting and enjoy a cold treat. If you are unable to attend this event, you may bring the school supplies with your student on the first day of school.

Back-to-School Night

We plan to hold our Back-to-School Night in person on August 22, 2022, from 5:30-7:15

First Day of School

The first day of school for students in 1st – 5th grade will be on Tuesday, August 16th. School hours are 8:50 a.m. to 3:28 p.m.

Kindergarten students will have intake testing on August 16th and 17th, and staggered start on August 18th and 19th. Kindergarten families will receive a letter from your child's teacher with detailed information on the opening schedule.

Parking Lot Procedures

Please watch this short [YouTube](#) video about our parking lot procedures.

Daily Schedule

School hours for students in kindergarten – 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 or a special program, and leave promptly by 3:45 p.m. Safety is a priority, and we want to be sure that staff members are present for supervision.

- 8:35 a.m. Playground supervision begins
- 8:45 a.m. Entrance bell rings
- 8:50 a.m. **Classes begin**
- 3:28 p.m. School dismissed
- 3:45 p.m. Students should be off campus

Tentative Lunch Schedule

- Kindergarten 11:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.
- 1st Grade 11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 2nd Grade 12:00 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.
- 3rd Grade 12:40 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 4th Grade 12:30 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.
- 5th Grade 12:20 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.

ParentVue – Synergy (PSD Student Information Systems)

Parent/guardians can access grades, attendance, schedules, and other student information through the Synergy parent portal. Complete secure logon through the [ParentVUE/StudentVUE Portal](#) or through the apps, which can be downloaded from the iTunes Store and Google Play.

Parent/guardians can only see their student’s information. Parents/guardians must have “educational rights” to access ParentVUE. Once educational rights are reflected in Synergy by the school office, parents will receive an email with a user activation code.

Transportation

PSD’s Transportation department is striving to maximize student ridership while following state and county safety guidelines for bus transportation. For the most up to date information on bussing in PSD, visit the [Transportation website](#).

Free and Reduced Meals

Our Child Nutrition team provides customers nutritious breakfast and lunches each school day at the best meal value in Northern Colorado! Breakfast meal prices are only \$1.50. Lunch meals are only \$3.15 for paid student customers. Free or reduced meals information can be found at the following link: [Free and Reduced Meals Information](#). Families that have filled out free and reduced applications and qualify will continue to receive meals at no cost. We encourage every family to fill out this form. Qualifying for free and reduced meals is a yearly. If a family qualified last year, this qualification will expire within 30 days of the start of school. Please take a moment to fill out the form and understand the information on this page as your family may also qualify for fee waivers.

For complete details on school meals in PSD, visit the [Child Nutrition website](#). Have a question and you’re not sure who to contact? Send our questions to nutrition@psdschools.org.

Johnson SAAC Committee

Our School Accountability and Advisory Committee meets four times a year. Please see out meeting dates below. Our SAAC is responsible for advising the school in the following areas: resource allocation, out school unified improvement plan, school safety, and school direction. Other topics are discussed as they come up. If you are interested in supporting Johnson Elementary in this works, please contact the school principal to get more information.

We meet at Johnson Elementary in the media center from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Meeting dates are listed below.

SAAC Meeting Dates: September 14, 2022, November 9th, 2022, January 11th, 2023, March 22nd, 2023.

Johnson Calendar of Events

August		
2 - 3	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	New Student Registration
12	10:00 am 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Class list posted on the main doors at Johnson Ice Cream Social

16	8:50 am - 3:28 pm	1 st Day of School for 1 st – 5 th Grade Students
16-17		Intake Testing for Kindergarten Students
18-19		Staggered Start Days for Kindergarten Students
22	8:50 am - 3:28 pm 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm	1 st Full day of school for Kindergarten Students Back-to-School Night
26	TBD	Johnson P.R.I.D.E Assembly
September		
5		NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
14	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	SAAC Committee Meeting
19-23		ECO Week for 5 th Grade Students
28		Individual Student Picture Day
30	TBD	Johnson P.R.I.D.E Assembly

* PSD Calendar dates beyond this point - [PSD 2022-23 K-12 Student/Teacher Calendar](#)

* Visit the [Johnson Website](#) for events and activities specific to Johnson.

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