



Johnson Elementary

Husky Times

August 2022

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School Hours for in-person learning:

8:50 a.m.—3:28 p.m.

Principal's Corner

Dear Johnson Families,

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! Summer did fly by, and we are excited for the return of our students. You will notice some significant physical changes to our campus as well as staff changes.

We are still in the process of changing over to our new mascot, The Johnson Huskies! We are excited for a fresh new mascot. We have many items on order and will give our students and community the chance to order new attire to reflect the HUSKY. We hope you all are as excited for this change as we are.

We have new playground equipment on our primary side, and new pavement paintings. Our JPTO sponsored a two-year gift and contributed over \$12,000.00 for installation of the new equipment. Thank you to our JPTO and community for funding such a fun project. We also have new painting on our pavement to support students in creating healthy friendships. A former student, Sydney Macdonald, donated her time and materials in creating our peace paths. We hope your children enjoy both additions to our playgrounds.

We have many new staff joining us this school year. Ms. Satie Walker returns to our third grade. Mr. Miguel Escobedo joins us as our school psychologist. Ms. Raquel Tovar joins our office staff as our new office manager. Ms. Alyssa Kaiser is our new PE teacher. Ms. Amy Felder is our new art teacher. We have Ms. Jill Persinos joining our classified staff. Ms. Elizabeth Crawford is joining our Integrated Services team as our occupational therapist. We are still seeking an integrated services teacher. If you know of someone who has the appropriate licensure for this position and they are seeking employment, please have them reach out to me directly.

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Next week, our teachers will be in getting ready to meet our mission: preparing today's child for tomorrow's world. While we pride ourselves in teaching the whole child, we will concentrate our continuous improvement efforts in the following areas for the 2022-23

- Social emotional learning
- Restorative practices
- Literacy instruction
- Collective teacher efficacy and team

If you are curious about any of these focus areas, please contact your child's teacher, Mr. Hughes, a School Accountability and Advisory Committee member, or me. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have or point you in the right direction to have your questions answered. If you are interested in joining our School Advisory and Accountability Committee, please contact me via email expressing your interest. Please see our revamped website for information on the goals of our SAAC.

Finally, please read the entire newsletter. We have important start up dates and information for you. Welcome to the 2022-23 school year at Johnson Elementary! As always, thank you in advance for making Johnson a great place to be.

All my best,

Georgianna Dawson, Principal

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New Student Registration – August 2nd and 3rd

We are offering in-person registration on Tuesday, August 2nd and Wednesday, August 3rd from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This is for families “new” to the Johnson community. Please spread the word! Visit the [PSD School Registration page](#) for complete details and information to help you prepare for registration. [Online Registration](#) is also open for the 2022-2023 school year. Feel free to call the Johnson Office (970-488-5000) with any questions.

If you currently have a student enrolled at Johnson, you do not need to re-register.

Class Placement/Teacher Assignments – August 12th

We know students are excited to know who their teacher and classmates will be! The class list 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](#) on this date.



School Supplies

The School Supply list for this year is included in today’s news update, 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.

Back-to-School Night

Our Back-to-School Night will be held on August 22nd at 5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. This evening is an opportunity for families to meet your child’s teacher and learn important information about the classroom and the instruction your child will receive during the school year. We will have more information out to you soon, but please reserve this evening. This night is for parents/guardians only. Please watch your email for more specific details.

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First Day of School

The first day of school for students in 1st – 5th grade will be 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 our child's teacher with detailed information on the opening schedule.

Fall 2022 Health/Safety Protocols

Please visit [PSD Student Health](#) for the most up-to-date information regarding health for your student. COVID updates will be updated as soon as more information is available.

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 they are attending BASE Camp 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/Breakfast is available
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

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ParentVue – Synergy (PSD Student Information System)

Parents/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](#).

Parents/guardians can only see their student's information. Parents/guardians must have "educational rights" to access ParentVUE. Once educational rights are reflected in Synergy, parents will receive an email with a user activation code.

Learn how to access and/or activate your account on the "[Accessing and Activating a ParentVUE Account](#)" [web page](#). If you have questions, refer to the "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" or contact our school office at 970-488-5000

Transportation – Bus eligibility, applications, and school choice busing information



During the 2022-23 school year, PSD's Transportation department is striving to maximize student ridership and ensure safety while following public health guidelines for bus transportation.

PSD has a new bus scan-card system - [learn more about it here](#).

PSD aims to transport as many students as possible to and from school. To ensure that families need transportation to receive this service, riders must now apply for busing each year, even if they've had busing before. [Families may submit a PSD bus request for the 2022-23 school year here](#).

School Meals

Families are encouraged to apply for [Free and Reduced Meals](#) for the coming school year. Those who qualify for benefits are eligible for school fee/charge 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 your questions to nutrition@psdschools.org and we will get it forwarded to just the right person.

Before and After School Care – AlphaBEST services at PSD Schools

AlphaBEST Education offers before and after school childcare services to students at PSD schools. For information about rates, schedules and to register visit the AlphaBest website.

Johnson SAAC Committee

Our School Accountability and Advisory Committee meets four times a year. Please see our meeting dates below. Our SAAC is responsible for advising the school in the following areas: resource allocation, our 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 work, 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.

2022-2023 SAAC Meeting Dates:

- September 14th, 2022
- November 9th, 2022
- January 11th, 2023
- March 22nd, 2023

Meals Information:

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: [Fee 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. Thank you!

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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