



# Johnson Elementary

## Husky Times

November 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 November! We had a productive October with many celebrations.

1. We are excited to see so many volunteers in the building. You make a difference in our work, and we are grateful to you for this extra support.
2. We met our Raise Craze goals in acts of kindness AND came close to our funding goal. Thank you for your participation! Our happy Johnson Huskies rose to this challenge, and we celebrated their accomplishments at our October PRIDE assembly.
3. We completed Parent-Teacher Conferences. We met with 98% of our families. If you have not completed a conference, please reach out to your child's teacher.
4. Our Book Fair sponsored by our JPTO was a huge success.
5. We hosted a family movie night that was well-attended. We hope you all had fun.
6. Finally, we closed out the month with our fall festivities. Thank you for our JPTO for sponsoring our room representative programming and creating inclusive celebrations.

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November is a quieter month with a few events I would like to highlight. This month we have our Turkey Round-up on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Mathias and our student actors will present the musical "Willy Wonka" on November 15<sup>th</sup>. We end the month with our Thanksgiving Break, November 21-25. There are many other events, so please read through our entire newsletter to plan for your family.

Our school accountability and advisory committee meets on November 9 from 6-8 pm in our media center. If you are interested in joining this group, please send me an email with your interest. This past month, we submitted our School Unified Improvement Plan. In alignment with our district foci, we have two major improvement strategies. Our first improvement strategy is continuing our work in literacy with the study and implementation of the Science of Reading as well as deepening our understanding of Poudre School District's structured literacy. Our second major improvement strategy targets student belonging and well being with improving our system of response for social emotional learning and behavioral needs. Our staff are engaged in being a responsive school system.

Our specials staff have incorporated executive functioning skills during their time with students and in support of our overall academics. During the month of September, our specials staff presented lessons on self-control with the character "Stop-a-Tron." Stop-a-Tron teaches us to stop and think before acting. The focus for October was "Sustain-O the Great." Sustain-O the Great teaches us to attend to a situation or task despite distractibility, being tired, or having a lack of interest. For November, students will study flexibility with the character "Flexi Lexi." Flexi Lexi teaches us to be adaptable to changing situations.

In closing, thank you for supporting our mission of preparing today's child for tomorrow's world.

Mrs. Dawson, Principal



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## AP's Angle



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### Staff Thriller!

We put a challenge to students at the last Husky PRIDE assembly to log over 1000 acts of kindness through the Raise Craze fundraiser, and to motivate them, we noted that if they reached this impressive goal, Mrs. Dawson and the staff would have to perform a dance in front of the entire student body at the next assembly (Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>). Well, the kindness goal was reached, and thanks to our incredible choreographer (Ms. Durkin), the staff gave a “fun-size” performance of Thriller. As you can imagine, this brought much laughter and spooky joy to all who witnessed it. What educators will do for a little kindness!

We are so grateful to the JPTO, students, and families for making our annual fundraiser a big hit this year.

### AM Drop-offs and PM Pick-ups

Seeing students walk or ride a scooter or bike to school is so encouraging. The nice Fall weather has been a big help with this, but now as the weather gets colder, our morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups in the carline will get busier with more vehicles, and so we want to send out a quick reminder for parents to take an extra breath and Insist on Safety as you enter our school drop off lane and parking area. Please remember that the lane closest to the school building is reserved for buses, and school/district personnel. Also be aware that we have two lanes that funnel into the school parking lot. The left lane is if you plan to park, and the right lane is for drop offs. Students should exit on the right side of the vehicle and use the safety sidewalk. It also really helps with traffic flow when vehicles move all the way forward in the drop off lane. It is a win-win to move all the way down the carline, as your child will get more steps and more cars will move through the morning and afternoon traffic. Thank you for your help keeping everyone safe in the parking lot, and if you have any questions about procedures, please let us know.

Go Huskies!

Matt Hughes

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### Picture Make-Up Day

School portrait make-up day will be WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022, FROM 1030 to 11. If your student was absent or are new to the school you may purchase a new package or have one taken for the records, yearbook, and ID. If you had a picture taken but didn't purchase a package you may have a new picture taken and purchase a package. If you purchased a package and want a retake, you must return the original package in full, with the reason for retake clearly stated on the package.



ORDER FORMS FOR NEW PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE AND YOU MAY USE ORDER FORMS FROM THE FIRST DAY OR SECURE PRE-ORDER ONLINE – STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BE RE-PHOTOGRAPHED.

Go to [www.skillmanphotography.com](http://www.skillmanphotography.com) Click on "order prepaid school portraits" and have a credit/debit card ready. ACCESS CODE – JOHN2022

Those wanting to order from the first day can do so online by using the access code GSREORDER2022. It is the same image as on the school record photo. Please call Skillman Photography at 970-484-3403 for any questions.

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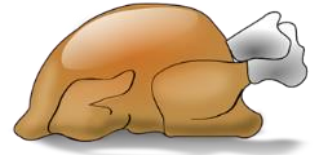
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## Calling all Huskies! Release the Turkeys!

The Turkey Round Up is one of our favorite community events and is needed this year more than ever. So, grab a frozen turkey or two and donate for your school!



## PSD is hiring Substitute Teachers and Bus Drivers

PSD offers excellent job opportunities for professionals looking for careers in teaching, administration or in support roles both in and outside of schools. See



the latest job postings and apply online on the: [PSD Job Application Website](#). Employees enjoy a variety of benefits including medical, dental, vision insurance as well as supplemental insurance opportunities, wellness programs and retirement through the Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA).

PSD also offers:

- A PSD Mentoring program to support new educators and prepare them to be highly effective educators
- Educational incentives that include a tuition reimbursement program (for those working to become a teacher), classified staff growth program and for teachers who receive national board certification.
- Employee Assistance Services to help staff cope with the demands and stresses of life

\$1,000 hiring bonus for any new bus operator hired, paid after successful completion of the 90-day trial period.

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## School Of Choice

### Some Things have Changed!

- We have a new platform to submit school choice application
- The timeline for *first round is now Nov.1 – Dec. 15*
- Parent/legal guardian now has five business days to respond to a seat offer and can be notified not only by email but also by phone and/or text
- Seat offers not responded to within five business days are marked as declined
  - ◊ If a seat is declined, the student is removed from the waitlist and will not be offered a seat again.
  - ◊ More information will be provided about seat offers process as we continue the implementation process with our new platform
- If a student with a sibling is offered a seat and accepts it, the sibling (s) still on the waitlist will change to be a sibling priority ranking (#2 or #6)
- The system no longer allows applications to be renewed in order to keep current waitlist placement

### School Choice Acceptance, Eligibility and Transportation

PSD's K-12 school choice program allows families to select the school they feel best meets their child's educational needs. Acceptance is subjected to space availability and eligibility requirements. Submitting a school choice application does not guarantee enrollment at any school applied for.

- Centennial High School and Poudre Community Academy are alternative schools that use separate application process; therefore, the school choice application process is not applicable for these schools. Contact those schools directly for more information.
- Charter Schools operate independently from PSD and have their own school choice process. Please contact the charter schools directly about school choice.
- Round-trip transportation is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian for School Choice students. For more information: [District Policy JFBA Choice/Open/Enrollment](#) | [PSD Transportation website](#).

### Kindergarten and School Choice

Parent/legal guardians must [register](#) students entering kindergarten at their designated [neighborhood school](#), even if an application is pending for choice/open enrollment. Please refer to [District Policy JEB](#) for age requirements for kindergarten is PSD.

- Registering at the designated neighborhood school does not impact a pending school choice application or potential seat offers from a choice school or program.
- The [online registration process](#) for the 2023-24 school year will be available for parents/legal guardians beginning Monday, Nov. 28, to register their incoming kindergartener.

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- ◇ In-person registration is also available for families at neighborhood elementary schools on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Contact your student's neighborhood school for school hours.
- ◇ Parents/legal guardians of incoming kindergarteners should complete online or in-person registration by Wednesday, Dec. 7, to allow schools to determine their classroom sizes, staffing needs and the number of school choice seats they can offer.
- ◇ Online registration will still be available for families throughout the rest of the year.

## Johnson Parent Handbook

The Johnson Parent Handbook for the 2022-2023 School Year is available on the [Johnson website](#) under the "About Us" Tab.

The purpose of the handbook is to provide information regarding Johnson Elementary School, as well as our school's rules and procedures in an "easy to access" format. We encourage you to read it, keep it on hand to refer to it, and let us know if you need any clarification.

Poudre School District policies and regulations (including but not limited to those in the [District's Student Rights & Code of Conduct booklet](#)) also apply to Johnson Elementary School and are controlling over our rules and procedures if there is any inconsistency or conflict. Although this handbook may reference certain District policies and regulations, the actual language of the reference policies and regulations change over time. We will update you as new information becomes available. If you have any questions, feel free to call 488-5000 or visit the main office of Johnson Elementary School.

## AlphaBEST – Before and After School Childcare

AlphaBEST Education offers before and after school childcare services to students here at Johnson.

For more information about rates, schedules and to register visit the [AlphaBEST webpage](#).

Hours of operation

- Before-school programs will run 630am until the first bell Mondays through Fridays.
- After-School programs will operate from the time of dismissal until 6pm
- AlphaBEST will align with PSD decisions about opening, delayed start and school closures due to emergencies and inclement weather. AlphaBEST will be closed on most days when PSD is closed. Full-day care will be available at a PSD site on teacher workdays.

## Johnson Calendar of Events

November		
9	6-8	SAAC Committee Meeting
11		No School – Building Workday
15	6:30	Willy Wonka Musical
21-25		No School – Thanksgiving Break
28	6:30-730	JPTO General Meeting
December		
1	530 – 630	23-24 Kindergarten Open House
2	9 – 9:35	PRIDE Assembly
7		1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Junior Achievement Day
12	6:30	Choir Concert
21		Classroom Parties School of Choice Deadline End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
22 - 30		No School – Winter Break

- 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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