



Johnson Elementary

Husky Times

December 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:

We hope you had a fun, restful fall break. As always, thank you for your continued support of our community and Johnson Elementary. We were able to donate 74 turkeys to our community, and we supplied many families with food for the fall break. For those of you who attended our 5th grade performance of "Willy Wonka Kids," thank you! The children had a great time presenting this to you, and I sure am proud of the fun performance. This month will bring more fun events, so please review this newsletter carefully.

We are in the middle of school of choice season. If you know of a family looking for a school that focuses on teaching the whole child, suggest they consider Johnson Elementary. Our first round for school of choice consideration closes on December 15th. We have our kindergarten open house on December 1st from 5:30-6:30 pm in our media center. However, if a family misses this evening, we do schedule school tours and are available to answer questions a family may have.

Last month, I highlighted our school unified improvement plan, our work in developing executive functioning in all our students, and our focus on being a responsive school system. For the month of December, we are focusing on the executive functioning skill of task initiation of "GET UP and GO." This is the ability to *begin* a task in a timely fashion. A few strategies to develop this skill are:

- Read or say directions together and have the child repeat what they are to do

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- Use a picture or visual with a verbal prompt for the child to begin the task
- Set a timer for a reasonable amount of time for the child to begin the task
- Praise when the child begins the task
- Chunk larger tasks into smaller tasks

There are a few more suggested ideas for developing task initiation, but I thought I would just share the above as they may be applicable at home.

When our School Accountability and Advisory Committee (SAAC) met this past month, they recommended I share the following video about some of the learning our teachers are doing in support of your children. During one of our professional development sessions, we studied Dr. Bruce Perry's work: [Dr. Perry & The Neurosequential Model](#) . I appreciate how he simply explains the neurosequential model. Our SAAC found useful information within this video for application to parenting. I hope you do as well. If you would like more information, please contact our office.

Finally, thank you for all you do in support of our school and making Johnson a great place to be.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dawson, principal

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Alpha Huskies!

Believe it or not, in just a few more years, the Baby Boomer generation (1946-1964) will be outnumbered by the generation of young people born after 2010, also known as Generation Alpha, many of whom will live to see the 22nd Century! According to one group that analyzes societal trends, Alphas are, "the most materially endowed generation ever, the most technologically savvy generation ever, and they will enjoy a longer life span than any previous generation" (<https://mccrindle.com.au/>). What an awesome privilege it is for both staff and parents to help shape and guide such an incredible generation of students who are bursting with promise and resources.

In this important mentoring role set before us, I am reminded of the old fable involving the north wind and the sun, who competed to see who was strongest. Their simple test was to remove a cloak from a traveler. The wind blew with great might, but with each strong gust, the traveler only held tighter to his cloak. The sun, however, chose to gently shine on the traveler, who responded by loosening his cloak. The clever sun then beamed again, and the traveler threw off his cloak completely. This fable teaches that persuasion is better than force. As we long to see the next generation find their way in this world and release their potential, let's all remember that encouragement, patience, and care are indeed very effective ways (or rays) to draw out the best in students.

What's for lunch? PRIDE is for lunch!

At our latest Husky PRIDE assembly (12/2), we announced the winner of our class-of-the-month competition. Over the month of November, students were challenged to get caught showing Husky PRIDE during lunch time, both in the

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cafeteria and on the playground. Staff gave out special brown-bag colored (limited edition) PRIDE tickets when they noticed positive behavior in these settings. Students then collected the tickets back in their classroom, which were then counted by an outside, independent official (my wife, who is a paralegal). It was so close! and here were the results:

Total number of PRIDE tickets handed out during lunch time: 398!!

Winner of the Big Husky Award (K-2): Ms. Holder's 2nd grade class (48 tickets)

Winner of the Golden Husky Award (3-5): Ms. Walker's 3rd grade class (39 tickets)

Congratulations and special thanks to all the duty staff who helped notice Husky PRIDE during lunch time at Johnson!

Go Huskies!

Matt Hughes

Included in this Month's issue:

- [Elk Club Essay Contest](#)
- [Save the Date](#)
- [RMHS Annual Craft Fair](#)



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Elks Club Essay Contest

Every year, our local Elks Lodge sponsors an essay contest for 5th grade students. Winning essays earn cash prizes and a fun recognition.

Students can submit directly, or teachers can submit on their behalf using the google form sent to them.

The deadline for submissions is December 15th, 2022. Winners are notified and awarded by March 2023.

For additional information please email William Lindsey at bim@lindseyelk.com

Save The Date

2022-23 VISUAL ART SHOWS & RECEPTIONS
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SuperArt!

Reception: Wednesday, March 8th, 2023, and Thursday, March 9th, 2023
Johanssen Support Service Complex Boardroom
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SuperArt! Reception Wednesday, March 8th

Group A 5:45-6:15 PM Bauder Elementary Beattie Elementary Bennett Elementary Johnson Elementary Lopez Elementary McGraw Elementary Olander Elementary Eystone Elementary Rice Elementary Blevins Middle School Webber Middle School Rocky Mountain High School Wellington Middle/High School	Group B 6:30 – 7:15 PM Cache La Poudre Elementary Dunn Elementary Irish Elementary Putnam Elementary Livermore Elementary Red Feather Lakes Elementary Stove Prairie Elementary Tavelli Elementary Lincoln Middle School Cache La Poudre Middle School Poudre High School Centennial High School
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SuperArt! Reception Thursday, March 9th

Group C 5:45 – 6:15 PM Harris Bilingual Elementary Kruse Elementary Laurel Elementary Linton Elementary O’Dea Elementary Riffenburgh Elementary Shepardson Elementary Boltz Middle School Leshner Middle School Polaris Expeditionary Learning Poudre Community Academy Fort Collins High School	Group D 6:30 – 7:15 PM Bacon Elementary Bamford Elementary Bethke Elementary Timnath Elementary Traut Elementary Werner Elementary Zach Elementary Preston Middle School Kinard Middle School PSD Global Academy Timnath Middle/High School Fossil Ridge High School
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Rocky Mountain High School Annual Craft FairSaturday, December 3rd

9:00 am – 2:00 PM

1300 West Swallow Road

Fort Collins, CO 80526

Johnson Calendar of Events

December		
1	530 – 630	23-24 Kindergarten Open House
2	9 – 9:35	PRIDE Assembly
7		1 st Grade Junior Achievement Day
12	6:30	Choir Concert
21		Classroom Parties School of Choice Deadline End of 2 nd Quarter
22 - 30		No School – Winter Break
January		
2-4		No School – Winter Break
5		Students Return
10		Webber Students visit Johnson
11	6 – 8 pm	SAAC
13		Famous Americans Presentations
16		No School – Martin Luther King Jr Day
19	1225 – 110	YES! Concert @ Timberline (5 TH Grade)
27	255 – 325 pm	PRIDE 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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