



Johnson Elementary

Husky Times

January 2023

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Principal's Corner

Dear Johnson Families,

Welcome to 2023! I hope you all had a restful break. As we head into January, we are excited for what the spring semester will bring. As always, I do want to thank all our families for your continued support in making Johnson a great place to be for all. I particularly would like to thank our volunteers for all they do. We had a successful December because of the various forms of help from our community. We have many events in the month of January. Please read through our entire newsletter to be aware of all we offer to you and your children.

January marks the end of first semester and the beginning of second semester. You will receive a report card for your child electronically. Report cards will be ready for parent viewing by January 11th. We are excited about the learning we are seeing across our school. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Our executive function skill we will highlight for the month of January is goal setting. Gracie the Goal Setter- The capacity to persevere and follow a task through to completion. Some strategies to build goal setting are:

1. Help your child set a goal. What do you want to get done? How much time do you think that will take? How will you know when you have accomplished your goal?

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2. Help your child determine what is most important to get done first. What do you need to get done first? What will happen if you don't accomplish your goal?

3. Help your child make a to do list to accomplish the goal.

There are many other ways to support your child in goal setting, and the above are just a few ways to get started. We appreciate any support you provide at home as we develop executive function skills for each child.

Our School Advisory and Accountability committee meets on January 11th. We will discuss how we are doing in relationship to the goals we have set for our School Unified Improvement plan, what our Student Connections Survey told us, begin planning for 2023-24, and get feedback on our parent engagement efforts. We always welcome new members. If you are interested in this team, please email me.

In the spirit of feedback, our district is actively seeking feedback on our literacy adoption. Please see the information below.

Literacy Adoption Community Engagement Sessions: The district will be hosting three community engagement sessions specific to the literacy adoption in January. These sessions will be designed to offer participants the opportunity to view individual presentations by the vendors who are finalists in the selection process and to provide feedback on their materials. We have posted these as public meetings in the event that more than two Board members wish to attend each session.

- o January 17, 6pm-8pm at Eyestone Elementary School
- o January 18, 6pm-8pm at Rocky Mountain High School
- o January 19, 6pm-8pm at Fossil Ridge High School

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If you are interested in learning more about the science of reading and our focus as a district for literacy, here is a great opportunity for education. The Reading League is offering sessions on the science of reading. You can find more information about these sessions at the following link: <https://www.thereadingleague.org/parent-courses/>

As I stated at the beginning of this newsletter, thank you for all you do to make Johnson a great place to be. Welcome to 2023 and Happy New Year!

Best,
Georgianna Dawson, Principal



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January 2023

Semester Two – Here We Go!

Happy New Year Johnson Families! As we look forward to the winter and spring months together, we also like to take a moment to remind students early in the semester about Husky PRIDE, and what it looks like in different areas around the school. On Friday, January 13, students in K-3 will take part in a PRIDE Matrix Morning, so be sure to ask them about it. At the same time as the Matrix morning, our students in grades 4 and 5 will be meeting with special guest, Brandon Harrington (the founder of Harrington Arts Alliance) for what we are calling an "Impact" Workshop. Brandon is a dynamic communicator, educator, and entertainer, and uses the arts to help inspire students to reach their potential at school.

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Family Math Night

We are thrilled to announce that on Thursday, February 2 from 5PM - 6:30PM, we will be hosting a special **Family Math Night** for Johnson families with students in grades 3-5.

We will run a rotation of four different, fun, and interactive math stations that everyone in the family can enjoy and be challenged by. Pizza, drinks, and dessert will be served, and a packet of Math resources will be given out to each family who attends. Please note that we will also provide childcare for younger siblings in K-2. Look out for more information coming your way soon, as flyers and emails will be sent home to help get your family registered for this amazing evening together. To SUM it up... you do not want to miss the Family Math Night!

Coming Soon to a Husky PRIDE assembly at Johnson...

Our January Assembly (1/27) will feature special guest, Brandon Harrington, who along with the help of our 4th and 5th grade students will be presenting a fun and creative message to remind all students to keep showing Husky PRIDE. During our February Assembly (2/25) we will introduce our new Mascot (Thunder), who will be ready to stir up enthusiasm and bring positive energy to the Johnson Community.

Go Huskies!
Matt Hughes



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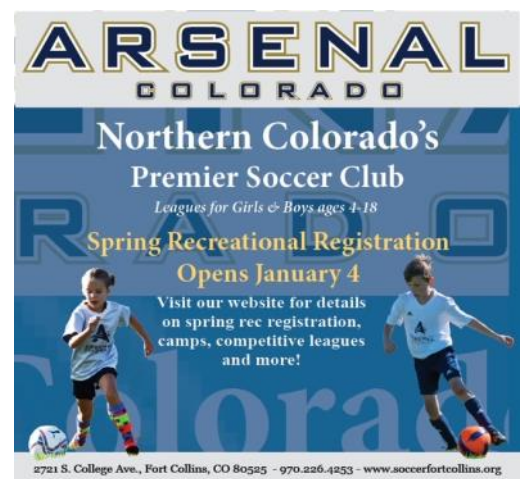
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Spanish classes offered at Johnson by BikePath Learning

Spanish classes are now offered after school at Johnson Elementary with BikePath Learning! BikePath is an after-school K-5 beginner Spanish foreign enrichment program. BikePath has been in business for over 14 years and has successfully taught over 5,000 students. Classes are affordable, 45 minutes in length, and no previous language experience is required. If you have any questions, you may contact them at BikepathlearningNoCo@gmail.com. To register go to www.bikepathlearning.com

Health and Safety

District and school leaders continue to work with and follow guidance from the public health officials to meet evolving health and safety requirements. Throughout the year, procedures will be monitored continuously to ensure schools and district buildings are safe environments for everyone. All students, staff and families are expected to follow all health and safety protocols this school year to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Please visit the districts [Health and Safety](#) school page for more information.

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Literacy Engagement Nights

Members of the community are invited to help Poudre School District select the next elementary literacy curriculum. There are three nights this month where attendees may provide feedback.

On Nov. 30, the PSD Literacy Materials Review Team met to finalize the vendors for our K-5 literacy adoption. The three finalists are

- [Amplify CKLA](#)
- [Imagine EL](#)
- [Intro Reading](#)

You may also visit our PSD Curriculum web page dedicated to the new literacy curriculum adoption by clicking [HERE](#).

Sessions are open to the public and scheduled for:

- 6-8 p.m. Jan. 17, Eyestone Elementary School, 4000 Wilson Ave., Wellington
- 6-8 p.m. Jan 18, Rocky Mountain High School, 1300 W. Swallow Road, Fort Collins
- 6-8 p.m. Jan 19, Fossil Ridge High School, 5400 Ziegler Road, Fort Collins

The purpose of these night is to allow families to examine materials firsthand, as well as ask questions about the materials directly to vendors. Vendors will present their materials at these events, which include an opening session explaining the purpose for the adoption, what we hope to gain from the adoption, and an overview of the adoption process that has been followed. From there, each participant will be allowed to move among vendor rooms to view individual presentations.

Public feedback on the materials will be collected at these meetings through comment cards placed at the door. We look forward to your participation in the process and the feedback you will provide.

Those with questions may contact Curriculum Director John Passantino at ipassant@psdschools.org

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I Matter Program Continues Free Therapy Sessions for Youth

Colorado youth will have continued access to free therapy sessions through the I Matter program thanks to an additional \$6 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding following the passage of House Bill 22-1243. The program, which launched in October 2021, provides accessible, confidential, and non-judgmental behavioral health services to any Colorado youth.

The I Matter program offers up to six free mental health sessions with a licensed provider and is open to youth 18 years of age or younger, or 21 years of age or younger if receiving special education services. Parents of youth 11 and younger need to consent to services for their youth. With the new funding, the program extends until at least June 30, 2023, and could continue until June 30, 2024, depending on how quickly funds are expended. The funding was originally set to expire June 30, 2022.

Accessing Services

Visit IMatterColorado.org and YolImportoColorado.org to take a confidential online survey about mental health and schedule sessions with a licensed behavioral health clinician.

Since the program launch, nearly 2,600 Colorado youth have participated in at least one therapy session and youth from 54 Colorado counties have scheduled an I Matter session. More than 7,500 therapy sessions have been completed or are upcoming. Therapy sessions are free and primarily scheduled via telehealth to increase geographic reach across Colorado for urban, frontier, rural and Tribal populations, removing known barriers to accessing mental health services. More than 150 licensed clinicians participate in the I Matter program.

With Gov. Jared Polis' signature, HB22-1243 guarantees Colorado youth, adolescents and parents' access to I Matter services in English and Spanish for at least one more year, which is vital support as children and adolescent mental health challenges are growing increasingly widespread.

If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs help dealing with one, call 1-844-493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255 to speak to a trained professional. Learn more at coloradocrisiservices.org



January 10 Board of Education Meeting

On Tuesday, January 10, 2023, the Poudre School District Board of Education will convene a dinner session meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the IT training room, located in the Poudre School District Information Technology Center; 2413 Laporte Avenue. This session is open to the public, and seating is limited. The session will not be live streamed but will be recorded.

Immediately following the dinner session, a regular business/work session meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Poudre School District Johannsen Support Services Center board room, located at 2407 Laporte Avenue, Fort Collins. Due to space constraints, a limited number of public seats will be available. Once capacity has been reached, no one else will be allowed into the building.

[The meeting agenda and subsequent materials can be found here.](#)

PSD continues to be a mask-friendly district and supports those who choose to wear a mask or not. Protocols could change at any time between the receipt of this posting and the meeting itself. Members of the community are expected to follow current PSD COVID protocols when in PSD buildings.

During the meeting, community members will have an opportunity to make remarks **in person only**. To provide comments during the Board meeting, members of the public must sign up to speak in advance. Those who have signed up before the stated deadline will receive an email acknowledgement and instructions on how to make remarks to the Board during the meeting. Please do not sign up to speak unless you plan to attend. To sign up to speak, please complete the form no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting. Note: The Board President may impose ad hoc rules before or during the meeting to reasonably limit the total time allotted for community comment or the time allotted per speaker, depending on the number of people signed up to speak. The registration process may be closed early if the Board President determines the capacity for providing public comment has been reached.

Johnson Calendar of Events

| January | | |
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| 11 | 6-8 | SAAC Committee Meeting |
| 16 | | No School – Martin Luther King, Jr Day |
| 17 | 6-8 | Literacy Engagement Night (4000 Wilson Ave, Wellington) |
| 18 | 6-8 | Literacy Engagement Night (1300 W. Swallow Road, Fort Collins) |
| 19 | 1225 – 110 6-8 | YES! Concert Literacy Engagement Night (5400 Ziegler Road, Fort Collins) |
| 20 | 10 – 12 | Student Biometric Screening |
| 23 | 630-730 | JPTO General Meeting |
| 27 | 255 – 325 | PRIDE Assembly |
| February | | |
| 2 | 530 – 700 | Family Math Night |
| 14 | TBD | Classroom Parties |
| 24 | 9 – 935 6 – 730 | PRIDE Assembly Family Movie Night |
| 27 | 630 – 730 | JPTO General Meeting |

- * 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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