

## JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THUNDERBIRD NEWS

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#### \*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*

#### Winter Break

There will be no school Monday, December 21st through Monday, January 4th. Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 5th. We hope you enjoy the holidays and have a happy new year!



### **Update Contact Information**

Parents please make sure to update any changes to your contact information through Parent Portal. If you need assistance logging in please call our office at 970-249-2584.

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## Principal's Corner

#### What's New?

On Wednesday, December 2nd, we will be implementing updated mitigation strategies. Our changes are based on recent updates from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) school guidance. The main areas of change for our elementary school include additional screening questions and masks requirements at all grade levels. Teachers will provide mask breaks throughout the day. If your child does not have a personal mask we will provide one for your child to wear throughout the school day.

Our first priority is the safety of our learning community. We have solid systems in place during the school day and maintain that school is the safest place for your child. Please check our website and the district website for public announcements related to new district mitigation strategies. These district wide changes will be in place as of December 2, 2020.

#### **Lost and Found**

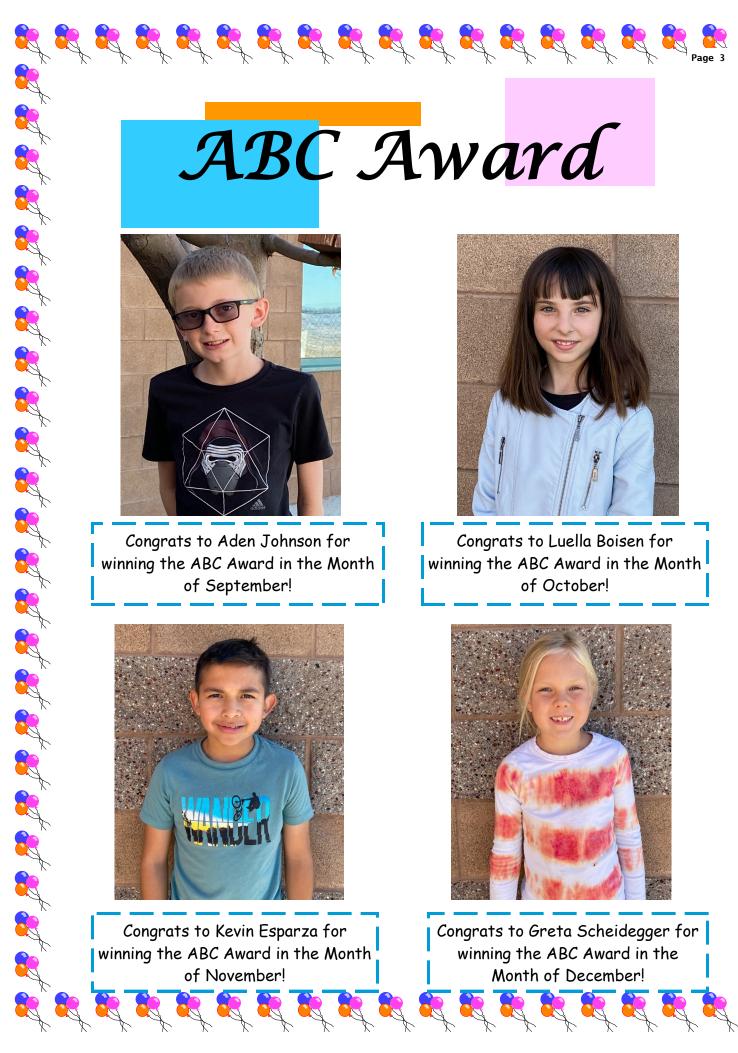
As per our past practices, we will provide opportunities for students to claim their belongings. Anything not claimed will be donated to our local Salvation Army or homeless shelter on January 4, 2021. Our lost and found is overflowing with coats, hoodies, hats, gloves, and lunch boxes. We simply do not have the space to manage unwanted items.

Writing your child's name in their coat or lunchbox makes it possible for us to support students in keeping track of their things.





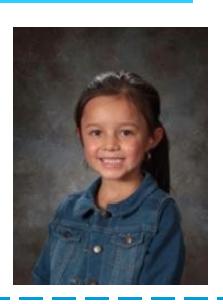






# Sí Se Puede!

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Congrats to Jaylene Baltazar for winning the Si Se Puede! Award for the month of November.



Congrats to Yessenia Jimenez for winning the Si Se Puede! Award for the month of December.

# Calling All Artists Johnson Elementary is on the look out to find a cover for our school yearbook. Are YOU up for the

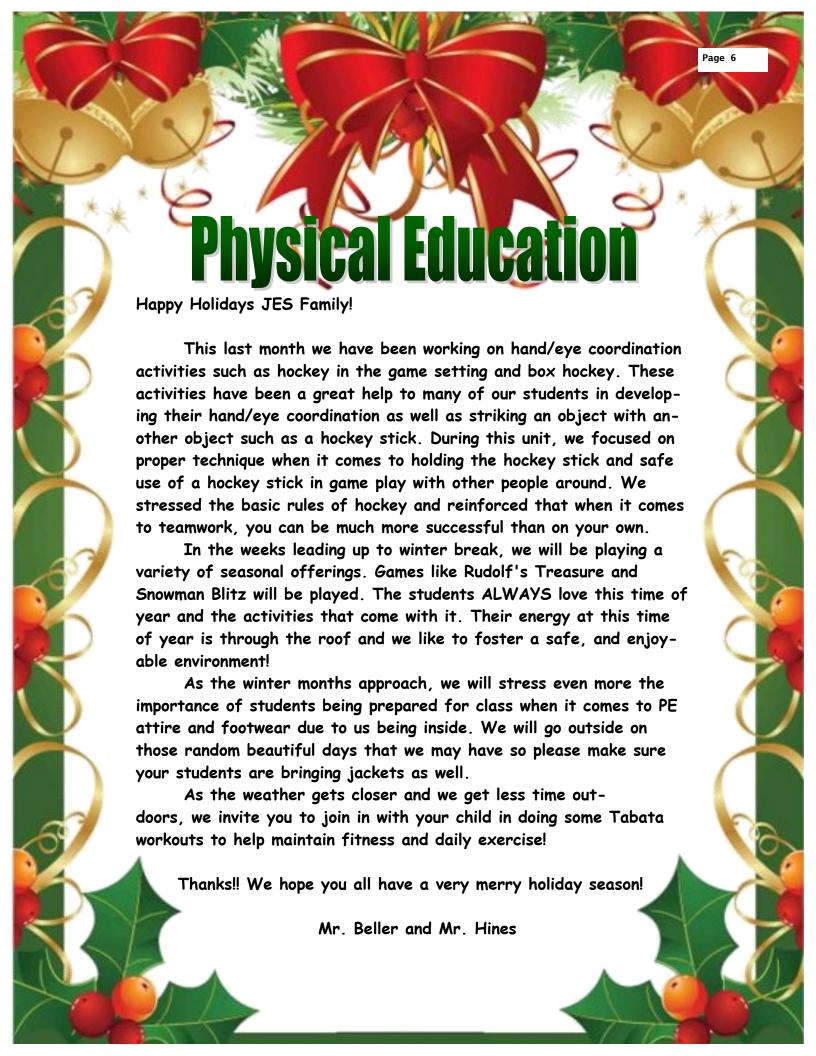
Students who'd like to participate can use the blank sheet attached to draw a Johnson themed cover.

#### Pictures must include:

challenge?

- "Johnson Elementary School" written on the page
- The school Year "2020-2021"
- There needs to be at least a half inch margin within the edges to make sure all the beautiful artwork is included.

Turn in to the front office or your teacher no later than **January 8th.** Front office staff will narrow down entries and classes will be able to vote for which one they would like to be our next yearbook cover. We look forward to see your amazing designs!



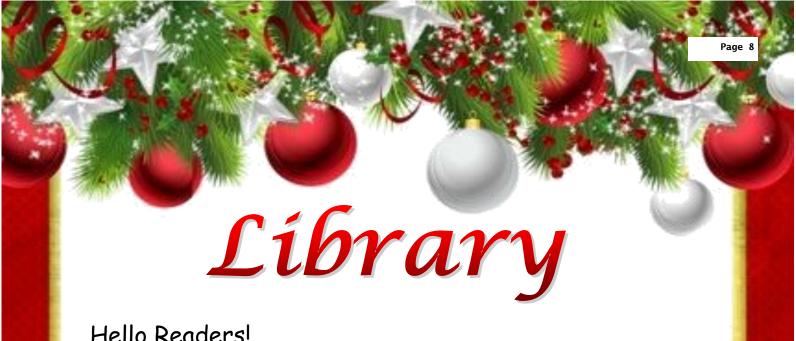


This December looks different to us all. The music department is posting videos instead of putting on a holiday show. Some students are featured on ClassDojo, while some classes may not have been ready to record a video or do not have permissions for me to post a video. Whether you are able to see a performance of your child this year or not, know that they are still learning about music and performing for each other in a class setting. Ask your student to perform something for you at home. Keep supporting their creativity and musicianship!

**Kindergarteners** are learning about steady beat through chants, games, and instrument playing. **First graders** have been reinforcing quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter note rests by saying chants, playing instruments, and echoing rhythm patterns. First graders have also been working on high versus low by playing instruments, moving and listening to songs, and books. **Second graders** have been working on half notes by echoing rhythms, performing songs with the half note, moving, reading rhythms, dictating rhythms, and writing rhythms. **Third graders** learned about sixteenth notes and worked on a group composition. **Fourth graders** performed a hand drum piece, are learning about the treble clef staff, and worked on a group composition. **Fifth graders** also worked on a group composition and listened to music from different cultures.

This month I am getting ready to move schools. Johnson Elementary School students will have art class starting in January. I will miss Johnson Elementary School students and staff! What great joy and music learning we have had this semester! These students are rock star musicians!

Sincerely, Kelsey Nelson



Hello Readers!

This month in our library we are working to fulfill book requests and book deliveries. We are also working with Mrs. Jaramillo to encourage participation in Johnson's Giving Tree. What is the Giving Tree? Well, students are encouraged to bring in donations of non-perishable food items that will be donated to local food banks. If you are able and feel inclined to do so, please participate in this worthwhile effort. Donation drop off times will be before school or during lunch.

Thank you and keep reading! Happy Holidays!





