

JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THUNDERBIRD NEWS

DECEMBER 2020

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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December 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 *Robotics Club 3:15-4:15PM	2	3	4
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14	15 *Robotics Club 3:15-4:15PM	16	17	18
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 WINTER BREAK 				

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.



ABC Award



Congrats to Aden Johnson for winning the ABC Award in the Month of September!



Congrats to Luella Boisen for winning the ABC Award in the Month of October!



Congrats to Kevin Esparza for winning the ABC Award in the Month of November!



Congrats to Greta Scheidegger for winning the ABC Award in the Month of December!

Si Se Puede!



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 challenge?

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

Pictures must include:

- "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!

Physical Education

Happy Holidays JES Family!

This last month we have been working on hand/eye coordination activities such as hockey in the game setting and box hockey. These activities have been a great help to many of our students in developing their hand/eye coordination as well as striking an object with another object such as a hockey stick. During this unit, we focused on proper technique when it comes to holding the hockey stick and safe use of a hockey stick in game play with other people around. We stressed the basic rules of hockey and reinforced that when it comes to teamwork, you can be much more successful than on your own.

In the weeks leading up to winter break, we will be playing a variety of seasonal offerings. Games like Rudolf's Treasure and Snowman Blitz will be played. The students ALWAYS love this time of year and the activities that come with it. Their energy at this time of year is through the roof and we like to foster a safe, and enjoyable environment!

As the winter months approach, we will stress even more the importance of students being prepared for class when it comes to PE attire and footwear due to us being inside. We will go outside on those random beautiful days that we may have so please make sure your students are bringing jackets as well.

As the weather gets closer and we get less time outdoors, we invite you to join in with your child in doing some Tabata workouts to help maintain fitness and daily exercise!

Thanks!! We hope you all have a very merry holiday season!

Mr. Beller and Mr. Hines



Music

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

Library

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!



Health News

Merry December from the health office!

2020 is ending and what a year we had! Looking back, what new health habits did you learn?

- Did you start cleaning things more?
- Did you start washing your hands more often?
- Did you learn the importance of wearing your mask in public?
- Did you start taking multi-vitamins, eating more fruits and vegetables, or start other habits to help keep you healthy?

My family learned the importance of staying home when we are sick, even if it's just a few minor symptoms.

Take a minute with your family to reflect on all the new changes that were made this year. Why are they important? How do they help others? Why should we keep these habits? Have a safe and healthy start to 2021!



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Mrs. Jaramillo School Counselor

December, I can't believe how fast this month has come upon us. Johnson Elementary has recently picked back up with our Spirit Shirt Friday contest in efforts to promote school spirit. Each Friday students are encouraged to wear Johnson Spirit Shirts or school colors including club shirts (Boys2Men, Girls on the Run, Robotics etc.) and kid of character shirts. Each Friday morning we take a tally of number or spirit shirts per class and the winning class earns a traveling trophy for the week.

Through our BPEG grant we will be ordering spirit shirts to give to all students. These shirts will help all students to have a special Johnson Elementary shirt. Each class was able to vote on their favorite design. Look for a size and information letter to come home soon.

We are also excited to bring Spirit weeks to Johnson. The last Spirit week was a huge success. We had many students participate and enjoy the fun of Spirit week. We will be having more Spirit weeks to come!



If you need to talk to me, I can be reached at (970)249-2584 or you can email me at Marcie.jaramillo@mcsd.org. Please don't hesitate to contact me.