JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THUNDERBIRD NEWS

<u>APRIL 2021</u>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Testing

We are currently in our testing window. Please keep this in mind when you are scheduling appointments for your children. Thank you for your support.

Spring Pictures

Spring Pictures are coming up! Picture day will be held April 22, 2021. You will be able to get individual shots of your students or class group pictures. Be on the lookout for flyers and order forms coming home soon.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		SPRING BREA	K	2
5	6 *Robotics Club 3:15- 4:15 PM	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20 *VEX Competition 4:30-6:00 PM (only people with tickets can attend)	21	22 *Spring Picture day	23
26	27	28	29 *Fifth Grade Field Trip	30 *No School *Kinder Registration

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Parent Corner

Free Online Tutoring Platform Launched for Colorado Students Through CEI Partnership with Khan Academy Founder

Colorado Education Initiative's partnership with Schoolhouse.world will connect Colorado students with tutors around the world

Denver, Colorado -Colorado Education Initiative (CEI) announced that they have launched a new partnership with Schoolhouse.world, an online platform that pairs students with tutors around the globe. Schoolhouse.world was launched in early 2020 by Sal Khan, the founder of the popular Khan Academy online learning website, to accelerate learning in these challenging times. There is no deadline to register, and there are no limits to the number of Colorado students who can take advantage of this opportunity.

"As a close partner for districts and schools across Colorado, it has been clear to us, as schools emerge from COVID-related disruptions, that talking about delivering high impact tutoring at scale is not enough. Colorado students deserve these supports now," said CEI President and CEO Rebecca Holmes. "Schoolhouse.world ensures all Colorado students, regardless of financial considerations, can get the live tutoring they need to meet their unique academic or post-secondary needs. This is a terrific solution regardless of how much students did or didn't miss out on last year." Schoolhouse.world is a breakthrough platform that connects people around the world to free, small-group tutoring sessions. It currently offers tutoring in high school mathematics, exam prep and SAT prep for students over the age of 13, and aims to expand to additional grade levels and topics soon. Schoolhouse.world first opened its virtual doors to tutors and students from the public in early 2020. People from all over the world volunteered to tutor sessions; high school students, teachers, professionals, and PhDs alike. Since then, Schoolhouse.world has run over a thousand tutoring sessions with students from more than 40 countries. Schoolhouse.world launched its new website in January 2021 and already 500 Colorado students have visited the platform, with many participating in the tutoring experience Sign up here

to learn more.

Colorado will be the first state in the country to partner with Schoolhouse.world through an organization such as CEI that works directly with practitioners, districts, and schools. CEI is a non-profit organization that cultivates systems improvement and equity in K-12 education. For more than a decade, CEI has been at the forefront of improvement, innovation, and change in Colorado's public education system. Through the Schoolhouse.world and CEI partnership, Colorado students will have access across the state to this free service for grades 6-12. Learn more about CEI

Recognition ABC Award



Congrats to Tanner Bielak for winning the ABC Award in the Month of March!



Sí Se Puede!



Congrats to Dayana Palma Corral for winning the Si Se Puede! Award for the month of April!



Happy Spring everyone!

We are hopping into Spring with such excitement as we approach the last few months of school! We will be heading outside more often as the weather allows. Pease have your child bring appropriate shoes and clothing that will ensure your child has the best possible experience in PE.

PHYSICAL EDUCATIO

We will be working on some new units that we have not done before with our Thunderbird population here at JES! Children will be tasked with improving their cardiovascular fitness and other areas of fitness within our warm-ups. Upper grade levels will be transitioning into sport specific skills that will help better prepare them for their middle school years and beyond. Primary and intermediate grade levels will be focusing on games that promote cooperation and coordination using a variety of equipment and critical thinking skills.

We so look forward to the coming weeks and have been very impressed with your child's growth in our PE program here at JES!

Take care and stay active, JES PE DEPT



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Dear Parents:

Art is a very necessary ingredient in the overall development and learning process of children. The Art Program at Johnson Elementary provides the essential opportunity to develop their imagination and expression. Our Art Program is organized around the elements of art and the principles of design, as well as sensory and expressive features of thought.

During this month the students have learned to understand and apply the basic components of visual art, like pattern and symmetry. They have also produced original art works by utilizing these elements of art. The students became adept at expressing their perceptions and their impressions into creative art works. The students have explored and used basic art materials, techniques, and processes in their art projects. In art class we are constantly learning about a variety of art forms from around the world and throughout history.

Children enjoy the creative process and take great personal pride in displaying and sharing their own personal creations.

All students' art projects are displayed in our halls on a regular basis.

Elvira Butler, Teacher of Art, Johnson Elementary

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Health News

We are in the home stretch to finish off this very unique school year! We want to emphasize the importance of finishing out the school year healthy.

We understand that COVID is reduced in our community; however, it is still present in our area. We are going to continue to be mindful of the health and care of our students and staff. Given the remaining risk, at this time we are not changing our protocols concerning symptoms.

Please, please, please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. Symptoms that we screen for include: fever, persistent cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, runny nose, fatigue, muscle aches, head-aches and congestion. If your child comes to school complaining of symptoms they will be sent home and quarantined. We do understand how difficult this is and how inconvenient; however, we feel it is vitally important to maintain a safe learning environment. In order for students to get the most out of class, they need to be in class and engaged. They do not learn when they are constantly in the bathroom, asleep in class, or overall feeling ill.

If your child throws up, please keep them home for **72 hours from the time vomiting has stopped** to prevent spreading stomach bugs and other germs in the school. This is district policy and not related to the current pandemic.

We do have rapid COVID tests available here at the school if you suspect related symptoms in your student. The main intent for these tests is to help us be quickly informed of positive cases. Unfortunately, a negative test does not allow us to ignore symptoms - even with a negative test, a student will still need to remain home for the full quarantine.

Because of our safety guidelines and your support, we have not had to close our doors this school year! We are happy that your children have had the opportunity to learn in-person all year long with minimal disruption and relatively few exceptions.

Please stay with us in keeping the school open and our students and staff healthy!

Mrs. Jaramillo-School Councilor







Dear Parents or Guardians: Johnson Elementary Counselor, Marcie Jaramillo, in cooperation with Teri Kinkade from HopeWest Kids, will co-facilitate a grief group for students at Johnson Elementary. Any student at Johnson Elementary who has experienced the death of a special person is welcome and encouraged to attend. There are no limitations to attendance such as relationship to the deceased, the length of time since the death. or the cause of death. The only criteria is that the student feels the death has impacted their life in a significant way. Each session will include grief education, including information about what it means to be alive and to be dead, and small group discussion. Activities such as writing, art, and literature will assist participants in coping with issues of grief and loss. Please contact Mrs. Jaramillo if your child wishes to attend. 970-249-2584