



JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, January 19, 2024 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

Big Change Round Up

Since 2016, JFK Elementary has participated in WOKO's Big Change Roundup. The Big Change Roundup is the largest fundraiser for the UVM Children's Hospital. The money goes directly to the Children's Hospital and helps to provide thousands of children and families with the highest quality, child-friendly, family-centered care available in Vermont and northern New York.

Each year we have a contest, and the adult(s) that raises the most money wins! Our first two years were hair-dyeing contests, and Courtney Bryan won both years. In 2018, Andy Schlatter won and got to be a T-Rex for the day. In 2019, Coach B won and spent the day as a unicorn. In 2020, Nurse Liz worked really hard to win and dress up as a tutu-wearing hippo for the day. We were not able to participate in the Big Change Roundup because of the pandemic in 2021. In 2022 the Super 7 (Savanna Bechard, Amanda Babcock, Peter Lindholm, Sarah Murphy, Manny Robertson, Cheyne Racine, and Grace Holcomb) won and dressed up like Super Heros. Last year, the 2nd grade team (Jess Smith, Erin Hurley, Casey Hogan, Stephanie Beland, Angela Moulton, Katie Letourneau, Andy Schlatter) won and dressed up like the Adams Family

This year our teams are:

1. 4th Grade Flying Wizards - Brian Beadle, Meghan Dieterle, Pirawan Ratanapratum, Kim Hirshberg, Amy Racicot, Jesse Halverson, Lisa Goodrich, and Anne Dinklage
2. The Gamers - Mary Carleton, Tiffany Demore, Kari Bohlen, Bev Couture, Alexa Pughe, Rebecca Viens, Elizabeth Wood, Alyssa Crow
3. Trolls School Tour - Angela Moulton, Casey Hogan, Stephanie Beland, Andrew Schlatter, Lisa Niquette, Mia Kosel, Jess Smith, Conor Macias, Erin Hurley
4. Bluey - Lisa Bushey, Caroline Bell, Jess Riley, Courtney Bryan, Sarah Forbes, Emma Walsh, Amanda Rosselli
5. The Mystery Inc. Gang - Savanna Bechard, Peter Lindholm, Max Mirabile, Amanda Babcock, Grace Holcomb, Sarah Murphy, Adriana Roehmholdt,

6. Phineas and Ferb - Kendra Spector and Jesse Halverson

Starting Thursday, January 18th, each team will have a bucket in the JFK office. Students vote by putting their change into the bucket of the team that they want to win. The team that raises the most money by March 8th wins and gets to wear their costume to school on March 13th. The winners will be revealed at our March All School Morning Meeting.

Wednesday morning, classes learned about the Big Change Roundup during our January All School Morning Meeting. These expectations were reviewed with students:

1. Students need to ask an adult from home before they bring any money in
2. The buckets will be in the JFK office. Students need to come into the office with respectful voice levels.
3. Students vote by adding money to the jar of the team that they want to win!
4. Online fundraising is allowed by students and adults
5. It is perfectly acceptable to hoard money and add it all to a jar(s) last minute
6. Students from any grade level in WSD can add money to the jars. Adults too!

Each year the Big Change Roundup is incredibly fun, and we support a fantastic community resource!

Pokemon Cards

Students have begun to bring Pokémon cards into school and they are causing disruptions to the learning environment. Moving forward we will have the same expectations for Pokémon cards that we do for personal electronics (cell phones etc.):

1. Away during the day in a locker or given to a trusted adult to hold for the day
2. If a student takes the cards out while they are in the school building, an adult will take the cards and give them back at the end of the day
3. If a student takes them out while in the building a second time, and adult will take the cards and an adult from home will have to come get them.

As a school, we ask students to keep valuable items at home so they do not get lost or stolen. Pokémon cards fall into this category. Please have a conversation with your student about these expectations.

Calendar

Friday, January 19, 2024

Veggie Van Go

Friday, February 2, 2024

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Friday, February 16, 2024

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February 22 & 23, 2024

11:00 Early Release for all students

MHS Parent Teacher Conferences

February 26 - March 5, 2024

No School

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