

JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, March 21, 2025 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

End of the Year Celebration – June 10, 2025

We are excited to share that our annual End of the Year Celebration will take place on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, with Wednesday, June 11, 2025, as the rain date. Our K-5 students will spend half of the day at JFK and the other half at Landry Park. Students will take a bus to and from Landry Park, where they will enjoy games, swimming, and snack time. While at JFK, students will have time in their classrooms, eat lunch, and watch a movie.

What students need for the day of the celebration:

- Bathing suit
- Towel
- Sneakers
- Sun hat
- Sunscreen and/or bug spray applied before school (family preference)

If your student needs any of these items, please let their teacher(s) know. We have bathing suits available to borrow, including Birkini options. If your student needs to borrow a bathing suit, please let their teacher know their size so we can ensure we have enough for everyone.

Volunteer Opportunities

We would love to have family members join us for part or all of the celebration! We especially need volunteers to help with activities at Landry Park, including at the pool. Volunteers are welcome for either a half-day or full-day, and if you have children in multiple grades, you are welcome to split your time between them.

If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this Google Form [Volunteer Sign-Up Form](#), or complete the paper form attached to the hard copy of this newsletter and return it to your student's teacher.

After submitting the form, Kelley Freeman (WSD HR) will contact you with the necessary volunteer paperwork. Please double-check that your email and phone number are correct. If you do not hear from Kelley, you can reach her at kfreeman@wsdvt.org.

Thank you for your support—we look forward to celebrating with our students and families!

SEL Curriculum Update

In March and April, our K-2 School Counselor will be teaching lessons from the Care for Kids program. This is the portion of our S.E.L. curriculum that teaches students how to recognize and prevent child sexual abuse. All Vermont schools are required to cover this important topic as outlined in Vermont state legislation known as Act 1.

This is the general overview of the Care for Kids topics:

Asking for Help: Children identify the adults who can help them. If one adult does not help them, they are encouraged to ask other adults until they get the help that they need.

Touching: Sometimes we like to be touched and sometimes we don't. Everyone has the right to say "no" to touching and we do not touch a person who says "no."

Feelings: Children discuss times when they are not sure what they are feeling. These feelings are identified as "mixed-up" feelings. We discuss what they can do if they feel scared or have mixed-up feelings.

Bodies: Children learn the anatomically correct names of body parts including parts that are considered private. We discuss that no one should see or touch the private parts of their body and no one should ask them to see or touch the private parts of the other person's body.

Babies: Children discuss the ways that they needed help with their bodies when they were babies. We discuss what they can do by themselves now and ways in which they still need help from trusted adults.

We encourage you to talk to your child about these important topics. Please feel free to contact our School Counselor, Grace Holcomb, if you have any questions.

Our 3-5 Counselor will be teaching lessons from The Healthy Relationships Project curriculum after the April Vacation. We will share more information in an upcoming newsletter.

We also encourage you to visit the following Vermont Department of Children and Families website for more information on teaching your children about sexual abuse prevention:

https://outside.vermont.gov/dept/DCF/Shared%20Documents/FSD/Publications/STEPUP-Parent-Guide.pdf?_gl=1*15hlnlf*_ga*MTI2NDIwNTc5LjE3MzYyNTY4MzI.*_ga_V9WQH77KLW*MTc0MjMwNzUzOS4zLjEuMTc0MjMwNzU1NC4wLjAuMA

JFK Elementary J Big Change Roundup for UVM Children's Hospital

The JFK Big Change Roundup contest is underway! Here are the current standings:

4th place with \$20.21 - All The Feels (Inside Out 2) – Amanda Roselli, Caroline Bell, Courtney Bryan, Lisa Bushey, Sarah Forbes, Jess Riley, Hayley Gonzalez, and Emma Walsh

3rd place with \$47.26 - The Fruit Loops – Kari Bohlen, Jenn Thelen, Bev Couture, Tif Demore, Rebecca Viens, Mary Carleton, Elizabeth Wood, and Lyss Crow

2nd place with \$138.62 - Seven Dwarfs – Liz Parris, Emily Gallina, Shannon Fountain, Tracy Towers, Allyssa Ravelin, Saja Almogali, and Cathy Bray

1st place with \$166.17 - One in a Minion – Sara Poland, Daviah Lawrence, and Renee Weertman

Thank you for your support—let's round up that change for UVM Children's Hospital! 💖💰

Family Input Form for 2025-26 Placement

Please complete the Google Form for each of your JFK students. Be sure to put all of the information into this form, even if you think we already know. The adults will be using this information to help us make placement decisions.

Please note that requests for specific teachers will not be honored. As a school, we work hard to create balanced lists for all of our students and classrooms.

All input forms are due by March 21, 2025

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEyrqidF1zsq5W6bermiBI51vkRtAvdi6n-Ogp7treFhXMRw/viewform>



School Climate Survey: Families

We want to hear about your experiences with your child's education. Our School Climate Survey includes questions about your student's learning, school safety, and interpersonal relationships, as well as your attitudes about the institutional environment and your personal involvement in school. Your responses will be very helpful in improving student relationships, learning conditions, and the overall school environment. The survey closes on May 30, 2025.



Thank you for your time and participation!

<https://assessment.pbisapps.org/Anon/vD0204znYG0>

JFK Calendar

March 31, 2025

No School - Eid

March 13, 2025

JFK All School Morning Meeting

March 21, 2025

Family Input Form for 2025-26 Placement due

April 21- 25, 2025

No School - Spring Break

May 7, 2025

K-2 and Ms. Corey's Class Spring Concert

2:00 PM

May 21, 2025

3-5 and Ms. Veronika's Class Spring Concert

2:00 PM

May 26, 2025

No School

May 30, 2025

School Climate Survey Closes

June 10, 2025

End of Year Celebration

June 11, 2025



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