



WINOOSKI SCHOOLS

We are the future.

Welcome to the 2025–26 school year. We are all getting ready and excited to welcome your student(s) to school on August 27, 2025.

We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce our JFK Administrative Team to families:



Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

My name is Sara Raabe, and I'm proud to be starting my 11th year in Winooski and my 27th year in education. I spent 12 years as a classroom teacher and have been an administrator for the past 14 years. I love working in Winooski because of the strong sense of community and the incredible students and families we're lucky to serve.

I believe deeply in the power of public education and in creating school environments and systems that support *all* students in thriving both academically and socially. Outside of school, I'm the proud mom of a 20-year-old daughter who is a junior at the University of Tampa. I also share my home with two quirky cats—Fred and Violet—and the world's most perfect dog, George.

I'm excited for another great year of learning and growing together!



Maybeline Lopez, JFK Co-Principal of Early Learning and Student Supports

My name is Maybeline Lopez, and I'm excited to begin my 13th year in the Winooski School District and 4th year as an administrator. I've worked in education for over 18 years, with a focus on early childhood and special education. I'm passionate about creating inclusive learning environments for all students. Over the past few years, I've worked closely with the district and community to expand access to high-quality preschool here at JFK. Outside of school, I'm a proud mom of three amazing kids. We love to travel and spend as much time outdoors as we can! I'm looking forward to a year

filled with learning, joy, and connections.



Jarod Wunneburger, JFK Assistant Principal

My name is Jarod Wunneburger (pronounced like you "won" a burger in a contest!) and I can't wait to begin my 1st year in the Winooski School District. I previously was

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Director of Programs for Farm and Wilderness in Plymouth, VT and before that I taught math, was an academic dean, and founded an afterschool program all in NYC.

My approach focuses on clear expectations paired with genuine support. I love working directly with students, coaching teachers, and partnering with families to solve problems and celebrate successes.

Outside of school you'll find me working with my therapy dog Atlas (a gentle Samoyed who works with kids), playing saxophone, or baking! I'm looking forward to getting to know the JFK community.

Below you'll find important information and reminders as we prepare for the year ahead:

Cell Phones & Electronics

During the school day, students are expected to be fully engaged in their learning. All personal cell phones and electronic devices must be off and away during school hours.

- 1st Violation: The device will be held by the adult and returned at the end of the day.
- 2nd Violation: The device will go to an administrator and must be picked up by a family member.
- Repeated Violations: May result in further action by the school.

We understand that some families may want their child to have a phone for after-school communication—especially walkers. If you need to contact your student during the day due to a change in plans or an emergency, please call (802) 383-6183 or (802) 383-6025.

Communication: Staying Connected

Two-way communication between school and home is essential. We'll stay in touch through weekly letters, Class Dojo, phone calls, email, the WSD website, mass messaging, and the district newsletter.

Please use the guide below to help ensure your questions and concerns get to the right person:

- **Attendance, tardies, early dismissals:**
Allyssa Ravelin – (802) 383-6183 | aravelin@wsdvt.org
Please call or email—don't message dismissal changes via Class Dojo.
- **Health concerns:**
WSD Health Office – (802) 383-8511 | nurses@wsdvt.org



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- **Contacting your child's teacher during the day:**
Linda Casier – (802) 383-6025 | lcasier@wsdvt.org
Allyssa Ravelin – (802) 383-6183 | aravelin@wsdvt.org
Cathy Bray – (802) 383-6016 | cbray@wsdvt.org
Teachers will not see Class Dojo or email messages during instructional hours.
- **Academic questions or classroom issues:**
Contact your child's classroom teacher first—they know your child best.
- **Social emotional support:**
Grace Holcomb (K–2): (802) 383-6139 | gholcomb@wsdvt.org
Sarah Murphy (3–5): (802) 383-6064 | smurphy@wsdvt.org
- **Behavior concerns (after speaking with the teacher):**
Amanda Babcock – (802) 383-6060 | ababcock@wsdvt.org

Still need help?

Contact Linda Casier – (802) 383-6025 | lcasier@wsdvt.org

or email an administrator directly to schedule a time to talk:

Sara Raabe sraabe@wsdvt.org

Maybeline Lopez mlopez@wsdvt.org

Jarod Wunneburger jwunneburger@wsdvt.org

Please note: We may not be available immediately if you stop by unannounced, and scheduling a meeting helps ensure a productive conversation.

We are looking forward to a year full of learning, growth, and community connection. Thank you for being such important partners in your child's education. Enjoy the rest of your summer—we'll see you soon!

Warmly,

Sara, Maybeline, and Jarod