

JFK Weekly Newsletter

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JFK Schoolwide HEART Agreements

We have now reached the end of our third week of school, and all classrooms have been busy teaching, reviewing, and practicing our schoolwide HEART agreements. These agreements outline how we expect students to act in shared spaces such as the school grounds/playground, cafeteria, hallways, buses, bathrooms, and as an audience. By practicing these expectations early and often, we are setting up a strong foundation for positive behavior throughout the entire school year.

Our HEART agreements are based on the district-wide values of being Honest, Engaged, Appropriate, Responsible, and Timely. These values guide how we work and learn together as a community. When students understand and follow these expectations, they are helping to make JFK a safe, welcoming, and joyful place for everyone.

Each week in this newsletter, we will share one of our HEART agreements so that families can see what we are focusing on at school and reinforce it at home. This week, we are starting with our School Grounds/Playground expectations.

Every Kid Outdoors - Free family fun just for fourth graders!

Did you know that U.S. fourth graders can get free access to hundreds of national parks, forests, and historic sites for an entire year? Here's how it works:

1. Go to Every Kid Outdoors and complete a fun, kid-friendly activity diary.
<https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm>
1. Print your personalized paper pass—valid from September 1 through August 31 of your forth-grade year.
2. Bring it along with up to three adults (or fill up your car) and enjoy FREE entry to federal sites!
3. No screens allowed—this pass must be a printed copy (no digital substitutions).

Whether you're dreaming of waterfalls or dinosaur tracks, this is your chance to explore America's great outdoors—for free. Encourage the fourth grader in your home to grab their pass now and plan an unforgettable family outing!

Dismissal Plans

This year, we are documenting dismissal in a new way to streamline the process and ensure clarity for everyone. We need your participation and support in communicating your child's dismissal plan. If you have not yet filled out and returned the *Family Information Sheet* provided by your child's teacher, please contact the teacher directly to share your child's dismissal plan.

For safety, we cannot take a student's word for a change in plans. If your child's dismissal plan changes on a given day, please contact Allyssa or your family liaison directly. If we do not hear from you, we will follow the dismissal plan we have on file.

PowerSchool

Each fall, we ask families to log in to PowerSchool to update contact information and complete bus and permission forms. This helps us start the year smoothly and ensures that you receive important information in a timely way. We rely on the details in PowerSchool for many things, so having the most up-to-date information is very important.

If you haven't had a chance to update your account yet, please take a few minutes to do so. If you need any help, please contact Catherine Holly (cholly@wsdvt.org) or your liaison.

JFK Calendar

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:30 am JFK All School Morning Meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Picture Day

Thursday, October 2, 2025

No School

Thursday, October 16, 2025

8:30 am JFK All School Morning Meeting

11 AM Early Release for all students

Friday, October 17, 2025

11 AM Early Release for all students

Thursday, October 23, 2025

No School



JFK Elementary

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