

# ***JFK Weekly Newsletter***

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## **Dental Hygiene Services Available at School**

We are excited to share an opportunity to support students' dental health here at Winooski School District. Beginning this winter, students in the final year of the Vermont State University (VTSU) Dental Hygiene program will be providing preventative dental services at school on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Services will take place in the school's Health Suite and may include:

- Dental cleanings
- Fluoride varnish application
- Dental X-rays (if needed)
- Dental sealants

All services will be provided under the direct supervision of Tracy Towers, RDH, Winooski School District's dental hygienist and Clinical Faculty at VTSU. Dental hygiene students will never be alone with children, and all care will follow appropriate health and safety protocols.

### **Opt-Out Information**

If you do not wish for your child to participate, please let us know by contacting one of the following:

- Tracy Towers, RDH – Dental Hygienist: [ttowers@wsdvt.org](mailto:ttowers@wsdvt.org)
- Shannon Fountain – School Health Office Administrative Assistant: [sfountain@wsdvt.org](mailto:sfountain@wsdvt.org)

As always, we are here to support your child's health and well-being and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

## **Special Olympics Young Athletes Program – Coming This Winter/Spring!**

We're excited to share that Special Olympics Vermont will once again offer the Young Athletes Program at Winooski School District this winter and spring!

Young Athletes is a FREE sport and play program for children ages 2–7, with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. The program focuses on fun, movement, and learning foundational sports skills while supporting physical, cognitive, and social development.

### **Program Details:**

- Dates: Saturdays, February 14–February 28 and March 21–April 25

- Time: 10:00–11:00 AM
- Location: Winooski School District Gym (60 Normand Street)
- Who: Children ages 2–7
- Cost: Free!

Registration information is available via the attached flyers (QR code and clickable link).

For questions, please contact Alex Gilman, Senior Health Programs Manager, at [agilman@vtso.org](mailto:agilman@vtso.org). We appreciate your help spreading the word to families who may be interested!

## Cell Phones, Smart Devices & Toys at School

This is a reminder that, in accordance with Winooski School District (WSD) policy and Vermont state law, students are not permitted to use or carry cell phones during the school day. All cell phones must be turned off and kept away from arrival through dismissal.

This expectation also applies to all smart devices, including smart watches, smart glasses, and any device capable of calling, texting, recording, or accessing the internet.

If a student needs to contact their family during the school day, school staff will support them in doing so using a school phone or through an adult emailing on their behalf.

In addition, toys, dolls, and personal play items should not be brought to school at any time. These items often cause distractions, can be lost or damaged, and take attention away from learning.

We appreciate families' support in helping students arrive at school ready to learn, focused, and present. Thank you for partnering with us to maintain a safe and productive school environment for all students.

## JFK Calendar

February 12, 2026

8:30 am All School Morning Meeting

February 23 - March 2, 2026

No School Prek-12, Late Winter Break

March 12, 2026

8:30 am All School Morning Meeting

March 20, 2026

No School PK-23

March 26, 2026

11am Early Release PK-12

March 27, 2026

11am Early Release PK-12



## JFK Elementary

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