

# JFK Weekly Newsletter

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## **Spring State Assessments (VTCAP)**

This March and April, students in grades 3–9 will participate in the Vermont Comprehensive Assessment Program (VTCAP) for English Language Arts and math, with science assessments for students in grades 5, 8, and 11. Testing will take place during the regular school day between March 23 and April 17, 2026, and sessions will be spread out to support student comfort and focus.

VTCAP is one of many tools used to understand student learning in relation to Vermont's state standards. Families will receive individual student reports once results become available. As always, these assessments are just one snapshot of your child's growth and learning.

Thank you for your continued support and ensuring students are well-rested and encouraged during the testing window makes a big difference!

## **Next Year's Class Placement – We Want Your Input!**

It's time to start thinking about next school year! Families are invited to share helpful information about their JFK students to guide placement decisions. While specific teacher requests cannot be accommodated, your insights about your child's learning style, strengths, and needs are invaluable.

**Forms are due by February 20th.** Click on the link below, scan the QR code, or complete the attached paper form and return it to the JFK office. T



Thank you for helping us create the best possible classroom environment for every student!

<https://forms.gle/vDy4FAhkqbEcgpFa8>

## Winter Weather, Wellness, and Why Coming to School Matters

Winter is here. Mornings are colder, and many kids get sick more often. Some mornings it can be hard to get out the door. This is a good time to remind ourselves why coming to school every day is important, and what counts as an excused absence.

### Why Being at School Every Day Helps

Even in winter, learning happens every day. When students come to school, they can:

- Follow classroom routines,
- Learn new skills in reading and math,
- Spend time with friends and teachers,
- Feel confident and part of the class.

Missing school, even for just one or two days a month, can make it harder to keep up with learning. Every day counts.

### When to Stay Home

We know kids get sick in winter, and it is important to stay home when they are too sick to learn safely.

Sometimes, kids with mild symptoms can still come to school and take part in class. Being at school helps them keep routines and stay connected.

If you are not sure, please call or email us. We can help decide what is best for your child.

### Excused Absences

An absence is excused for:

- Being sick,
- Doctor or dentist visits,
- Religious holidays,
- Family emergencies, or
- School activities approved by the school.

Families can excuse a child for up to **three days per year** without a doctor's note. After that, a note is needed for the absence to be excused. If a child is out for more than three days in a row, a doctor's note is required.

Please let the school know when your child will be absent. This helps us keep track and support your child.

### How Families Can Help

You can help your child come to school every day by:

- Getting up at the same time each morning,
- Eating breakfast,
- Getting backpacks and supplies ready,
- Talking with your child about school,
- Scheduling trips or appointments outside of school when possible.

If it is hard to get your child to school, please talk to us early. We want to help.

### Moving Through Winter Together

Winter is long, but going to school every day matters. Each day your child is at school helps them learn, build routines, and feel part of the class.

Thank you for helping your child come to school, even on cold mornings and when they have sniffles. Together, we can make sure all our students stay connected, supported, and learning all winter long

### JFK Calendar

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



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