

JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday December 3, 2021 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

Picture Retake - Again!

Lifetouch has informed us that there were technical issues that affected the photos taken on picture retake day. Lifetouch will be back at JFK on December 9th to redo picture retake day.

Test To Stay

We are planning to begin Test to Stay in the coming weeks. This means asymptomatic, unvaccinated students who have been exposed to a COVID-positive person while at school may be tested via a rapid antigen test in the morning at school. If the result is negative, the student may attend school in-person. This is great news because it will reduce the number of students who miss school due to quarantine requirements!

A detailed description of this program can be found on the Agency of Education [Test to Stay website](#). Parents/Guardians **must complete both parts** below if you want your child to be part of our district's Test to Stay program. We request that you sign your child up by December 15 to make sure they can participate.

1. A student can only participate in Test to Stay if their parent/guardian has given consent. If you would like your child to participate in the response testing, including the antigen Test to Stay program, please complete the [Consent webform](#) as soon as possible.
2. Vermont will be using SimpleReport to report the results of antigen tests. This reporting system allows for parents/guardians to receive their student's results instantly. [Sign up for SimpleReport here](#).

Students will only participate in our TTS program IF they were exposed to a COVID+ person while at school. You will be notified if your child is considered a close contact and will be informed about the timeline for conducting Test to Stay if you would like them to continue coming to school in person. If the rapid antigen test result is positive, your child must be picked up from school right away.

Surveillance Testing

We will continue with weekly surveillance testing as well. This is for all students and staff regardless of vaccination status. [You can sign up your student for surveillance testing here](#).

Lunch in the cafeteria!

It's happening! Next week, we will begin our transition into the cafeteria. This will be a gradual plan, with 2 grade levels joining each week. Our Kindergarten and 1st grade students haven't ever eaten in the cafeteria, so the gradual plan was built around allowing extra time for those grade levels.

Starting December 6th, Kindergarten and 3rd will eat lunch in the cafeteria.

Starting December 13th, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades will eat lunch in the cafeteria

Starting the week of December 20th, ALL JFK students will eat lunch in the cafeteria.

I am sure that we will need to adapt things as we figure out the new space together!

Vaccination Clinic

The Winooski School District COVID-19 2nd dose clinic will take place at school on December 7th from 9am to 3pm. Your child has been automatically enrolled if they attended the first clinic at our school. Please remember to send the COVID vaccine card your student received after getting their first dose in with them to the 2nd clinic so VDH can complete their cards.

Do you still have questions about the vaccine for this age group?

[Read more about the COVID-19 vaccine for kids and find out where to make an appointment.](#)

Important Dates

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Picture Retakes

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

12:15 Early Dismissal

December 23rd - 31st

No School

Monday, January 3, 2022

Students return from December Vacation

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

12:15 Early Dismissal

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

12:15 Early Dismissal

Monday, February 21, 2022- Friday, February 25, 2022


No School





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