

JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, June 17, 2022 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

All School Celebration

First, a HUGE thank you to all the families that helped make the All School Celebration such a success. Students came to school with everything that they needed, ready to have a fantastic day. We had adults from home volunteer for part or all of the day, and their help was invaluable. It was our first time going off campus for part of our annual end of the year All School Celebration, and it was a great day. The students and staff were definitely tired by the end of the day - a full day of fun can be exhausting!

JFK Welcomes Jessica Smith

Jessica Smith will be joining JFK as the 2nd grade special educator in the fall of 2022. Jessica earned her Bachelor of Science with a major in Therapeutic Recreation from Temple University in 1998. She then went to Chestnut Hill College and earned her Masters of Education with a major in Special Education in 2006.

Jessica was a Recreational Therapist at Bradford Woods in Martinsville, Indiana and at Montgomery County Emergency Service in Norristown, PA. She moved to Florida in 2001 and was an Outpatient Case Manager at Baycare Centers for Behavioral Health. Jessica returned to Pennsylvania and worked as a special educator in the Philadelphia public schools. She relocated to Vermont in 2007 and has worked as a special educator in Northfield and South Burlington.



Jessica Smith



Tiffany Rossi

JFK Welcomes Tiffany Rossi

JFK is excited to welcome Tiffany Rossi as the 4th grade special educator starting in the fall of 2022. Tiffany earned her Associates of Arts from Community College of VT in 2000, her Bachelor of Science from Southern Vermont College in 2002, and her Masters of Education from the College of Saint Joseph in 2004. Tiffany considers herself a lifelong learner and continued her education with postgraduate coursework in design-work for school transformation, School Leadership (obtaining a Director of Special Education endorsement), and Trauma in Education. Tiffany has earned two post-graduate certificates, one for Applied Behavior Analysis, and another for Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Tiffany has worked as a special educator in Duxbury, Burlington, and Manchester, VT. She has also worked as a 504 case manager, Behavior Consultant, and Student Support Center Coordinator. In addition to working in education, Tiffany is a Reiki Master and a Mindfulness Coach.

End of The Year Reflection

The exhaustion of the students and staff was easy to spot this week as we wrap up the 2012-22 school year. We have had two years of a world wide pandemic, something none of us have ever experienced before, and we are at the tail end of a major construction project. Classrooms have had to move mid year, we have dealt with masks on, masks off, school shutting down due to COVID, and construction noise just to name a few. We have had to pivot and change plans on short notice, all while keeping students safe and learning each day.

Throughout all of this, I know that the JFK staff has kept the well being of all our students at the center of what they do each day. I often say the JFK staff is the most dedicated and thoughtful staff I have ever worked with in my 23+ years in the education field.

As always, I find inspiration and support in our JFK families. Your communication with and support of the school is what makes our learning partnership work for our students. You are an invaluable piece of what makes JFK and WSD a wonderful learning community.

There have been days this year where coming to school was hard - I was tired, stressed, or just worn out. Once I got into the building and the students came through the door, I found myself ready to tackle the day with a smile each and every time. Our students are amazing humans, who make

everything we do well worth the effort. The best parts of my day are when a student tells me a story, shows me an academic achievement, or proudly shows me a picture of their new sibling or pet.

As we end the school year, I want to shout my appreciation of our staff, students, and families from the rooftops. Even in the hardest of years, JFK is an amazing place to choose to work.

Important Dates

July 5, 2022

First day of Summer School

September 6, 2022

First day of the 2022-23 school year for students



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