

# JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, September 23, 2022 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

## JFK Has HEART!

JFK School uses PBIS and Responsive Classroom as our models for incorporating social learning into the life of our school.

JFK is a PBIS school. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports is a school-wide system that recognizes the positive contributions of students. The main goal of PBIS is to help every student at JFK make positive choices. The PBIS process focuses on our school's ability to support positive expectations for all students. As a result, instructional time is more effectively used for teaching and the overall school environment is calm and engaging, and is focused on learning.

The WSD has common expectations for students PK-12:

Winooski has HEART

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**E**ngaged

**A**ppropriate

**R**esponsible

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The staff at JFK has been trained in Responsive Classroom. This is a way of teaching that creates a safe, challenging, and joyful classroom and school-wide climate for all students. Schools that use the Responsive Classroom approach understand that all students' needs—academic, social, emotional, and physical—are important. The school strives to create an environment that responds to all of those needs so that all students can do their best learning by focusing on teaching all the skills needed for academic excellence. We teach students reading, writing, and math skills and also teach them how to take turns, listen respectfully, and work effectively with a partner or group

## Cold and Flu Season

With the changing fall weather, students are beginning to experience fall colds. Students that have fevers of 100.4 degrees or higher and/or actively vomiting will be sent home. We ask families to keep students home if they are sick using the same guidelines - fevers of 100.4 degrees or higher and/or

actively vomiting . Students need to be symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of any over-the-counter medications before they can come back to school.

## Drop Off/Pick Up

As you have experienced, our drop-off and pick-up procedures get a little smoother each day. A few things you can do to help things go well:

1. Walk/bike to school if possible. We have very limited parking
2. If you are driving your students to school, drive all the way to the end of the drop-off loop before letting your student(s) out. Staff members will wave you through.
3. Do not get out of your car. If your student needs help in the morning, please park and help them get ready there.
4. Do not drop/pick up students off in the George Street parking lot.
5. Doors open at 7:55
6. If you are driving to pick up your student, please stay in your car, pull as far forward as possible, tell the staff member your student(s) names and grade levels, and wait for your student(s) to come to the car.
7. Do not get out of your car at pick up. If your student needs help buckling, etc, please park and pick them up with the walkers.
8. If you are walking for pick up, please wait by the fence. Do not wait by the JFK entrance.
9. Walking and driving students will be in groups by grade level. Please do not pluck your student from the group without letting the adult with the group know you are taking your student(s).

It takes practice for things to become habits, and every day we become more efficient. Thank you for all your help and support!

## Calendar

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

No School

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Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Walk to School Day

Meet at Walgreen (321 Main Street) at 7:40 am

Thursday, October 20, 2022

11:00 Early Release for all students

MHS Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 21, 2022

11:00 Early Release for all students

MHS Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 17, 2022

11:00 Early Release for all students

JFK Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 18, 2022

11:00 Early Release for all students

JFK Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 21 - Friday, November 25

No School


Thanksgiving




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