

# JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, October 20, 2023. Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

## Dussehra

On Tuesday, October 24th, there will be no school for all Winooski school students in recognition of Dussehra. Dussehra, also known as Dashain, is a Hindu festival that many of our students celebrate with their families. This festival, which begins on October 23rd and runs through October 27th, is a time for family members to gather, feast, and celebrate.

Check out the resources linked below for more information about this festival. .

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dashain>

[http://www.visitnepal.com/nepal\\_information/dashain.php](http://www.visitnepal.com/nepal_information/dashain.php)

## Community Resources

As a school, we partner with local agencies to support our families and students. We often share resources with families when they ask for them, or in a time of need. I wanted to share our list of resources with all our families so you have the information should your family or someone you know ever need it.

### Crisis and Mental Health Resources

**Vermont 2-1-1 (free, confidential, 24 hours a day): 211**, a resource to find out about hundreds of important community resources like emergency food and shelter, disability services, counseling, senior services, healthcare, drug and alcohol programs, legal assistance, transportation needs, education and volunteer opportunities and much more.

**Howard Center Access and Intake: 802-488-6000** 1138 Pine Street, Burlington, VT, for information about individual, group, and family therapy or other HC programs including psychiatry services or home-based programs. This is for all ages: youth through adult services.

**First Call for Chittenden County:** 24-hour hotline: **802-488-7777** for children, adults, and families experiencing a mental health crisis. First Call also provides requests for mental health representatives at ACT 264 meetings.

**Community Outreach:** Mon-Friday 8:00 am-8:00 pm: **802-488-7778** provides a range of services for adults, young adults, and families in Colchester, Essex, Hinesburg, Milton, Richmond, Shelburne, South

Burlington, Williston, and Winooski. Outreach specialists work with police and service providers to coordinate support for individuals who have mental health, substance use, housing, or other social service needs

### **Family Support Resources:**

**Vermont Family Network: 1-800-800-4005 or (802) 876-5315**

600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240, Williston, VT, [www.vermontfamilynetwork.org](http://www.vermontfamilynetwork.org) provides information, resources, referrals, family peer support, education, advocacy, and early childhood support, with a focus on disability.

### **Adult Services**

**Steps to End Domestic Violence: 802-658-1996** hotline for support, safety planning and crisis, shelter, support group, resource information and legal advocacy

**Vocational Rehabilitation: 802- 863-7500**, 110 Cherry St., Burlington, VT. Helps people with disabilities prepare for work and find a job. <http://vocrehab.vermont.gov/programs>.

**Vermont Adult Learning: 802- 846-7245**, Fort Ethan Allen, 462 Hegeman Ave, Colchester, VT. Offers GED preparation and Making it Work Programs.

<http://www.vtadultlearning.org/html/chittenden.shtml>

**Vermont Legal Aid: 800-889-2047** Provides information, legal advice, and some representation on various areas of need e.g. - housing, disability, health care, and mental health

<http://www.vtlawhelp.org>.

### **Housing**

**Burlington Housing Authority 802-864-0538** <https://www.burlingtonhousing.org> Application for rental assistance through Section 8 vouchers and other housing support

**Vermont State Housing Authority 802-828-3295** [www.vsha.org](http://www.vsha.org) Application for rental assistance through Section 8 vouchers and other housing support

**Winooski Housing Authority 802-655-2360** [www.winooskihousing.org](http://www.winooskihousing.org) Application for rental assistance through Section 8 vouchers and other housing support

**Champlain Housing Trust 802-862-6244/802-527-2361** [getahome.org](http://getahome.org) Offers rental apartments at affordable rates dependent on household income

### **Homelessness Resources**

**COTS 802-864-7402** [cotsonline.org](http://cotsonline.org) Day and emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness

**COTS Housing Resource Center 802-861-0110** Financial assistance for individuals at risk of eviction

**VT Landlord Association 802-985-2764** [www.vtlandlord.com](http://www.vtlandlord.com) Mediation and resources to prevent eviction

**Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO): 802- 862-2771**

Po Box 1603, Burlington, VT, <http://www.cvoeo.org/index.html>

Support with housing, utility assistance, emergency assistance, weatherization, food.

### **Food Resources:**

**Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf: 802- 658-7939** 228 North Winooski Ave Burlington, VT, <http://www.feedingchittenden.org/>

Food Shelf, Soup Kitchen, Community Kitchen – culinary job training program

Homebound Grocery Delivery, Brown Bag Lunch Program – provides lunches for low-income children when school is not in session, Clothing Corner

**Winooski Food Shelf: 802.655.7371** 24 West Allen Street Winooski, Vermont

<http://www.winooskifoodshelf.org/>

Food Shelf: Need to provide proof of residency. Can receive food one Wednesday per month and both Saturdays each month.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays (1X/month only) 2 to 4 PM

2nd & 4th Saturdays (2X/month) 9:30 to 11 AM

### **Resources for other needs:**

**Department of Children and Families – Economic Services Division: 1-800-479-6151** provides telephone assistance and application information for programs to help income-eligible families with cash assistance, food, and Medicaid (Reach-Up, 3 Squares, etc.)

[http://dcf.vermont.gov/mybenefits/apply\\_for\\_benefits](http://dcf.vermont.gov/mybenefits/apply_for_benefits)

### **List of Chittenden County Assistance Programs**

[https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/chittenden\\_county\\_assistance\\_p.html](https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/chittenden_county_assistance_p.html)

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## **Calendar**

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

No School (Dussehra)

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Picture Make Up Day

Friday, November 3, 2023

Veggie Van Go

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

All School Morning Meeting

Thursday, November 16 & Friday, November 17, 2023

11:00 am Early Release for all students

No PK

JFK Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 17, 2023

Veggie Van Go

Monday, November 20 - Friday, November 24, 2023

No School


Thanksgiving Break




## JFK Elementary


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