

JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, September 6, 2024 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

Picture Day is September 25, 2024

Attendance Matters

Starting as early as preschool and kindergarten, regular attendance is essential for students to obtain the academic and social skills they need to thrive. Research shows that when students miss 10% or more of the school year, or 18 days over an entire school year, they are less likely to read by third grade, less likely to do well in middle school, and less likely to graduate from high school. Students also lose opportunities to develop social skills and gain skills in problem-solving and self-regulation, all of which are needed to grow and learn.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually, good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT FAMILIES CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Creating predictable routines helps children feel safe and can reduce anxiety.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.

- Try to schedule medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
 - If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
 - If you are concerned that your child may be sick, call your healthcare provider for advice.
- Students who are signed up can also access our School-Based Health Center.

We want to partner with you! If you are having trouble getting your student to school, please reach out to the classroom teacher or school counselor. We can help create a plan together that ensures your student comes to school every day.

PowerSchool

Every year, families need to log into their PowerSchool account and update their forms and information. If you have not done this yet, please do it as soon as possible. It is important that we have updated contact information for families, and that all the needed forms are completed.

If you are having trouble logging into PowerSchool, please call or email Sean Pagal, our District Registrar

(802) - 383 - 6106

spagal@wsdvt.org

Buses

WSD has morning and afternoon buses that run specific routes. If you want your K-12 student to ride the school bus, you must update the transportation form in PowerSchool for each of your students.

Our bus routes and times can be found on the WSD website:

<https://www.wsdvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Bus-Maps.pdf>

Remember, the bus times are an approximate time and buses have a 10 minute window on each side of the published time. The bus may be there up to 10 minutes before or after the published time. The traffic varies, especially with the Main Street construction, and as we get into the colder months weather may have an impact on the timing of the buses.

JFK Calendar

Thursday, September 12, 2024

All School Morning Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Picture Day

Friday, October 4, 2024

WMS Circus Performances

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

11:00 AM Early Dismissal

Thursday October 10, 2024

No School

Friday October 11, 2024

No School



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