

# JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, October 18, 2024 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

## "Sherry Schoenberg PBIS Champion of the Year" Award

We are thrilled to share that Amanda Babcock, our incredible Behavior Coach at JFK Elementary, was honored with the prestigious *Sherry Schoenberg PBIS Champion of the Year Award* on Wednesday at the Vermont PBIS Conference. Amanda has been dedicated to education since 2005 and has served as JFK's Behavior Coach since 2016.

Amanda is a true leader in our school community. She is our PBIS Coordinator, a member of the JFK Leadership Team, attends PBIS Coordinator meetings, works with Vermont PBIS, and has been instrumental in developing and implementing our PBIS and MTSS systems at JFK.

She leads by example, performing her role with integrity and unwavering commitment. Amanda goes above and beyond, choosing to support students and families during summer school and showing up every day with a smile and a "go-getter" attitude. In addition to working directly with students, she develops behavior plans, consults with community partners, coaches teachers and families, leads our state-recognized PBIS program, and manages her team with excellence.

Our school and community are truly better because of Amanda's dedication and hard work. Congratulations, Amanda! We are so proud of you!



## **Socktober**

For the month of October, JFK's Ethnic Studies Justice and Belonging classes are doing a Socktober Drive. Socktober is a month-long event where we collect new socks to help people in need.

How can you help?

Bring in new socks – all sizes and styles are welcome. It is okay if your family cannot donate. If you can't bring in socks, tell your family and friends about Socktober in case they want to donate. Students have been reminded that they have to talk to their adults at home before they bring any sock donations in.



# JFK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOCKTOBER DRIVE

On now until OCTOBER 31, 2024  
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## What is Socktober?

Socktober is a month-long event where we collect new socks to help people in need.

## How to Help

1. Bring in new socks – all sizes and styles are welcome!
2. Encourage your family and friends to contribute.



Donation Box: D161 Miss Dee's Room

## Medical Emergency

On Thursday one of our students experienced a medical emergency during lunch in the cafeteria. Our dedicated staff, nurses, and the WSD Medical Response Team acted swiftly to provide the necessary care. While we ensured the student's privacy and limited other students' exposure to the situation, some students in close proximity may have witnessed the response.

If your student saw or heard about the emergency and has concerns or questions, here are some tips to help guide your conversations:

- Keep explanations simple and age-appropriate. Provide just enough detail to help them understand, without overwhelming them.
- Encourage them to ask for help if needed. Let them know it's okay to express their feelings and seek guidance from trusted adults.
- Discuss the importance of calling 911 in an emergency. Explain that emergencies require quick action, and calling for help is a key step.
- Reassure them that most medical emergencies can be managed by adults. Remind them that our school staff are well-trained and prepared for such events.
- Highlight our emergency response plan. Let them know that the school has a clear plan in place to handle emergencies and keep everyone safe.

We are proud of how well the students listened to adults and followed directions during this incident. If your child has any lingering concerns, please feel free to reach out to us for further support.

Thank you for your continued trust in our school community.

## JFK Calendar

### **Friday, November 1, 2024**

No School

Tihar and Diwali

### **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

Picture Retake Day

### **November 21, 2024**

11:00 AM Early Dismissal

JFK Parent Teacher Conferences 11:30 am - 8:00 PM

### **November 22, 2024**

11:00 AM Early Dismissal

JFK Parent Teacher Conferences 11:30 am - 3:00 PM

### **November 25 - 29, 2024**

No School

Fall Break



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