

JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, November 15, 2024 Sara Raabe, JFK
Principal

Scholastic Book Fair

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to connect with your student over the thrill of bringing home new books to dive into again and again. Studies show that students read more when they choose books for themselves. And fostering a love of independent reading leads to a wide variety of benefits—including academic success and improved mental health.

Here's everything you need to know about the Book Fair:

Dates: November 18 - 22, 2024. The Book Fair will be open during conferences so you can stop by then. In addition, classrooms will sign up for a specific time during the week to bring the class to the Book Fair.

Location: 3/4/5 Shared Gathering Space

There's even more info on our school's Book Fair homepage:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/kennedyelementaryschool10>

While you're there, set up a Book Fair eWallet, the digital payment account that allows your student to shop for books at the Fair without cash. Then share your eWallet link so friends and extended family can add funds.

When you fund an eWallet, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to a giving initiative called Share the Fair™. Your contributions directly support our students who need help buying books from the Fair.

Many of us still remember the rush of finding the perfect book at a Scholastic Book Fair. I hope you'll join your child at our school's Fair and share a reading experience they'll remember forever.

Need one more reason to visit the Book Fair? Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school. Happy reading!

Bus Schedule

The busses run on a schedule each day, with the understanding that the bus has a 10 minute window on either side of the published time. It is important that the students are at the bus stop 10 minutes before the published time.

Annual Fall Parent Conferences – November 21 & 22, 2024

Our annual fall parent conferences will be held in person on the following dates:

- **November 21:** 11:15 a.m. - 7:15 p.m.
- **November 22:** 11:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Families should have received a text and/or email in your preferred language to sign up for conferences via ReachMyTeach. If you did not receive this message, have questions, or need assistance with scheduling, please contact your student's teacher directly.

If you would like any additional staff members to attend your Parent-Teacher Conference, please inform your child's classroom teacher. Available staff includes:

- **Grace Holcomb** – K-2 School Counselor
- **Sarah Murphy** – 3-5 School Counselor
- **Sara Poland** – Music Teacher
- **Kyle Blindow** – PE Teacher
- **Dennis Barcomb** – PE Teacher
- **Renee Weertman** – Art Teacher
- **Karen O'Brien** – Literacy Labs K-2
- **Drew Blanchard** – Media Literacy Grades 3-5
- **Matt Gile** – Librarian
- **Daviah Lawrence** – Ethnic Studies Justice and Belonging Teacher
- **Amanda Babcock** – Behavior Coach
- **Jacie Barber** – Literacy Coach
- **Stefanie Hamble** – Math Coach
- **Jody Weimer** – K-2 Literacy Interventionist
- **Jen Lapointe** – 3-5 Literacy Interventionist
- **Mag Thomas** – K-2 Math Interventionist
- **Lindsay Day** – 3-5 Math Interventionist

We look forward to meeting with you!

JFK Calendar

November 14, 2024

8:30 AM All School Morning Meeting

November 18 - 22, 2024

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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

December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025

No School
Winter Break



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