

JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, December 13, 2024 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

Family School Partnerships

In Winooski, we feel strongly that creating strong partnerships with our families is one key factor to ensuring our students success. The school and families having a positive, two way partnership has been well researched and has shown that this is vital for our students.

When our families need to communicate with the school, it is important that you know who to communicate with:

1. For all attendance, tardies, and/or early dismissals call or email Allyssa Ravelin

(802) - 383 - 6183

aravelin@wsdvt.org

2. For everything health related call or email the WSD Health Office

(802) - 383 - 6094

nurses@wsdvt.org

3. If you need to get information to the classroom teacher during the school day, call or email

Linda Casier

(802) - 383 - 6025

lcasier@wsdvt.org

Emailing or sending a message via Class Dojo to a classroom teacher during the day does not mean they will see it before 3:05 as they are teaching.

4. For any questions about your student's academic progress, issues with classmates, questions or concerns about something happening at school you must contact your student's teacher first. They will have the best information about what is going on with your student.

5. For questions about your students social emotional learning/needs contact your student's school counselor if you need more information after contacting the classroom teacher

Grace Holcomb for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades

(802) - 383 - 6139

gholcomb@wsdvt.org

Sarah Murphy for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

(802) - 383 - 6064

smurphy@wsdvt.org

6. If, after talking to the classroom teacher, you have questions about your student's behavior call or email Amanda Babcock, our behavior coach

(802) - 383 - 6060

ababcock@wsdvt.org

7. If, after talking to the classroom teacher and any other appropriate adults you still have questions and/or concerns call Linda Casier or email me to set up a time to meet with me.

(802) - 383 - 6025

sraabe@wsdvt.org

When adults stop into my office to talk about something, I may be able to meet with you right away. There are times when I am busy and cannot meet with you in the moment and that may be frustrating for some adults. I also may not have all the information I need to have a productive conversation with you if you just stop by.

We want to have 2-way communication with all our families. Please reach out to the appropriate person/people whenever you have a question!

Winter Clothing

As the temperatures outside drop, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind our families of a few things.

At JFK, we believe that our students need time to play at recess, preferably outside. The opportunity for physical activity can improve student's focus, social skills, and overall well being. The opportunity to play helps students burn energy, develop social skills, experience fresh air and sunlight. Our students go outside for recess unless it is 10 degrees or below with the wind chill, or it is raining. It is important that students come to school with all the gear they need to play outside. Students should come to school with a winter coat, snow pants when it is cold and/or snowy, winter boots, a hat, and mittens. While we cannot force students to put their winter gear on, we can highly encourage them and remind them that they will be very cold without it. Please have conversations with your student about wearing their winter clothing at recess. If your family needs help obtaining winter clothing for your student, please visit our school necessity store in the main lobby or contact your student's school counselor: Grace Holcomb for grades K-2 (gholcomb@wsdvt.org) or Sarah Murphy for grades 3-5 (smurphy@wsdvt.org).

Family Contact Information

As a school district, we use the contact information families put in PowerSchool for our mass messaging. Our mass messaging system sends out important messages to our families, such as when we are closed for snow or other weather related reasons. If you have not gone into PowerSchool to update your forms and contact information for this school year, please do so ASAP. If your information is not updated, there is the possibility that you will not receive important messages from the school district. If you need help getting into your PowerSchool account, please contact our district registrar Catherine Holly (cholly@wsdvt.org).

JFK Calendar

December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025

No School

Winter Break

JFK Elementary

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