

JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, December 20, 2024 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

Ice Cream

I want to inform you of an important change regarding cafeteria offerings that will take effect when students return to school on January 2, 2025. After careful consideration, we have made the decision to discontinue the sale of ice cream in the cafeteria for JFK students.

We understand that this may come as a disappointment to some, and we want to share the reasoning behind this decision. Our primary goal is to ensure that every student has a positive and inclusive experience at school. Over time, we have observed that some students are choosing not to eat their lunches in order to purchase ice cream, which can negatively impact their overall nutrition and social well-being. Additionally, there have been concerns about inequities that arise when ice cream is available only to those who can bring in extra money, leading to exclusion and negative social interactions among students.

As a school that values equity, we believe it's essential to create an environment where every student feels included, regardless of their financial situation. Our commitment to fostering a sense of belonging for all students is a guiding principle in every decision we make. While we understand that some students may miss this treat, we are confident that this change will help to better support the well-being of all our students.

I appreciate your understanding and support as we continue working to ensure that JFK School remains a place where every student can thrive, feel valued, and be included. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in making our school a place of growth, community, and inclusion.

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!

JFK Calendar

December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025

No School

Winter Break

January 20, 2025

No School

Martin Luther King Day

January 23, 2025

All School Morning Meeting

January 21 - 31, 2025

Local Assessment Window

February 20, 2025

11am Early Release

February 21, 2025

11am Early Release

February 24-28, 2025

No School - Winter Break



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