

# JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, January 3, 2025 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

## **Welcome Back!**

It was wonderful to have everyone back in the building this week! The excitement from both students and staff was palpable as they reconnected and dove back into learning.

On Thursday morning, I had the privilege of walking through classrooms and was so impressed by the incredible learning taking place. Students were deeply engaged in addition and subtraction activities, and it was inspiring to see the clear progression of concepts across grade levels. In other classrooms, students collaborated in groups to explore key reading skills essential for understanding nonfiction texts.

Overall, it was evident that students are actively building on their skills and strategies, making meaningful progress in their learning. It was truly impressive to witness!

## **Ice Cream**

I want to inform you of an important change regarding cafeteria offerings that will take effect this week. 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.

## **JFK Calendar**

### **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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