



JFK Middle School | Principal's Newsletter – Summer 2019

Greetings!

We hope our summer newsletter finds you and your family doing well! As our first day of school approaches, we wanted to touch base with important dates and information pertaining to the 2019-20 school year. Our JFK custodians have been busy preparing the building to receive students on Wednesday, August 28.

We have attempted to improve communication between home and school with the addition of an updated/active webpage and our twitter page ([@JFK_MS](#)). Our school calendar can be found there as well as our newsletters ([JFK Homepage](#)). If you would like to remain informed of school business, it is imperative that you take some time to familiarize yourself with these resources. In addition, we ask that your email address is up-to-date and current with your child's house office. The student information sheet provides an area for you to list your email address. We will shift to electronic communication for most all school business this year.

In our June newsletter, we mentioned organizing a Parent/Guardian Advisory Council (PAC). The purpose of this group is to engage parents/guardians in discussions pertaining to JFK. Our hope is to elicit input which will help to make decisions that impact our school community. This committee is not intended to serve individual needs nor create district policy. The group will meet once a month (the first Tuesday of the month) from 5-6 pm at JFK. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the following form: [PAC Survey](#).

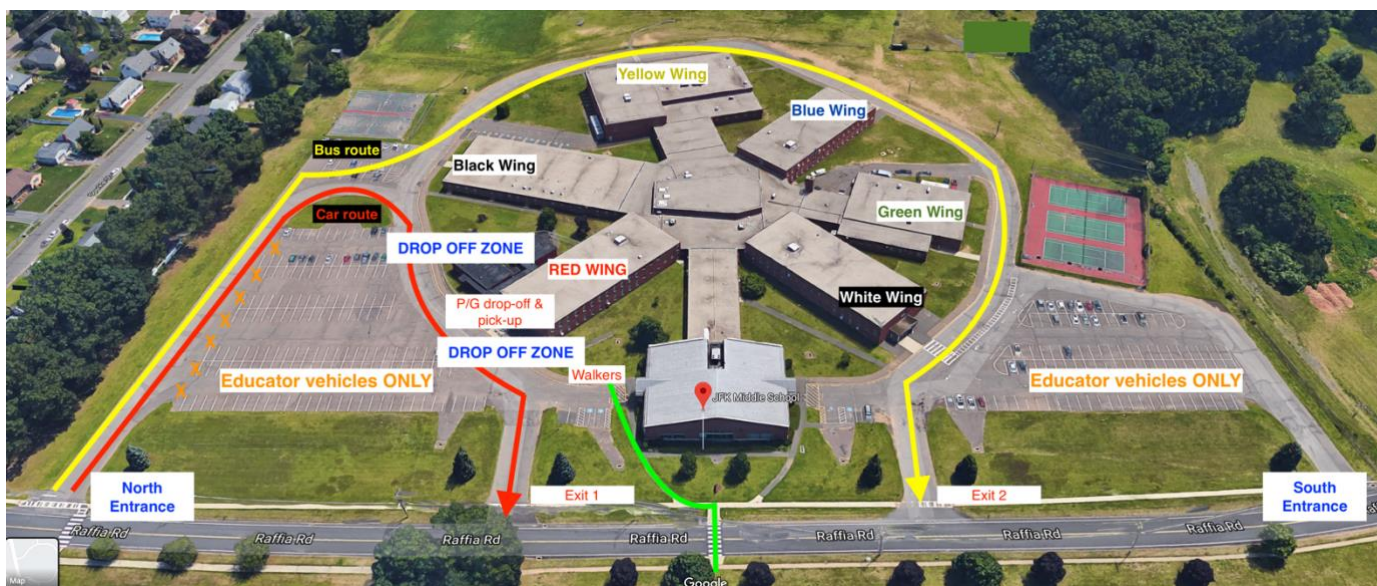
Please join us in welcoming new educators to the JFK team. We are excited about the impact these professionals will have on our students and larger school community. Please welcome them aboard!

<u>Art</u> Chelsea Pafumi	<u>PE/Health</u> Maggie Sayers	<u>SPED</u> Ashleigh Eaton Rachel Teti	<u>Math</u> Kayla Furst
<u>Social Studies</u> Joseph Leslie Ben Sulewski	<u>Science</u> Rachel Trotman Kirsten Warner	<u>Music</u> Katherine Powers	<u>World Language</u> Samia Issadi Luis Miguel-Romero Caitlin Swan
<u>English</u> Abby Benner	<u>TESOL</u> Meaghan Kasprzycki	<u>Administration</u> Andrew Balog	<u>LTS</u> Marc Levine



Please be advised and familiarize yourself with our new traffic pattern for drop-off and pick-up. Joining JFK in December 2018, I was able to observe and assess many of our procedures, systems and organizational norms. One procedure that I feel would benefit from alteration is our traffic patterns for pick-up and drop-off of students. After consulting with the Enfield Police Dept. (traffic division) and our Town Engineer, we are going to move parent/guardian pick-up and drop-off areas to the other side of the building rather than at the white wing entrance. The new drop-off zone will be between the black and red wings. We ask that cars stay in a single line and do not pass any other vehicles upon entering school grounds.

We will permit cars to depart as soon as all students have exited the vehicle; however, there are two important points to stress: **1.** We will not provide supervision in the P/G drop-off area prior to 7:30 am **2.** When the buses open their doors for 7:41 drop-off, the parent/guardian exit will be blocked until all buses have departed school grounds (this will be the same for bus departures at the end of the day). Our hope for this change is to create a better flow of traffic and alleviate wait-time for parents/guardians dropping off students. If we assess that this new procedure does not work, we will transition back to our original protocol. We appreciate your flexibility and patience. ALL vehicles dropping-off or picking-up will enter at the North Entrance and follow the **RED** traffic pattern. Cutting through the educator parking areas is not permitted.



Looking forward to a great 2019-20 school year! Please look out for September's Principal's Newsletter prior to the first day of school...

Respectfully,

Andrew Berrios, Ed.D.
Principal



Reminders

- Open houses are offered next week (8/20 & 22)
- **ALL grade 7 students must have an up-to-date medical physical and proper immunizations prior to the start of school.**
 - Nurse # (860) 763-8880
 - Fax # (860) 763-8888
 - [Conn. General Statute 10-206](#)
- [JFK Dress Expectations](#)
- [PowerSchool Portal](#) (reopening soon)



Dates

- 8/20 Tuesday
 - Open House 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- 8/22 Thursday
 - Open House 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- 8/28 Wednesday
 - First day of school for students
- 8/30 Friday
 - Early release day (1:00 pm dismissal)
- 9/2 Monday
 - Labor Day – No School

“Children are the world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.”

-John F. Kennedy