January 2023 Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

Welcome Back! While we enjoyed our rest, we are eager to start 2023!

We thank our community for joining us in such great numbers for our Breakfast with Santa. These types of events are so important for our children because they help to build community spirit and a sense of belonging that is tremendously beneficial to the lives of young children.

A note a special thanks goes out to our very dedicated **PPO** members and *Parent Volunteers* who participated in making our Breakfast a true success! What would we do without such amazingly dedicated individuals? We sincerely thank you!





Punctuality: School Responsibility

Learning responsibility in school is a precursor to functioning in the working world. The most crucial learning hours of a school day are the morning hours, because they are when students are most attentive. Students who are tardy miss the beginning of their morning classes, and they also cause a distraction when they arrive late for class. Chronic tardiness in elementary causes students' to feel disconnected with school and takes students' attention away from the teacher's lesson. Being on time to school is teaching our students a valuable life skill.

All students should be in class ready to work at 7:50. Students should arrive to school around 7:40. Students must enter by the school yard, on Cardinal Street, and not by the front door. The front door is to be used only when students are late. Parents must enter to sign their child in and provide the school with a valid reason for the lateness.

Donate Generously Please!!!

Our theme for January at JFK is "Awareness about Poverty and Homelessness in our Community". Therefore, in connection with our next House Activity January 24th we will be putting together

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personal hygiene boxes to donate to local shelters and group homes. We are asking for any personal hygiene items that you can donate.

Examples include:

- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap
- Hairbrushes, combs
- Feminine hygiene products
- Cotton swabs, q-tips

- Toilet paper
- Skin lotion and moisturizer
- Lip balm
- Wet wipes
- Disposable washcloths
- Hand scrub brush and nail clippers
- Razor and shaving cream

Please place all donated items in a bag labeled with your child's name. Students are asked to hand in their donations to their homeroom teacher by **January 23rd, 2023**.

JFK thanks you for your continued support!

No Parking and No Stopping Zone

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It's a matter of safety

Please do not park in the no-parking zones in front of our school. When you park in these non-authorized areas, you reduce the school's visibility to ensure that children are crossing the street safely. Parking in these areas also blocks traffic and prevents our school buses from circulating properly. Parents are strongly encouraged to park in the parking lot at the church next to our school. From there, you walk with your child on the sidewalk safely to school!

Winter-Wear for Outdoor Play

Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the cold and the snow. All students should have boots, snow-pants, a hat and mittens or gloves. Please pack extra socks for your child on wet days (students do go outside when there is a light rain). Students go outdoors at recess for 20 min. and at lunch for 30 min and should therefore be dressed appropriately.

Indoor Shoes

The students are required to bring indoor shoes to school. Many students seem to be forgetting their shoes at home. Students should not be wearing their boots inside the school. Thank you for helping us to keep our floors clean.

