

8/13/2021

Dear JFK School Community,

Welcome back! We hope you and your family found some time this summer to relax and recharge! We are excited to welcome back students on Tuesday, September 7 for the 2021-22 school year.

The height of the pandemic proved to be a taxing endeavor for all members of our school community; however, we learned a great deal from both the challenges and opportunities we experienced. Our educators were able to effectively pivot and provide digital learning to our students. Through a blended learning model (hybrid), we learned new techniques and instructional strategies that will prove beneficial as we transition back to traditional schooling. This shift created a more digitally proficient school community - a competency we intend to build upon.

The first few days of the 2021-22 school year will be heavily focused upon establishing inter-personal connections, introducing COVID-related protocols, crisis response plans, establishing classroom expectations, iPad information, Microsoft 365 information, and learning new routines. Establishing a collective understanding of these items will ensure our students are prepared for the learning ahead.

Our school website is a comprehensive source of information and resource for our school community. We urge you to take some time to explore and familiarize yourself with some of these items. Some information may not reflect our most up-to-date changes but will be updated in the coming days. Please see our website here: JFK Website.

*Please note we will put out another comprehensive newsletter closer to our start date that covers the following items:

- Enfield Public Schools district policies
- JFK's student handbook
- Homeroom assignments
- Student schedules
- iPad distribution (for our new students)
- Student supply requests

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New Student Orientation

We will offer four *new* student orientation sessions this year. Split over two days, we intend to offer two sessions per day. You are welcome to attend these sessions with your child. We ask that you meet us in the new auditorium for an overview of our school followed by a tour of the building. We kindly request that if you intend to join us for one of our Session II offerings, that you take a seat in the back of the auditorium until we conclude our overview with session I attendees. Once members of Session I depart for their tour, we will invite Session II attendees to fill in the front rows of the auditorium. For logistical purposes, we kindly ask that you indicate which session you plan on attending HERE.

Friday, August 27	Monday, August 30	
Session I – 11:00 am	Session I – 5:00 pm	
Session II – 12:00 pm	Session II – 6:00 pm	

District Calendar and School Start Times

District Calendar

Color Code for PL Days Fuli Day PL Half Day PL Elem. Conf. & Grades 6-12 Half Day PL Staff PL Full Days	Enfield Publ 2021/22 Sch		ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS Regular School Hours 8:20 - 10:55 Intgr. Pre-K AM 12:15 - 2:46 Intgr. Pre-K PM		
September 1 September 2 October 12 November 2	School Closing Hotline - 860-253-5170 Ember 2 Website - www.enfieldschools.org ber 12				
February 18 February 22	AUGUST - 0 Days s m t w th f s 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	SEPTEMBER - 18 Days	8:55 - 3:21 - K-2 8:40 - 3:06 - 3-5 7:48 - 2:36 - 6-8 7:26 - 2:02 - 9-12 7:30 - 1:30 - Eagle Academy		
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JANUARY - 20 Days	24> Early Release Day [25 - 26] Thanksgiving Break - NS FEBRUARY - 17 Days	MARCH - 23 Days	Early Release without Lunch and/or Emergency Closures - will only be used for emergency school closures		
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[17] MLK Day - NS 26> K-12 Early Rel. & Staff PL	<18> Staff PL - NS [21] President's Day - NS <22> Staff PL - NS		Last Two Days of School: The last two days of school will be early Release Days with lunch for grades PK-8		
APRIL - 16 Days s m t w th f s 1 2	MAY - 21 Days s m t w th f s 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	JUNE - 12 Days s m t w th f s 1 2 3 4	Firm Graduation Date: June 22, 2022 (185th day)		
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[11-14] Spring Vacation - NS [15] Good Friday - NS 27> K-12 Early Rel. & Staff PL		"16" - 181st Student Day 22* - 185th Student Day - EHS Gr	raduation		

Note: Full PDF HERE.

School Start Times

Grade Level Ro	Regular Hours Two		Two Hour Delay Three Hour Delay Early Release with	Early Release with Lunch	Emergency Closures Only
		Two Hour Delay			Without Lunch
					(No Out-of-Town Buses)
EPS Integrated Pre K - AM	8:20 - 10:55	Cancelled	Cancelled	8:20 - 11:00	Cancelled
EPS Integrated Pre K - PM	12:15 - 2:46	12:15 - 2:46	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
EPS PK STEAM Academy	8:20 - 2:46	10:20 - 2:46	Cancelled	8:20 - 12:30	Cancelled
Head Start -Part Day Program	8:00 - 11:30	Cancelled	Cancelled	8:00 - 11:30	Cancelled
Head Start - Extended Day	8:00 - 4:00	10:00 - 4:00	Cancelled	8:00 - 12:30	Cancelled
Head Start - Full Day Program	8:30 - 3:30	10:30 - 3:30	Cancelled	8:30 - 12:30	Cancelled
Primary (K-2)	8:55 - 3:21	10:55 - 3:21	11:55 - 3:21	8:55 - 1:50	8:55-11:50
Intermediate (3-5)	8:40 - 3:06	10:40 - 3:06	11:40 - 3:06	8:40 - 1:35	8:40 - 11:35
Middle School (6-8)	7:48 - 2:36	9:48 - 2:36	10:48 - 2:36	7:48 - 1:00	7:48 - 11:00
High School (9-12)	7:26 - 2:02	9:26 - 2:02	10:26 - 2:02	7:26 - 12:20	7:26 - 10:20
Eagle Academy	7:30 - 1:30	9:30 - 1:30	10:30 - 1:30	7:30 -12:00	7:30 - 10:30

Note: Full PDF HERE.

COVID Procedural Safeguards

We will continue to enforce the state mandated mask requirement for anyone entering the building. The exception being when students/faculty are consuming their lunches. We will continue to provide mask breaks throughout the school day and follow social distancing guidelines. Water fountains will remain off, but water bottle fill stations will be available for students to fill their personal containers.

Renovation Update

The renovation is proceeding smoothly. We are excited to move into our new learning spaces. As we enter the final phase of this comprehensive renovation, we will experience shifts to our school day and normal routines. We will communicate significant changes to the school day or traffic patterns as soon as we learn of them. We look forward to the months ahead as we move ever closer to completion. Again, we want to thank the Enfield taxpayers for providing our school community with a cutting-edge middle school. If you would like to see the latest progress pictures, please see Gilbane's presentation to the JFK Building Committee HERE.

Connecticut State Health Requirements

All students entering a public school in the state of Connecticut are required to submit a physical to their school's health/nurse office prior to the start of their 7th grade year. Parents/guardians

have from the time their child completes grade 5 (June 17, 2021) to the first day of their entry into grade 7 to complete this mandate. The Tdap and MCV vaccine are required with this physical examination. If you want to learn more about this mandate, please visit <u>CT.gov</u>. The CT DPH provides a comprehensive list of all required immunizations <u>HERE</u>.

*If you would like a copy of the form that must be completed by your physician, you can find it <u>HERE</u> (health assessment record).

If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse: Mrs. Diane Stack, RN - DStack@Enfieldschools.org

Respectfully,

Andrew Berrios, Ed.D.

Principal