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# John F. Kennedy Middle School

ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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JFK School Community,

Happy May from JFK!

We hope our May newsletter finds you and your family both doing well and remaining healthy.

More details on May news and happenings are provided below.

Respectfully,

Andrew Berrios, Ed.D.  
Principal

\*Upcoming events are located on our school calendar posted on our school's homepage [HERE](#).

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## Educator Appreciation Week

This week we celebrate educator appreciation week! We are fortunate and beyond appreciative of ALL that our educators do for our students. The last few years have been challenging to say the least. Your professional efficacy and personal tenacity in the face of adversity is what kept our school afloat. Your impact on our society is undeniable: your legacy is engrained in the students we educate. Making a difference is what you do...thank you.



\*A special thank you to the JFK PTO. We cannot express our gratitude enough for your support and generosity. We appreciate the luncheon provided and our ice cream truck visit scheduled for later in the week. Last, we want to thank Ms. Janet Plewa for creating our beautiful sign!

## Theater Production

We have some star-studded shows scheduled for this weekend. The show, Moana, will be performed for the public on:

- Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm
- Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Please enter via our auditorium entrance located at the back area of our campus. Tickets are on sale [HERE](#). Refreshments will be available for sale during intermission (cash only). We do ask that all food and drinks are consumed outside of our brand-new auditorium.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be on site from Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the fair visiting our school, we also have organized a [virtual store](#) for your convenience.



## Spirit Week

In the name of school spirit, we will host a spirit week from Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We encourage appropriate participation in these fun school events.

May 16: Copycat day (dress alike!)



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May 17: Tie Dye day



May 18: Favorite hobby or sport



May 19: Enfield Spirit

Wear GREEN!



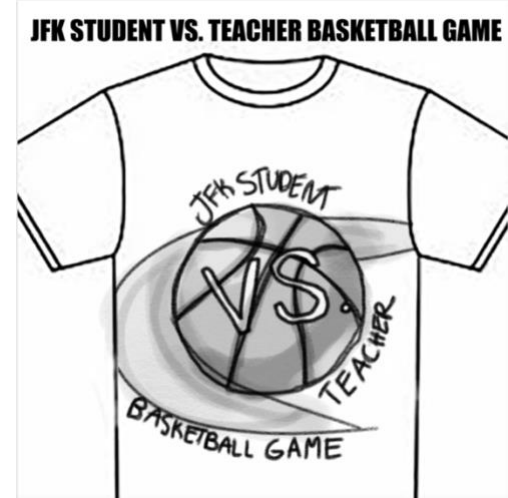
May 20: JFK Pride!

Wear RED, WHITE & BLUE!



## Student v. Teacher Basketball Game

Please come join us on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. This event will be held behind our school building on our brand-new outdoor basketball courts. We will have a water ice truck and several food trucks available. There will be various activities going on for all ages. We encourage you to bring cash for the raffles and fundraisers. Last, we request that you bring chairs and/or a picnic blanket as seating is limited. Please note that our rain date for this event is Monday, May 23. The winner of our t-shirt contest is Natalie Sampson: Congratulations Natalie!



## Summer Theater Arts Camp

Our summer program is sponsored by the Enfield Music Department. If you like to sing, dance, or act, our summer program is for you! This summer our music theatre arts camp will prepare a 30-minute performance of a Broadway Kids production that includes singing, dancing, acting, stage/set design, and costumes. If you are interested in this program, details can be found [HERE](#).

## Field Trips and End of Year Activities

As mentioned throughout the school year, our end of the year activities are privileges. Student conduct that does not embody *respect, diligence, and dignity* will determine whether or not students are permitted to attend these events.

### Grade 6 Field Trip

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be going to Sonny's Place on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> as their end of year field trip. The trip will run from approximately 9:00 am-1:30pm. The cost of the trip is \$35, which includes approximately four hours of activities and the bus ride to and from school. Food & drinks can be purchased at Sonny's for their lunch. Permission slips and an informational page will be going out the week of April 25<sup>th</sup> and are due back with payment no later than Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Grade 7 Field Trip

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be going to Lake Compounce on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> as their end of year field trip. The trip will run from approximately 9:30am-4:30pm, and students will need to arrange for a ride home upon their return to JFK. The cost of the trip is \$38 and includes the ticket to the park and the bus fees. Students will need to bring additional money for lunch and/or any games they wish to play. We strongly encourage parents and guardians to review [Lake Compounce's cashless system](#) prior to the trip. Permission slips will be going out this week and are due back with payment no later than Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Grade 8 Field Trip

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be going to High Meadow on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> as their end of year field trip. The trip will run from approximately 8:30am-4:45pm, and students will need to arrange for a ride home upon return to JFK. The cost of the trip is TBD and will include the ticket into High Meadow, unlimited



food/drinks/activities, and the bus fees. Permission slips will be going out the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> and are due back with payment no later than Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Parent/Guardian Support

Your support is greatly appreciated in assisting to properly run *our* school. We respectfully request that you address the following items with your child:

- Hooded sweatshirts – students are not permitted to wear the hood portion over their head while in the school building.
- Air pods/ear buds – outside of educator directed use (in the classroom) and lunch, students are not permitted to wear these items.
- Dress expectation – please review our dress expectation with your child (located in [our handbook](#)).

Your partnership supports our efforts to provide *the best* quality of education possible for your child.

## Mother's Day

🌸 Wishing all of our mothers a special and enjoyable day this Sunday!

## Student and Faculty Spotlight

### Cultural Concert

A huge thank you to Mrs. Estee's for organizing our cultural concert which featured the band, *Fiesta del Norte*. Our students appeared to really enjoy this great event! We are appreciative of our PTO for funding this amazing opportunity.



### Honor Roll



We are proud of our term 3 honor roll recipients. Your dedication and performance do not go unnoticed. Please see our honor and high honor roll lists [HERE](#).

## Looking Ahead

As the busy season is upon us, please check the [front page of our website](#) and [our school calendar](#) to stay up to date on JFK events. Here is a list of events scheduled for the coming weeks:

- Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 6 pm - JFK PTO Meeting
- Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Term 4 Progress Reports Distributed
- Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

- Fantastic Festival
    - Location: JFK Auditorium
- Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Scholastic Book Fair ([website](#))
  - Spirit Week ([see above](#))
- Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - 6 - 8 pm Student v. Faculty Basketball Game (see above).
- Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>
  - 7 – 9 pm Grade 6 Band and Orchestra Concert
- Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Early Release Schedule – 1 pm dismissal (lunch served).
- Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Grade 7 & 8 Music Field Trip
- Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>
  - 1 pm Memorial Day Town Parade
- Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Memorial Day Observed (no school).
- Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ELA Writer’s Workshop Field Trip
  - 6 pm PTO Meeting
  - 7 pm Grade 6, 7, 8 Chorus Concert
- Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 7 pm Grade 7 Band and Orchestra Concert
- Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - GSA Pride Day
  - 7 pm Grade 8 Band and Orchestra Concert