

JOHN F. KENNEDY BEARS

Good afternoon, Families,

Thank you for reading our newsletter. As always, please reach out with any questions.

Academics

On Friday, October 17, we held our first academic reinforcement event of the year. Students who were passing their classes with all assignments turned in were invited to a movie in the auditorium. Almost 85% of students participated, and I'm hoping to see 90% at our next event. As a reminder, progress reports are posted on the eSchool portal, and all students should have brought their reports home. Thank you for discussing the importance of academics with your child. Our Academic Learning Center is open after school from Monday through Thursday, and there is a student late bus.. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's team leader or Mrs. Ruffner.

Fall Fest

Due to conflicts with our Varsity sports teams, we've rescheduled Fall Fest to Thursday, October 30th from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Fall Fest features pumpkin painting, pizza, hot dogs, cider, and snacks, trick-or-treating, and a zombie run through our outdoor trails. The cost is \$2 per person, and the event is free for children under 5. Students are encouraged (but not required) to wear costumes to the event.

Red Ribbon Week

We're excited to celebrate Red Ribbon Week from October 27th through October 31st. The spirit days are listed below. On Friday, students should come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes. Masks can only be worn during the Halloween parade, and any sharp or metal objects are prohibited. Our PTO is sponsoring a coin wars competition during Red Ribbon Week to raise money for our positive school culture events. The flyer is attached.

Lost and Found 📦

We have a middle school lost and found in our main office. While we've made several announcements, we have many unclaimed items. These include sweatshirts, sneakers, water bottles, etc. If your child is missing any personal items, please encourage them to stop in the lost and found. These items will be donated next week.

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day is **Wednesday, October 22**. If you're satisfied with your child's picture, no further action is required. If you purchased and were unhappy with your Picture Package, **please send your Picture Package to school with your student on Retake Day**. Your Retake Picture Package will be produced and shipped to the school four weeks after Retake Day. *Please note, if your child is photographed on the original **and** Retake Picture Days, the Retake picture will replace the original picture in the yearbook.*

Students who were absent for Picture Day should come to school prepared to have their picture taken.

If you have not preordered, please use the Retake Order Code **0165QKF** to place your order at <https://inter-state.com/Order>. To see your Order History, check your Inter-State Account. You can find answers to Retake Day questions here.

Only those purchasing pictures or students that were absent on the original picture day will be allowed retakes.

Spirit Days

Friday, October 17th - JFK Black and Gold Spirit Day 🏆

Friday, October 24th - Buffalo Bills Spirit Day 🏈

Monday, October 27th - Friday, October 31st - Red Ribbon Week 🎗️

Best,

Mr. Christopher Farrell, Principal, *John F. Kennedy Middle School*

RED RIBBON WEEK 2025

October 27-31



Monday 10/27: "Be proud to be free!"

Wear **RED** to kick off Red Ribbon Week

Tuesday 10/28: Tourist Tuesday



Tacky Tourist Starter Pack



Wednesday 10/29: Clash of Class Color

8th Grade: Pink

7th Grade: Blue

6th Grade: Green

Thursday 10/30: Buffalo Bills Day



Friday 10/31: Halloween Costume

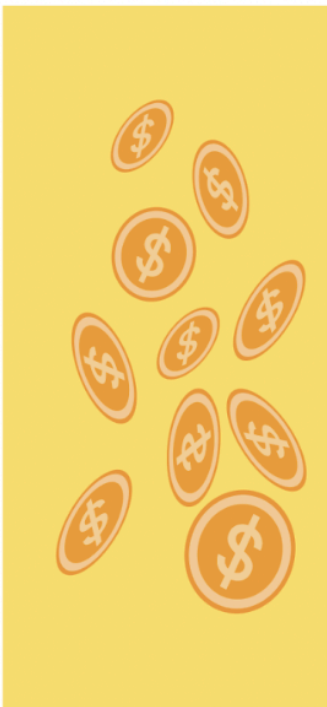




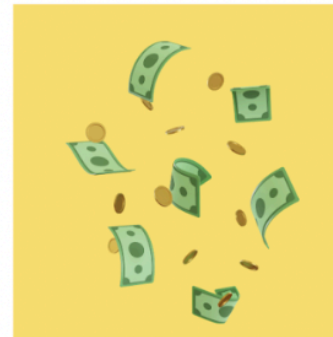
COIN WARS:

BATTLE OF THE HOMEROOMS

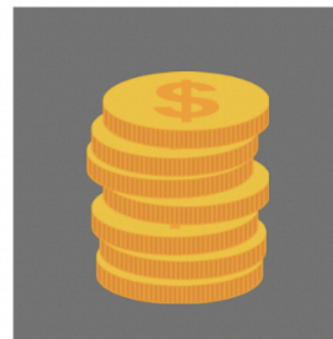
October 27-31



Winning
homeroom
gets a
Nintendo
Switch Party!



Bring your coins into your
homeroom to earn points. Add (\$1, \$5,
\$10, etc) bills to other homerooms to
subtract their points !
ex. One quarter=+25 points
5 dollar bill= -500 points



Proceeds benefit JFK MS PTO