

# John F. Kennedy Elementary School Weekly Update

*Friday, October 24, 2025*



## [EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

## [LUNCH MENU](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Tuesday, Oct. 28

Lifetouch Picture  
Retake Day

Experienced Band  
\*Drums have  
extended rehearsal  
until 4:40

HEPG Meeting  
6:30PM  
JFK Media Center

### Friday, Oct. 31

Black & Orange Day



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## Principal Corner



In collaboration with the Holbrook Police Department, we'd like to remind families to use caution and be safe as you celebrate Halloween on Friday. Holbrook's trick-or-treating hours are 4:00pm-7:00pm. Have fun and be safe!



### Children should:

- Only approach well-lit houses in familiar neighborhoods and always travel in small groups
- Bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective and flame retardant
- Use flashlights for guidance on sidewalks, walkways and when crossing the street
- Make sure masks have eye-holes large enough to see any tripping hazards or oncoming traffic, and mouth openings large enough to breathe easily
- Practice safe street-crossing by using crosswalks and walk signals
- Wear sturdy shoes and temperature appropriate clothing under costumes

### Parents and guardians should:

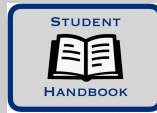
- Supervise children under 12 years old
- Establish a designated curfew for older children
- Make sure children are wearing safe costumes that fit well and don't drag on the ground
- Apply reflective tape to your child's arms, legs and treat bags
- Assure costume accessories such as swords and other pointed objects are made with soft and safe materials
- If driving children between houses and neighborhoods, have them get out of cars on the curbside, not on the traffic side.

### Homeowners should:

- Keep inside and outside lights on during trick-or-treat hours

- Avoid placing lit candles and jack-o-lanterns on doorsteps and walkways where costumes could brush against them and cause burns or fire
  - Only hand out candy that is packaged and wrapped
  - Avoid handing out small toys that could cause choking or lead poisoning for small children
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## JFK Student Handbook



Students brought home a pink Student Handbook Signature Page this week. Please take a moment to review the JFK Student Handbook, which is available

online at <https://jfk.holbrook.k12.ma.us/parentguardian-resources/student-handbook>, and return the signed form at your earliest convenience.

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## Lifetouch Picture Retakes



**Picture retake day is  
Tuesday, October 28th**

For any new student, or student who missed the original picture day, forms can be obtained at the JFK Main Office.

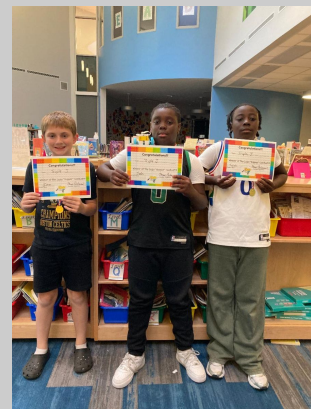
For any student wishing to retake their picture, please bring the original picture packet in on Tuesday.

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## Robotics Club

The 5th Grade Robotics Club had their first competition of this Robotics Club session!

Students began by building a robot called The Hopper. They then transformed their Hoppers into cars and coded them to run - putting both their creativity and programming skills to the test. The teams wrapped up the challenge with a friendly race, and Team Triple J (John, Josh, and Josiah) came out on top!



All teams did an outstanding job - it was a very close race!

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## Sharing Information Form

Holbrook Public Schools (HPS) is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Lunch Program. This special provision means that families are no longer required to complete a meal benefit application, and all our students have access to breakfast and lunch at no cost. Direct Certification is the process by which school districts certify students who are members of households receiving assistance from SNAP, TANF/TAFDC, or FDPIR, as eligible for free meals without further application. Direct Certification is based on information provided by the state agencies administering these benefit programs. In order to share information from your Free and Reduced CEP Notice of Direct Certification with other departments in HPS, you must indicate your agreement below as soon as possible.

<https://forms.gle/teAGf5JNtk1u8J237>

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## Veterans Day Performance

Every year the JFK 5th Graders do a Veteran's Day performance, which includes a very special slideshow. We are excited to announce that we will be doing our performance again this year -



LIVE - on Monday, November 10th at 9:15! (Grade 5 parents are encouraged to save the date and time. More information will follow.) We will also be requesting HCAP to record the performance for any family member that is unable to attend.

We will be continuing our tradition by compiling a slideshow of Veterans who are important to our JFK family. The slideshow will include photos of family members of students in grades PK-5 and staff of the JFK School. If you have a photo of a loved one that has served in the U.S. military and/or is currently serving, please send in a photo to be included in the slideshow. Please email photos to our music teacher, Mrs. Sordillo at [rsordillo@holbrook.k12.ma.us](mailto:rsordillo@holbrook.k12.ma.us). Please send in the photos no later than Friday, November 7th to be included in the slide show.

**If you sent in a photo last year (or in past years),  
your photo is already included.**

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Thanksgiving Dinner  
Winthrop Congregational Church



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