

JOHN F. KENNEDY BEARS

Good afternoon, Families,

As we're in the midst of the holiday season, I want to wish all students and families a joyous holiday and a happy New Year. I appreciate your continued partnership, and I thank you for reading this month's newsletter.

Academics

This is an important week with our parent-teacher conferences on December 11th and the 15-week mark on December 12th. As a reminder, progress reports are not mailed home, but can be viewed on the portal. Students who are passing all classes as of the 15-week mark are invited to our holiday bingo party on Friday, December 19th. If your child is struggling in any classes, we have several opportunities for students to receive support from Mrs. Ruffner in our Academic Learning Center (ALC). It is open and available to students during their study halls and after school from Monday through Thursday. A late bus is provided for students needing transportation.


Music and Art

Congratulations to all of our student musicians on their fantastic school-time concert preview on Wednesday, December 10th. We hope you enjoyed Wednesday evening's performance and applaud all of your efforts throughout the year to make JFK a musical place to be! Our band and choir students travel to Kleinhan's Music Hall on Thursday, December 18th, to see the BPO. Thank you to Mrs. Scheider and Mr. Prutsman for providing our students with this opportunity.

Important updates

Our annual holiday spirit week is next week, Monday, December 15th, through Friday, December 19th. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Students will earn level-up points for participating in each spirit day. We're also hosting our first hat-day fundraiser tomorrow, December 12th. Students and staff can pay \$1 to wear a hat of their choice. At our upcoming boys and girls modified basketball games, we're selling concessions to support the middle school.

January Spirit Days

Thursday, January 8th - Class Color Day 

Friday, January 9th - JFK Black and Gold Spirit Day 

Friday, January 16th - Hat day fundraiser (*students pay \$1 to wear a hat!*)

Best,

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

Dec 15-19th Spirit Week

Grinch Day

Come dressed as the Grinch—Bah Humbug



Winter Whiteout

Dress all in white while we hope for a snow day.

Ugly Sweater & Tree Toppers

Wear your ugly holiday sweaters and holiday hats!



North Pole Helpers

Dress like, Santa, an elf, a Christmas tree, a snowman, reindeer, anything you could find in the North Pole.

Long Winter's Nap

Dress in your favorite Holiday PJs

