

Below are those important dates for the start of our 2026-27 school year:

Tuesday, September 1st

- Grade 1-5 New Family Orientation 11:00 am (*This event is for families **NEW** to Jefferson Rd*)
- PTSA **School Supply Kit pick up** at door #19 9-12 pm
- Kindergarten Parent/Guardian, Student Orientation/bus ride 9:30-10:30 am

Thursday, September 3rd

- Grade 1 Parent/Guardian, Student Orientation, **school supply drop off** 10-11 am
- Grade 3 Parent/Guardian, Student Orientation, **school supply drop off** 11-12 pm
- Grade 5 Parent/Guardian, Student Orientation, **school supply drop off** 12-1 pm
- Grade 2 Parent/Guardian, Student Orientation, **school supply drop off** 1-2 pm
- Grade 4 Parent/Guardian, Student Orientation, **school supply drop off** 2-3 pm

Tuesday, September 8th

- First Day of School

Friday, September 18th

- PTSA crayons & coffee on the playground 9:30-10:30 am

Monday, September 21st

- Yom Kippur - No School

Tuesday, September 22nd

- PTSA meeting cafeteria 7 pm

Wednesday, September 23rd

- JR Welcome Back Picnic on the playground 5:30-7:00 pm

Friday, October 9th

- Superintendent's Conference Day - No School

Monday, October 12th

- Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day - No School

Wednesday, October 21st

- PTSA meeting in the cafeteria 9:00-10:00 am

Thursday, October 22nd

- School Picture Day

Monday, October 26th-Friday, October 30th

- JRE Book Fair

Dear Fourth Grade Student,

Hello! We hope you are having a wonderful, relaxing summer and are gearing up for a fantastic year in fourth grade!

This year, Mrs. Costanza, Ms. Kane, Mrs. Phillips and Miss Vane will be the Fourth Grade team of teachers!

Throughout this upcoming year, we will strengthen and expand our skills as readers, writers, and mathematicians as we tackle new concepts and challenges in all academic areas. Our main goal this year will be to become great thinkers. We are going to learn a lot of strategies to help you get better at problem solving, and to get more out of what you read.

In order to be "prepared" for the first day of school on **Tuesday September 8th** please make sure to...

- ✓ Gather all of your supplies. An additional copy of the list is printed on the back of this letter.
- ✓ Bring in a healthy snack and a bottle of water for your desk (the temperature during the first few weeks of school could remain very hot).
- ✓ Be ready to talk about some of the interesting books you have read over the summer.
- ✓ Practice your math facts. Knowing your facts will make math class much easier this year!

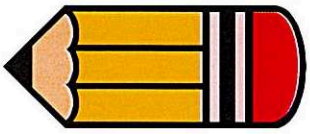
Completing the above checklist will help you get organized so we can dive right into learning. Enjoy your last few weeks of summer. We hope to see you on **Thursday, September 3rd from 2-3 pm to drop off your supplies and learn a bit about the 4th grade curriculum** and we're looking forward to our first day of school Tuesday September 8th!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Costanza, Miss Vane, Ms. Kane & Mrs. Phillips



Suggested Fourth Grade Supply List for 2026-2027



- Backpack and lunch box/bag
- 12 solid glue **sticks** (may need more throughout the year)
- Ear Buds or headphones
- 4 sturdy two-pocket folders:
    - **Math**: red
    - **Language Arts**: yellow
    - **Social Studies**: blue
    - **Work In Progress**: your choice (heavier ones work best)
- 3 packs of 10 or 12 #2 pencils with erasers-sharpened (no mechanical pencils)
- Supply box - to fit in desk for pencils, etc.
- 1 box of crayons
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 3 spiral notebooks –
    - 1 for **ELA** (yellow),
    - 1 for **Math** (red),
    - 1 for **Social Studies** (blue)
- 10 dry erase markers (combination of chisel and thin tip)
- 2 packs of 3x3 post-its
- 1 roll of scotch tape
- 1 pack of lined index cards

REPLACEMENT of supplies during the year is the student's responsibility.

Donations for 4th Grade

- Paper Towels
- Purell Hand Sanitizer (must be specifically this brand)
- 2 large packages of unscented baby wipes
- Tissues
- NON-Latex band aides
- Gallon and quart sized baggies



PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Elementary Student Field Trip Permission Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

I give permission for my child to participate in all school-sponsored field trips for the 2026-27 school year. I understand that for trips needing transportation, district-approved school vehicles will be used. For each trip, the teacher will provide detailed information regarding itinerary dates and time.

In emergency situations, I give permission for medical treatment.

Physician's Name: _____Phone Number: _____

Parent Emergency Phone Number: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete reverse side

Policies/Forms/Phillips
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Medical Information Form

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Special Health Concerns: (e.g. asthma, diabetes, etc) _____

Allergies (food, medication, latex, etc)_____

Physician Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ Ins. Number:_____
Optional *Optional*

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Phone: _____ Cell: _____Work: _____

Emergency Contact: Name_____ Phone _____

Pittsford Schools

Pittsford Elementary School Cell Phone Plan

Specific Language for Elementary

Students at Pittsford Elementary Schools are expected to store all personal electronic devices (smartwatches, tablets, ear buds, gaming systems etc.) in their backpacks throughout the school day. If a student chooses to bring personal electronic devices, they must be stored in backpacks prior to the start of the school day (8:30am). All personal electronic devices should remain in backpacks until the end of the school day (3:05 pm).

The Pittsford Central school district is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Students are encouraged to leave valuable items at home.

Communication Plan for Elementary Schools

Urgent Messages

Parents/guardians who need to speak with their student immediately should call the main office phone number at (585)267-1300. The student will be brought to the main office to contact their parent/guardian.

Non-Urgent Message

Parents/guardians who need to have a non-urgent message delivered to their student should call the main office phone number (585)267-1300. The message will be written down and delivered to your student.

Student to Parent Communication

Students will have access to the school phone that is located in the main office to contact parents/guardians. Main office staff can assist students with looking up parent/guardian information if students do not have these numbers memorized.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How will I get in touch with my student if there is an emergency?**
   Parent/Guardians should call the Main Office at 267-1300.
2. **Can parents still reach their children during the school day?**
   Yes. Parents should call the main office. Staff will relay the message to students promptly.
3. **How will personal electronic devices be kept safe?**
   Students are expected to store their devices in their backpacks during the school day.
4. **Are phones allowed in the classroom if they are used for learning?**
   No. Unless specifically outlined in a student's IEP or 504 Plan, personal electronic devices are not permitted for instructional use. School-approved technology will be provided when necessary.
5. **Are smartwatches included in this policy?**
   Yes. All smartwatches are included in this policy and cannot be used during the school day.
6. **How does this policy support learning?**
   Removing distractions from personal electronic devices helps students focus, increases engagement, improves social interaction, and promotes academic success. For more information and resources for parents, visit: After Babel | Jon Haidt | Substack
7. **What if a student uses their phone for medical reasons?**
   Students with documented medical needs that require device access will work with the school nurse and administration to develop a plan in alignment with this policy.

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Progressive Personal Electronic Device Storage Plans:

Tier I Storage Plan (Students store phone in their backpacks)

- Level 1 – Clarify expectation – device is put into backpack by student
- Level 2 – Remind expectation – phone is brought to the main office by the student / staff member – parent is called
- Level 3 – Remind expectation – phone is brought to the main office – parent is called – student enters Tier II storage plan

Tier II Storage Plan (Individual storage plan)

- Students will create an individual storage plan that supports their needs. Examples could include leaving phone home or working with administration to create an appropriate plan.

HELLO!

FROM YOUR PTSA CO-CHAIRS

Hello JRE Families!

We would like to extend a big welcome to all of our new JRE families and an equally big welcome back to all of our returning families! We are very excited to continue serving as your PTSA Co-Chairs for this school year.

We want to introduce ourselves again for people who may not know us yet. Amanda Casey is a mom to two kids at JRE - Ella who is in fifth grade and Evelyn who is in first grade. Carlene Stahlnecker is a mom to two kids at JRE as well - Grace and Maddie in fifth grade. Amanda's passion is sustainability and she has spearheaded sustainability efforts at the district level. Carlene has been involved with school pictures, read to succeed, and the school supply drive. We have both loved being the building co-chairs for JRE and can't wait to continue the great work we do for the school!

Last year was very successful for JRE PTSA. Through our enrichment grant, we were able to buy new picnic tables for an outdoor learning space, fund extra field trip opportunities, and buy books for the Habits of Mind program. We held our traditional PTSA programs like International Day, Book Fair, school social events, visiting author, and more! Plus, we added a Buddy Bench on the playground for this school year. Finally, a big thank you to everyone that donated to our Fun Run. We were able to fund the majority of the JRE PTSA budget for this year!

PTSA is fully run by volunteers. All of our programs and events are not possible without the time and effort put in by parents, teachers, and staff. Additionally, we are funded by your PTSA membership and additional fundraising. Just one $20 membership helps us to run programs like Read to Succeed, STEAM Day, Art Ambassador, and much more, so be sure to join JRE's PTSA. There is no time or volunteer commitment required.

If you're interested in getting more involved in PTSA please reach out to us or come to a meeting to learn more. We're looking forward to a great school year!
** The best way to stay up to date on all of our events and programs is by signing up to receive eNews - visit JRE.pittsfordptsa.net and click the "Get eNews" button. Also, please join our Jeff Road Families group on Facebook, if you haven't already.

Sincerely,

Amanda Casey and Carlene Stahlnecker
JRE PTSA Co-Chairs
jre@pittsfordptsa.net

Join Pittsford PTSA Now

UPCOMING EVENTS!

CRAYONS AND COFFEE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH – 9:30–10:30 AM AT THE JRE PLAYGROUND

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT JEFFERSON ROAD AND PTSA PROGRAMS AND EVENTS!

MEET MS. CAPUANO, OUR PRINCIPAL, PTSA CO-CHAIRS, CARLENE STAHLNECKER AND AMANDA CASEY, AND OTHER PTSA CHAIRS AND MEMBERS!

**COFFEE AND HOT CHOCOLATE WILL BE PROVIDED AND YOUNGER CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO COME AND PLAY ON THE PLAYGROUND!



WELCOME BACK PICNIC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23TH

5:30–7PM

JRE PLAYGROUND

**FOOD TRUCKS, DJ, GAMES, AND MORE!

SAVE THE DATES

SCHOOL PICTURES: OCT 22

BOOK FAIR: OCT 26 – OCT 30

INGATHERING: NOV 19 – NOV 24

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME ON FUTURE PTSA EVENTS LATER IN THE YEAR!

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS AND JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION!

PTSA MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 22 – 7PM

OCTOBER 21 – 9AM

JANUARY 27 – 9AM

MARCH 17 – 7PM

APRIL 14 – 9AM

MAY 19 – 9AM

**ALL MEETINGS ARE IN THE CAFETERIA

JOIN PTSA



- $20 donation
- Helps support PTSA programs
- Provides resources to teachers and students
- No obligation to volunteer your time, but many opportunities to help in any capacity
- PittsfordPTSA.net