

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

Kindergarten

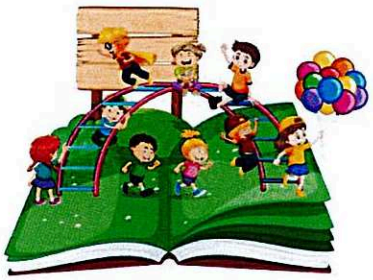
Jefferson Road School
15 School Lane
August 2026

Dear Kindergartner,

Welcome to kindergarten! We are excited that you are coming to kindergarten at Jefferson Road school. We have been busy getting our classrooms ready for the first day of school. When you come into our classroom you will discover many interesting and exciting things! There is so much to see, learn and do in kindergarten!

You will see your name along with the names of your classmates in many places around the classroom. You will learn, play and work with the new school friends that you will meet. In our classroom you will see lots of books, puzzles, games, building materials and much more!

We're looking forward to seeing you at Kindergarten Orientation—Tuesday, 9/1 at 9:30am. You will get to see your classroom, you will visit the cafeteria, and you will go for a short school bus ride! We are going to have a wonderful year in kindergarten filled with lots of learning and FUN!



We can't wait to meet you!

Love,

Mrs. Civalier, Mrs. George, Mrs. Willmes & Mrs. Wilson

JEFFERSON ROAD SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ☺

Dear Kindergarten Families,

The beginning of school is an exciting time in the lives of your children, especially for Kindergartners! For them, everything about school is new - from establishing friendships to learning new routines to riding the school bus.

Your child will most likely come to school with a natural desire to learn, plenty of energy, and maybe a tinge of anxiety about the upcoming school experience. Little by little, your child will make a positive adjustment to school. Please remember that we all will support and help your child make the transition to kindergarten.

You've probably been preparing your child for school by answering questions and talking about school. We'd like to share with you several tried-and-true tips for making this school experience a successful one.

- Talk positively about school. The way your child perceives your feelings about their school and teacher will have a direct effect on how they feel about them.

- Encourage your child to ask questions. Informed children are confident children.

- If your child expresses fears or anxieties about what school will be like, listen carefully and with patience. Verbalizing their fears can help to ease them. Even if your child's concerns seem minor to you, listen with respect. What can seem minor to an adult can be a very big issue to a child.

- Being well rested is very important! Attending school is a physically exhausting experience for most young children. If your family has gotten into a summer routine of later bedtimes and later wake-up times, get into a school schedule of "early to bed, early to rise" about seven days before school starts. For the first few days of school, it is a good idea to put your child to bed a little earlier than usual. Once a routine is established, adjust bedtime to meet your child's needs.

- Practice the morning routine of getting up, having breakfast, and getting to school on time. Allow enough time to prevent putting the family through a busy morning rush. Arriving on time for school is very important! Student arrival is at 8:30am.

- **We've enclosed a suggested school supply list. Please let us know if you need any assistance purchasing these supplies. Please bring all supplies on Kindergarten Orientation, Tuesday, 9/1 at your designated time: A-M 9:30 am, N-Z 10:00 am.**

- During the Kindergarten year, reserve a little time every day to talk with your child about their school day. This is also a good time to check your child's take-home folder. Discuss any schoolwork or news and offer encouragement and praise. Please check your child's folder **every day**.

Kindergarten is a program focused on teaching the whole child. Character, personality, feelings, attitudes, and relationships are considered while focusing on your child's social/emotional, academic, creative and physical development. Your child will experiment, investigate, discover, create and problem-solve in an accepting, loving, and nurturing learning atmosphere.

If your child expresses concern about something which you feel needs more explanation, please contact your child's teacher. Communication and cooperation between parents/guardians and teachers is essential to promoting a good learning environment.

Kindergarten Orientation Day is Tuesday, September 1st. Your child will be welcomed to our classroom, meet their teachers, drop off supplies, visit the cafeteria, and take a short school bus ride. You will also receive a lot of information regarding the upcoming school year and curriculum in your child's take-home folder that you will pick up during this visit.

We are delighted to have your child at Jefferson Road Elementary and are looking forward to meeting you! We look forward to working with you to help your child start school on a positive note.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Civalier
Kerry George
Melissa Willmes
Julie Wilson

Please join us!

Jefferson Road Elementary School

KINDERGARTEN VISIT DAY

DATE: Tuesday, September 1st

TIME: 9:30–10:30 am

PLACE:
Jefferson Road Elementary School

OVERVIEW:

- Meet your teacher and drop off classroom supplies (see your scheduled time below)
- Take a bus ride with a parent/guardian
- Visit the cafeteria & have a snack, courtesy of the PTSA
- Visit the playground (if you want to)

Your classroom visit has been scheduled for you. Feel free to attend the other activities at your convenience within our 9:30-10:30 am time frame.

CLASSROOM VISITS:

- Last name starts with letter **A-M:** 9:30-9:45
- Last name starts with letter **N-Z:** 10:00-10:15

Let's start this year with excitement and joy!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Jefferson Road Elementary
Marisa Capuano, Principal
585-267-1300

Transportation Department
585-267-1480

Suggested Kindergarten Supply List for 2026-27

- 3 boxes of 24 Crayola washable crayons 
- 1 box of 12 Crayola Twistables colored pencils- 12 colors 



- 1 package of Crayola broad point washable markers- 8 classic colors
- 2 highlighters 
- 1 pair of Fiskars 5 inch scissors 
- 4 BIG washable glue sticks 
- 1 bottle of Elmer's washable school glue 



- Pack of 10 - 12 Ticonderoga pencils



- 8 black Expo fine tip markers
- 1 poly 2-pocket folder with 3 prongs - YELLOW
- 1 poly 2-pocket folder with 3 prongs - RED



- Plastic Pencil Box, 8.25" x 5.25" x2"



- Headphones (NO EARBUDS ☺)
- Snack container - can be purchased lunch box or paper bag. Must be **labeled** with child's first and last names on **outside front**
- **FULL-SIZED** BACKPACK - We highly recommend a backpack over a hand-held tote bag. It is safer for the children to have both hands free when getting on and off the bus. When purchasing a backpack, please keep in mind that for much of the year, it will hold a lunch box, snow pants, take-home folder, shoes or boots, etc. Help your child choose a backpack that is large enough to carry these items and can be closed and opened independently.
- One complete change of clothes for cubby in a bag clearly labeled with your child's name. Please write your child's name on each item of clothing as well.

If you do not order a supply kit, PLEASE BRING ALL SUPPLIES TO KINDERGARTEN VISIT DAY IN AUGUST

Donations for Kindergarten

- *Box of Tissues – plain, no lotions* 
- *Purell (specifically this brand)* 
- *Unscented Baby Wipes* 
- *Paper towels* 
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- *Ziploc bags (gallon & sandwich)*



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
Rev. 7/15/15

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

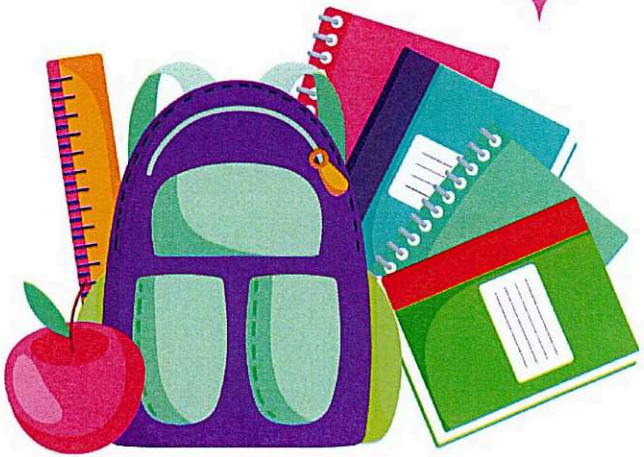
MARCH 17 – 7PM

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