

John F. Kennedy Elementary School Weekly Update

Friday, September 4, 2026



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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, Sept. 4

No School

Monday, Sept. 7

No School

Tuesday, Sept. 8

First Day of School
Kindergarten

Wednesday, Sept. 9

PK Orientation

Monday, Sept. 14

First Day of School
PK (Bruce & Davis)

Thursday, Sept. 24

JFK Open House
6:00PM



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Principal Corner

We have had a wonderful first two days of school! It has been exciting to see our hallways filled with smiling faces and the energy that comes with the start of a new school year.

Thank you to our families for helping make these first days such a positive and successful start!



We are looking forward to continuing the excitement as we welcome our Kindergarten students on **Tuesday, September 8th**, followed by our PK students on **Monday, September 14th**!

~Mrs. Mallory Stevens

Talking Points Update



We recently experienced a brief issue with TalkingPoints, our primary parent communication platform. We're pleased to share that the issue has been resolved, and TalkingPoints is

now fully operational.

If you are new to TalkingPoints, you should receive a notification from the school shortly with information on how to get started.

If you continue to experience any issues using TalkingPoints, please contact the school's IT Department at support@holbrook.k12.ma.us for assistance.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we resolved this issue. We appreciate your support and look forward to staying connected with you through TalkingPoints!

Bus Information



[JFK Elementary Bus Routes for the 2026-2027 school year can be found here.](#)

Please note that the AM and PM routes are exactly the same. Estimated route start times are listed in the link above. Please know that times and routes are subject to change.

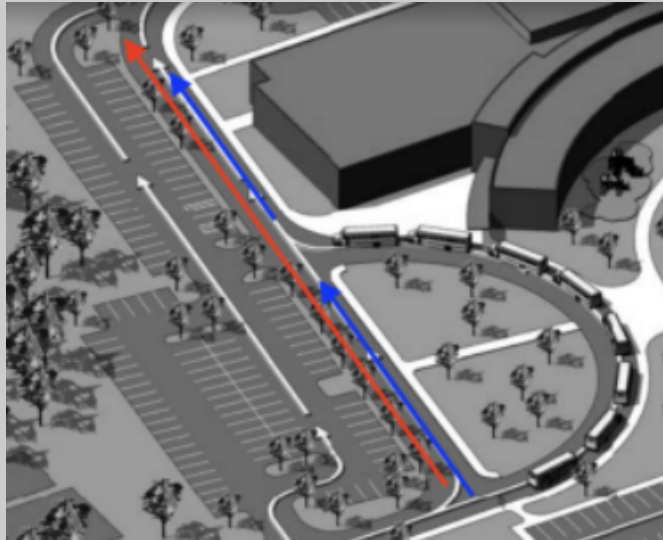
Students eligible for a bus in Grades K-5 must live OVER 1.0 MILE from the school.

Please keep in mind that buses tend to run a little slower the first week (or two) of school as the students and the bus drivers become acclimated to morning pick up and dismissal routines. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding!

REMEMBER TO CHECK BACK FOR ROUTE
UPDATES/CHANGES.

Important Notes for Drop Off 2026-2027 School Year

[Please read the full document for Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures for the 2026-2027 School Year.](#)



There are two lanes for school traffic.

- The right lane (marked with blue arrow) is for drop off. EVERY parent wishing to drop students off must wait their turn in the drop off lane.
- The left lane (marked with a red arrow) is for traffic continuing past the drop off lane. Cars in this lane should NO LONGER attempt to drive past the line of cars, then cut back into the drop off lane. This is dangerous driving behavior that puts students, drivers and staff at risk for an accident.

❖ DRIVERS:

- Please pull up as far as possible (to the orange cone).
- Do not block crosswalks while car is stopped.
- Do not leave car unattended in drop off lane.
- Remain in your car during rolling drop-off.
- If you wish to exit your vehicle to accompany students to the door, please pull into the parking lot and park in a marked space.

- Do not drop students off in the parking lot.

❖ STUDENTS:

- Exit cars on the right side, directly onto the sidewalk.
- Be ready to hop out as soon as the car is stopped.
- If your child is hesitant or not ready to get right out, please pull into the parking lot and park in a marked space. You can take as much time as you need there.
- If you wish to watch your children walk all the way in the door, please pull into the parking lot and park in a marked space. This will prevent anyone from blocking traffic in the drop off lane.

Please remember and understand that EVERY person waiting in the drop-off line feels their time is valuable.

We need to work together to find the most equitable solution for ALL.



School Committee Vacancy



There is currently a vacancy on the Holbrook School Committee. To fill this vacancy, the School Committee is seeking letters of interest from members of the community who are interested in serving in the vacant seat through the next election in April 2027.

Statements of interest should be submitted to Barbara Davis, Chair of the Holbrook School Committee, at davis@holbrook.k12.ma.us, or Bridget Baker, Executive Assistant, at bbaker@holbrook.k12.ma.us, no later than **Tuesday, September 8, 2026.**

Hard copies may also be delivered to the Central Office at:
Holbrook Public Schools
245 South Franklin Street
Holbrook, MA 02343

Candidates will be interviewed, and an appointment will be made at a future joint meeting of the Select Board and School Committee.

We encourage interested members of the community to submit their statements of interest by the deadline.

Summer Reading



[Rising K-5 Summer Reading Olympics](#)

[Summer Reading Olympics - Reading Log](#)

District Calendar



[CLICK HERE](#)
for the 2026-2027
School Calendar

School Supply Lists



[CLICK HERE](#)
to view the supply lists for the
2026-2027 school year.

Aspen Online Platform



Holbrook Public Schools, including JFK, will be transitioning to paperless report cards, IEP documentation, and enrollment/registration forms through the Aspen online platform for the upcoming

school year.

If you do not currently have an Aspen parent account, please contact our IT Department at support@holbrook.k12.ma.us to request that an account be created for your family. When reaching out, please use the email address that is currently on file with the school.

Please note: if you already have an Aspen account for an older child attending HMHS, you do not need to create an additional account. You will be able to access information for all of your children through the same account.

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