

Hello JFK Families!

The Final Stretch:

The last day of remote instruction is June 24th! We cannot even begin to thank you for your dedication and support with virtual learning. We know that this transition has not been easy and we are so grateful that you have prioritized keeping your child connected to school each day. We could not have done this without you!

Food Distribution & Choice Boards:

The JFK food pick up site has temporarily changed. Due to construction, food is being given out from 10:00-10:45 every morning in the parking lot of the Iglesia Evangelica Amigos Church located at 150 Murray Street in Kingston. Choice Boards are given out at the food distribution site every Wednesday.

Please Vote!:

As you may know, KCSD has experienced a delay with the mailing of ballots for the 2020-21 Budget Vote and Board Elections. The **new voting deadline** for mail-in ballots is **June 16th by 5:00 pm**. Please **do not** place ballots in the drop-boxes at schools after today, June 9th at 5:00 pm. [Click here for more information about voting and to read about budget highlights.](#)

4th Grade Graduation Update:

We can't wait to celebrate our 4th graders! Our alternative graduation event has not been approved yet but we have several back up plans and we are committed to creating a special moment for our students. Whether we are able to have you come to JFK or if we end up coming to you, the dates will be **Monday, June 22nd and Tuesday, June 23rd**. Thank you so much for your patience as we await approval.

PTA Elections:

It's PTA Election Time! Are you interested in being a JFK PTA officer? You can run for President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary! Simply email jfkkingstonpta@gmail.com by **June 12th** to nominate yourself or to nominate someone you know who is interested in running. JFK parents will be voting for new officers (for the 2020-2021 school year) at the June 17th virtual PTA Meeting (7:30 p.m. on TEAMS). PLEASE NOTE: Nominees **MUST** be in attendance at the June 17th virtual PTA Meeting in order to remain on the ballot.

Square 1 Art:

It's not too late to purchase items from Square 1 Art! Go to square1art.com/shop and click on "Find Your Child's Art", enter our state, John F. Kennedy Elementary School (Kingston) and your child's name. You will then be able to view your child's art and order products! If you order by June 30th, you will receive a limited time flat shipping fee of \$4.95 at checkout.

Our Future Musicians:

Today is the last day for current 3rd grade students to sign up to play an instrument this year! Watch this video: [Recruitment Video](#) and then fill out this survey to sign up: [Preference Form](#).

Chromebook Collection:

We will collect Chromebooks, library books and reading books, distribute yearbooks and also give out student items left in the classroom on **June 25th**. Many staff members will be there that day to cheer and wave as you drive through JFK and say goodbye to the 2019-2020 school year!



At JFK, we are committed to kindness, equity and justice but we also know that there is much more work to be done. Research shows that when children are exposed to racism and prejudice, even at very young ages, they tend to embrace and accept it, even though they might not understand the feelings. For the month of June, we've switched to social justice vocabulary words for our word of the week. We've covered diligent and justice so far and we will close the year with peace and unity. I have shared read alouds on the John F. Kennedy Elementary School Team that will open up these difficult conversations. If you're not sure where to begin, I urge you to listen to [The Skin You Live In](#), [The Breaking News](#), [Enough!](#) and [I Can Do Hard Things](#) as a family. We know that if we want our children to live in a safe and inclusive world, we need to have a dialogue about the impact of racism and the dangers of silence. We will do this work together. If you are struggling right now, know that we are here to listen and learn and please don't hesitate to reach out.

Love and pawsitivity,
Ms. Jamieson

