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Week of May 22nd, 2026

Principal Update

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful families who came out to march with us last weekend in Windsor's annual Shad Derby Parade! It was an absolute joy to see our school community so beautifully represented, filled with enthusiastic waves, bright smiles, and immense school pride. We couldn't have asked for a better day to celebrate together, and your participation made it truly special. Thank you for showing up, supporting our students, and making it such a memorable and fun-filled day for everyone involved!

I want to begin by expressing my appreciation to our dedicated families and the PTO for your ongoing support as we move into the final stretch of the school year. Your tireless dedication, countless volunteer hours, and unwavering enthusiasm have been the backbone of so many wonderful events and initiatives that enrich our students' daily lives. From organizing community gatherings to supporting our classrooms, your efforts create a vibrant, welcoming environment where our eagles can truly soar. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate partner in our school community, and we look forward to finishing this year strong together. Thank you for everything you do!

5th Grade Update

Humanities: Students have begun reading the novel Half and Half, where they are following a young girl as she navigates internal and external challenges while trying to understand her identity and bring the two sides of her family together. In addition, students are writing opinion papers that will develop into classroom debates with their peers.

STEM: Students have been working on Volume, Measurement, and Geometry through I-Ready, Envisions, and Amplify Desmos. They have practiced finding volume, solving measurement and conversion word problems, creating and interpreting line plots, and exploring the coordinate plane. Students are also studying two-dimensional figures and classifying them by their sides, angles, and properties.

Dates To Remember: *Important dates for parents/guardians*

May 25th	Memorial Day -No School
May 29th	JFK Field Day

Links : Cafeteria Menus Virtual Backpack

Attendance Reporting : Attendance matters

Here are options for reporting your student absent at J.F.K.

Phone Call: (860) 687 -2060

Text: jfkattendance@windsorct.org

Website: JFK website

QR Code:

A Special note about Early Dismissals: Please contact the main office in addition to the teacher if you would like to change how the student will be dismissed on a given day. Teachers could be absent so by notifying the office we can assure your student is in the correct location.


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Introducing MagicSchool AI to Windsor Public Schools

Dear Windsor Families,

We have launched **MagicSchool**, a secure AI platform designed specifically for education that fully complies with Connecticut Student Data Privacy laws.

Our goals:

- **Privacy First:** MagicSchool ensures a safe, controlled environment where student data remains private and secure.
- **Teacher-Led Learning:** AI is a tool to support instruction and provide personalized differentiation; it does not replace the vital role of the teacher.
- **Age-Appropriate Tools:** Students will access specialized tools, like research assistants and critical thinking partners, designed for their grade level.
- **Guidelines**: In alignment with our AI Guidelines, we will use MagicSchool to enhance, not replace critical thinking and creativity.

We are committed to a balanced approach that values traditional learning and limited screen time while preparing students for a digital future.

Frequently Asked Questions

How are we making sure kids aren't using AI to do their work for them?

Across Windsor Public Schools, AI is used to enhance, not replace, student thinking. Magic School is used to support not replace student thinking. MagicSchool does not allow students to freely search the internet; all student access is structured around teacher-assigned tools, class-based content, and controlled parameters to ensure a safe and focused learning experience. Teachers design lessons that require students to explain their thinking, participate in class, and apply learning independently.

How do we prevent AI plagiarism?

We have clear expectations that AI is a tool, not a substitute for original work. Students are taught to cite AI when used and to be transparent. Students are taught that AI is a tool not their own work, and must be used responsibly. Teachers emphasize process, in-class work, and student voice, and misuse of AI is addressed in alignment with school policies.

How do we address the use of AI in brainstorming and creativity?

Magic School includes age-appropriate tools that help students generate ideas and ask questions. AI is encouraged as a brainstorming and feedback tool, helping students generate ideas and refine their thinking. However, students are expected to build, revise, and create original work. Creativity and critical thinking remain at the center of all assignments.

How do we address misinformation and inaccuracy? ("Trust but Verify")

Students are taught to always verify AI-generated content. Magic School is a starting point for learning, not the final answer. AI can produce inaccurate or biased information, so students must cross-check sources, evaluate credibility, and think critically. “Trust but verify” is a core expectation across all grade levels.

How will AI affect learning?

Windsor Public Schools approach balances innovation with traditional learning (teacher-led), ensuring students continue to develop strong foundational skills and critical thinking. AI will support personalized learning and differentiation while keeping teachers at the center of instruction.

How do we handle bias and fairness?

We explicitly teach students that AI can reflect biases. Students learn to analyze responses, question assumptions, and consider multiple perspectives. There is also zero tolerance for using AI to create harmful, discriminatory, or inappropriate content.

How do we protect student privacy and safety?

Students use district-approved tools like MagicSchool in a secure environment that complies with student data privacy laws. They are taught to never input personal or confidential information into AI systems. Protecting student data is a top priority.

To close, AI will never replace the "inspired teaching" that defines a Windsor education. By using MagicSchool as a supervised thinking partner, we are helping Windsor students move from being passive consumers of technology to becoming empowered, ethical, and "life-long learners."

For more information, please review our **WPS AI Guidelines** or reach out to your school principal.

Sincerely,

Dana Gagne
Principal


Celebrate the Future
"One Night, One Class, One Goal"
2026 Project Graduation Fundraising!
$7,500
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Delicious food to fuel the night for the graduates!
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We strive to make your visit to our schools both pleasant and productive. Family engagement is essential to student success, and we encourage you to connect with the staff who support your child. Whether you are observing a classroom or volunteering through prior arrangements with the Family Resource Center (FRC) or a teacher, we appreciate your partnership.

To ensure student safety, protect instructional time, and accommodate all families, please follow these guidelines:

Scheduling Your Visit

- Volunteering must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance through your child's teacher or the FRC.
- Classroom observations must be scheduled with administration
    - Observations are limited to 20 minutes to minimize disruption
    - Only one parent/guardian may observe at a time due to space limitations. Please arrange care for younger children; the FRC can assist if needed.

Arrival and Safety

- All visitors must sign in and sign out at the front lobby with a valid ID, be processed through the Raptor System, and wear a visitor badge/sticker at all times.
- **Parents/guardians are expected to drop off their child outside, not inside. If students are brought after 8:45 the doors will be closed and they will need to be signed in at security and will be marked tardy.**
- Visitors will be escorted to and from their destination.

Classroom Expectations

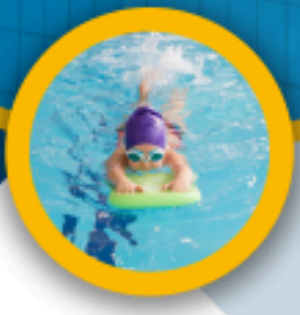
- Recording (audio or video) is not permitted.
- Respect student confidentiality—do not discuss other students outside the classroom.
- For questions or feedback, please schedule a separate time with the teacher.

Please note that the principal may reschedule or decline visits if they would disrupt the learning environment.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and focused school environment. We look forward to partnering with you!

READY TO DIVE INTO SUMMER?







- CAN YOU SWIM 2 LAPS OF FREESTYLE AND BACKSTROKE?
- ARE YOU FOCUSED AND DETERMINED?
- DO YOU LOVE BEING A PART OF A TEAM?

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JFK FOOD CLOSET

ALL DONATIONS HELP FAMILIES IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

Families are welcomed to drop off food supplies or to take food items as needed during school hours

We're collecting food to stock our Family Resource Center Food Closet.

PLEASE BRING NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS

- Canned vegetables, beans & soup
- Rice, pasta & cereal
- Shelf-stable milk & baby formula
- Peanut butter & canned protein
- Snacks
- Toiletries
- Feminine Products



PLEASE CONTACT
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DROP OFF LOCATION:
JFK
Family Resource Center

JFK SCHOOL STORE

2025-26

October 24

November 14

December 19

January 23

February 20

March 13

April 24

May 22

JFK School Store Needs You

The JFK school store allows students to “shop” and spend their hard earned Dojo points on fun toys, books, or games.

We are in need of parent volunteers to help out on Fridays when the school store is open.
No experience necessary!

Come have fun!

If you can help out
please sign up through the link below.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EABAF2EA5FDC43-59114567-jfkschool

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Parenting Adolescents Toward Healthier Ways (PATHWays)



School avoidance is a complex issue that involves the child who struggles with attendance, parents, and school systems.

The Anxiety Disorders Center is researching a treatment program that will focus on assisting parents in addressing the problem of school avoidance. This research will examine the use of a daily parent diary during treatment to track time in school, sleeping, using screens, and engaged in physical activity.

The PATHWays program aims to help parents:

- Understand how accommodations for anxiety may contribute to school avoidance.
- Learn ways to reduce accommodations.
- Create rules/structure around sleep, screen time, and activity.

Parents/guardians of students (ages 12-18, grades 6 -12) who are struggling with school attendance may be eligible for this research program.

If you know a family that would be interested in our program or would like more information about our program, please contact the Anxiety Disorders Center at (860) 545-7707.

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