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Week of May 15th, 2026

Principal Update

The finish line is finally in sight! As we power through our final week of testing, the energy in our hallways is absolutely electric. We are so proud of the focus our students have shown, and we can't wait to celebrate their hard work by marching in the annual Shad Derby Parade! It's always a highlight of the year to see our school spirit on full display in the heart of the community. Plus, the excitement continues as we prepare to welcome our incoming third graders for their official building tours. We are thrilled to show them the ropes and help them feel right at home before they join the JFK family this fall. Hang in there, everyone—we're almost there!

(Art Show Pictures Attached)

4th Grade Update

This week in Humanities students are continuing the shared reading text *Starry River of the Sky* by Grace Lin. Students are working to understand the connections between characters and identify the themes and lessons that come from the different stories told throughout the book (based loosely on Chinese ancient myths). In ELA, students are starting the unit "The Power of Action", where they will explore poetic literary techniques and will learn about how words inform our actions, how our actions impact the world around us, and how we can use our words and actions to promote change for a better world. Students are reading the texts "Freedom on the Menu", about the Greensboro Four, and "Shaking Things Up", about 17-year-old scientist Angela Zhang.

This week in math, students have been learning how to measure, identify, and draw angles using a protractor. We introduced new vocabulary, including acute, right, and obtuse angles, and students practiced recognizing these types through a variety of activities and real-world examples. Learning to use a protractor is a new skill for many students, and we are proud of their perseverance as they continue practicing and building confidence. Next week, students will complete their final i-Ready Math Diagnostic for the school year. This assessment helps us celebrate the growth students have made throughout the year and identify the progress they've achieved in math.

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.

THE SHAD DERBY PARADE

Saturday May 16, 2026

Please arrive at 10:30
at the Windsor High School Parking Lot

Parade begins at 11:30 am
Parade route is about 1.7 miles
and will end when it reaches the center of town.

Let's show our school spirit
Please wear a JFK T-shirt (or anything red)

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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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
Support Food, Decorations & Prizes
Delicious Food
Delicious food to fuel the night for the graduates!
Magical Decorations
to celebrate the night in style, providing a safe and exciting space to hang out all night long!
Amazing Prizes
to celebrate the accomplishments and gifts to prepare for college life!
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Mia. S.
Ryan K.
Dorry
Zoury
Xavier A.
Cole M.
Tonie C.
Christopher C.
Isaac O.V
Thea
Autumn Rose M
Jedidiah A.
Joseph A
Torryn A.
Kash J.
Parker S.
Brileahny A.
Kaileb H.
Ginelyz A.
Kalonji C.
Charlotte R.
Elli Scarlett J.
Brooke B.
Luca B.
Janelle M.
Akosia C.
Xavier V.
Taylor G.
Emily

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ART CLUB 2026
JFK CANVAS PAINTING
Art club students collaborated with Mrs. Lloyd to create this painting of our school! Students used acrylic paint to capture all the details of our school building. Look at the amazing art we can create when we work together!


WELCOME to the
JFK ART SHOW!


MAP
BINGO
FRIENDSHIP
BRACELETS
LIMIT ONE PER PERSON
Take a photo in the photo area
High five Mr Gagne or Mrs Blume

DEVELOP THE GENIUS IN EVERY CHILD
SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE
SELF AWARE
CRITICAL THINKER
PROBLEM SOLVER
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR
DEVELOP THE GENIUS IN EVERY CHILD
High Quality Instruction results in students thinking critically through acts of solving problems, communicating effectively, being socially responsible and self aware.
THINKING TASKS
Educators provide options for process, content, product, and learning environment
Educators spend a daily segment of class on scientific phenomenon and authentic context
Educators ask students to explain their thinking
THINKING GROUPS
Educators support students in initiating peer to peer questioning and feedback (reciprocal teaching)
Educators provide actionable feedback
Instructional Core Tier 1
Educators Plan for Thinking Questions
Educators provide culturally relevant authentic content knowledge
Educators scaffold and gradually remove support and guidance
STIMULATE STUDENTS' THINKING
CLAY JELLYFISH SCULPTURES

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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

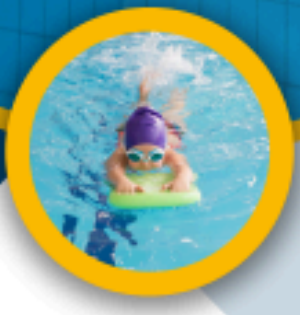
- Recording (audio or video) is not permitted.
- Respect student confidentiality—do not discuss other students outside the classroom.
- For questions or feedback, please schedule a separate time with the teacher.

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?

SCAN FOR
TRY-OUT INFO

JOIN THE WWRX SWIM 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
eabbot@windsorct.org

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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