

Some Important News from JFK

Hello JFK families –

Thank you to the Bullard family and Lake Compounce for supporting our Eagle Excellence program. We are thankful for your donations. **We appreciate you!**

Southington's local American Legion Kiltonic Post 72 is asking our JFK community to donate items for their Veterans Christmas Wish List. We will be collecting donations through next Friday, December 8th. The homeroom that brings in the most items will receive munchkins and hot chocolate to be provided by the Student Council and NJHS. **NEW items needed** are clothing (with tags only), toiletries (no hotel sized items), gloves, hats, belts, socks, new blankets and comforters, flashlights, batteries, and gift certificates to local businesses and restaurants. **Please donate if you can!**

NEXT FRIDAY, on December 8th, students and staff can wear pajamas in support of Connecticut Children's Medical Center's "PJ Day for the Kids." Students and staff must pay \$1 (or more if they wish) to wear pajamas.

All monies raised will be used to fund childhood cancer research initiatives. Last year, JFK raised over \$650! **Our goal is to raise over \$700 this year.**

Parents and guardians are encouraged to support PJ Day for the Kids by donating through JFK's PJ Day link: https://give.connecticutchildrens.org/team/544477?is_new=true

Beginning Friday, December 15th and continuing **on FRIDAYS ONLY** throughout the winter, JFK will again sponsor **Flannel Fridays for a Cause**. These days were very popular last year. For a \$1 donation, students will be allowed to wear **flannel pj bottoms** (no onesies, flannel pj sets, pajama hoodies, etc.) to school. Proceeds from *Flannel Fridays for a Cause* will support a schoolwide or community initiative. The first *Flannel Friday* on December 15th will benefit **Eagle Excellence**. Teachers will collect \$1 from students who choose to wear flannel pj bottoms each Friday during homeroom. **Please remember that pjs tops or bottoms are NOT allowed to be worn on any day** other than on *Flannel Fridays for a Cause*.

The winter concert schedule is as follows:

Grade 6 Band	Monday, 12/11
Grades 7/8 Band	Tuesday, 12/12
Orchestra	Thursday, 12/14
Chorus	Wednesday, 12/20

All are welcome to join us for these events.

Follow us on Instagram (jfkms06479) to see what is happening at JFK!

From the PTO:

Book Fair & Raffles Coming Soon!

During our winter band and orchestra concerts (Dec. 11, 12 and 14) the PTO will have the Scholastic Book Fair open as well as a table full of RAFFLES! Please bring cash or check for a chance to win Ski Mount Southington tickets, Yard Goats tickets, Wolf Pack tickets and many other local gift cards! All raffle proceeds benefit the JFK PTO.

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers students and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. Every purchase at the book fair benefits our school. The **JFK Book Fair will take place from December 11-15** in the Media Center. Students will shop and make purchases with their language arts classes. Thursday, December 14 and the morning of Friday, December 15 will be make-up days for those that were absent. **The book fair will also be open during the band and orchestra concerts on December 11, 12 and 14 from 6:30PM-8:00PM for additional shopping time for families.** Please utilize the JFK online book fair homepage to set your child's eWallet, preview the inventory, and shop online:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/johnfkennedymiddleschool>

Do you need gift cards for the holiday season?

Consider purchasing gift cards from RaiseRight which will benefit our PTO and, in return, our students, teachers and staff!

How it works:

- Buy gift cards at full value from 750+ brands. Pick from eGift cards and physical gift cards.
- Earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy.
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases.
- Watch your fundraising account grow throughout the year, thanks to the brands that give

back to support your community! Get started today!

Create a free fundraising account on the RaiseRight mobile app or at [RaiseRight.com](https://www.raise-right.com)

Have questions or need our organization's enrollment code? Contact: Jessica

Mitchell southingtonjfkpto@gmail.com - Enrollment code: Q33LHZN8RZLK

5 Below Shopping Event

Do you have shopping to do for the holidays?! Mark your calendar and be sure to stop into 5 Below - Plainville, between **Dec. 17-23, 2023**, **present the flyer** to the cashier and JFK PTO will earn 10% back on your purchase!! How amazing is that?!

BINGO Night! - Fundraising with a KICK!

Get your tickets now, it's going to be a fun night!! **Saturday Feb. 10, 6:00pm** JFK Cafe. Space is Limited! Pre-Sale only!!

HOW TO ORDER

***On-Line:** <https://forms.gle/c5e6pAjvmRjHj9vL8>

**Message: Everything Happens for a Reason Fundraising*

**Call/Text: 860.550.3249*

Bingo starts at 7pm*Doors open at 6pm**

The Box Tops program is digital!

No more clipping! The new Box Tops mobile app uses state of the art technology to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase, find participating products and instantly add earnings to our school's earnings online. Participating brands have changed their packaging to a new Box Tops label.

It's as easy as 1,2, 3!

- 1- Download the mobile app
- 2- Scan your store receipt
- 3- Earn money for JFK!

Mobile app information can be found on <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> along with participating products, Bonus Box Tops and Sweepstakes opportunities. Any questions, please email Jessica Mitchell at

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Have a nice weekend,
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