

# KENNEDY COMMUNICATOR

September 26, 2011

Dear Parents,

Well, it's official . . . fall is technically here! At this time of the year, I am in that stage of lamenting that summer is over, but excited for cider mills and pumpkins! It always takes me a few weeks to get out of summer mode and back on that regular schedule of going to bed at a decent hour, making a lunch and doing my homework (yes, I have plenty!) While these routines can sometimes be annoying, especially when I want to stay up late to watch the Tigers, I know that they are important to keep me at my best.

The same goes for our students - both in and out of school. We all know it takes some time to get back into the work of school. So, at JFK, we have been practicing routines and adjusting procedures to make sure the school year runs smoothly and students get the most out of their experience here.

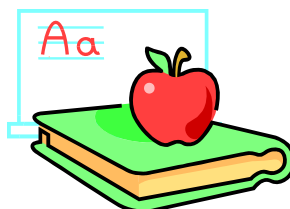
One of the things we have been having consistent conversations with students about is student expectations across all areas of the school. Students at JFK are expected to be Safe, Respectful, Responsible and Productive. These expectations are posted in many areas around the building and are being reinforced. In the fall, we focus in on the word safe and what that means. This can be anywhere from walking in the hallway, staying seated on the bus, changing touch football to flag football, and using words that support a feeling of being safe throughout the day.

I wanted to share these expectations with you so that we can work in tandem, as you talk to your children about the events that occur in a school day. Throughout the year, teachers will have class meetings or procedural reviews on school expectations. Next month, I will be talking with each classroom about behavior as well as continue to share reminders through our morning news announcements.

You will also notice a few procedural changes, including the way we organize dismissal, to promote safety of students from arrival to departure. I appreciate your support as we work through new routines and get moving into the work of the year, which is student academic growth and learning!

Happy Fall!

Sincerely,  
*Pauline K. Nagle*  
Principal



## Attendance

Please report your child's absence at 248-547-0880 (press 2). Also, call that number if your child is going to be late and needs a hot lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation!

### Upcoming Dates:

**September 26:** Elementary Skate Party—  
Grades K-6 Troy Skate World 6:15-8:15 p.m.

**September 27:** Picture Day

**October 4:**  
PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
MAP Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
PTA Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**October 5:** Student Count Day  
JFK Jog-a-thon

**October 10:** Columbus Day

**October 11:** MEAP Testing begins—through  
Oct. 27

**October 14:** Market Day pickup 3-4:30 p.m.

**October 15:** Fall Festival 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**October 18:** Mix-It-Up Day

**October 31:** Halloween—Full day of school

**Nov. 1:**  
PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
PAC Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
MAP Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Nov. 2:** Building Tour 9 a.m.

**Nov. 4:** No school p.m. (Records Day)

**November 6:** Daylight Savings Time ends

**November 7:** Hearing Screening, Gr. K-2-4, SE

**November 8:** No School—Election Day  
Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-3 p.m. & 4-7 p.m.

**November 10:** Hearing Screening, Gr. K-2-4, SE

**November 11:** Market Day Pick up 3-4:30 p.m.

## Congratulations to our WWJFK Morning News Announcer!



Fifth and sixth grade students were invited to fill out a job application to become a WWJFK Morning News Announcer for the first marking period. After a review of many applications, six students were interviewed and three candidates were asked to join the team. Congratulations to:

***Abbey Krycian***  
***Gracie Schoenknecht***  
***Nina Tulashie***

The WWJFK team will air their first daily announcement on Monday, September 26!

## Picking-up Your Child? Check out our new procedures and map!

In order to have a more secure environment as students are leaving school, we ask that you work with us and follow our new pick-up procedures. These procedures will allow staff to have a stronger visual on where students are going, who is being picked up and who is still waiting. If students are not picked up by 3:30 p.m., they will be brought to the office to contact you.

If you plan to pick up your child from school, there are two options:

- Park in a designated parking spot, exit your vehicle and pick up your child from the appropriate meeting spot. (Wait at the grade level area of your youngest child.) Children will not be allowed to cross the parking lot without a parent/guardian.
- Wait in your car in the drive up line. Children waiting in the car pick up line will be permitted to exit the line as you drive up. Please do not stop or park on the yellow diagonal crosswalk areas at any time.
- If you are picking up your child in the car line, all children will be asked to wait in a line. As you drive up, students will be permitted to leave the line.
- Kindergarten parents may continue to pick up their children at the Kindergarten pick up door.
- If your child regularly walks home from school, please fill out a walker permission slip. This will help us know that you are comfortable with your child walking home.
- Please do not wait in the grassy areas for your children. Children will not be allowed to play on the front grassy area during the dismissal period.



PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on  
**Tuesday, September 27.**

Order forms were sent home last week. If you did not receive a form, you can pick up another from the school office. If ordering pictures, please send your order form and payment to school with your child on Tuesday.

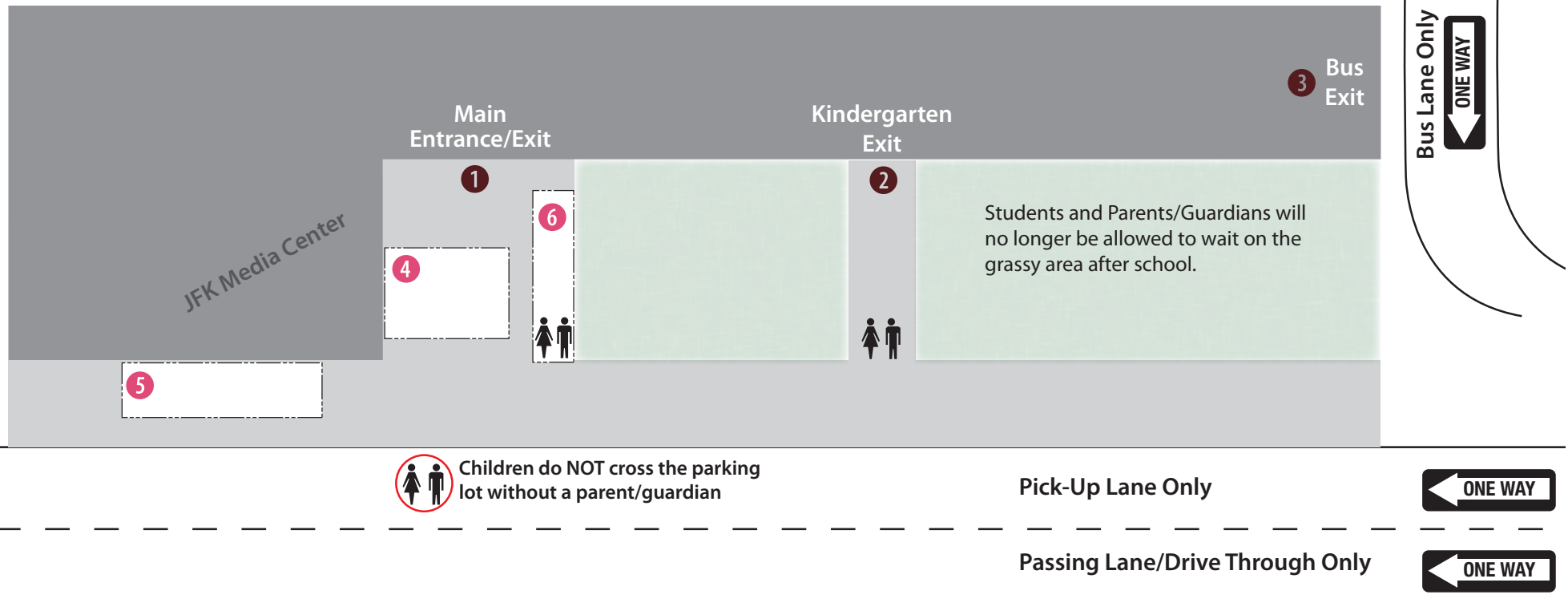
The MEAP testing window is  
**October 11-27, 2011.**

As always, please make sure your child is well rested and receives a nutritious breakfast. Also, please try to avoid absences and tardies during the testing window.

MEAP

# JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL

## 2011 Building Dismissal Map and Procedures



- 1 Main Exit: Grades 1-6, who are not riding the bus, exit building here to meet their parents/guardians or walk home
- 2 Kindergarten Exit: Kindergartners, who are not riding the bus, exit building here to meet their parents/guardians
- 3 Bus Exit: All students who ride the bus, exit building here

- 4 Grades 1-3 Waiting Area: Parents/Guardians and Students meet here, before walking home or heading to a parked car
- 5 Grades 4-6 Waiting Area: Parents/Guardians and Students meet here, before walking home or heading to a parked car
- 6 Car Pick-Up Waiting Area: Students who will be picked up by someone in the car pick-up lane, will wait here until their ride has arrived. When the student can identify the car or parent/guardian, he/she will be dismissed from the waiting area by a JFK staff member.