JFK Families!

Happy Friday! Thank you to our families who joined us for the JFK PTO meeting on Wednesday. We have so many amazing events and activities planned for our students this year! Please join our school’s PTO and make plans to attend next month’s meeting on Wednesday, October 4th.

Tonight is the JFK Back to School Picnic! Please join our school community for a fun night with your family from 5:30-7:30 pm on the JFK Field.

Today’s electronic copy of Hawk Highlights includes previously sent home forms and flyers. Monday’s paper copy will only include “NEW” forms and flyers, pages 1-6.

On page two, you’ll find our school’s rotating specialist schedule. This will be helpful in planning for returning books to the media center and wearing sneakers on P.E. days!

Fondly,

Mrs. Etense

K-2 Parents,

Please send in lanyards on Monday for collection. We reuse these each year! Thank you!

It’s been a busy week here at JFK!
# JFK Rotating Specialist Schedule 2017-2018

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of Milford Elementary Schools:

The Milford Public Schools Music Department is pleased to announce the opportunity for fourth and fifth grade students to participate in our elementary instrumental music program. We offer lessons in band and string instruments on a pull-out basis once a week during the school day. Students are expected to perform in evening and school performances.

The study of a musical instrument is an excellent opportunity for children to pursue their interests and talents. Playing in a band or string orchestra also enables students to work together toward a common goal of performing music.

Instruction is available on violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone, and percussion. Please be sure to choose two different 1st and 2nd choice instruments when signing up. Based on enrollment, instruction on instruments such as percussion, saxophone, and violin will be offered to students at the teacher’s discretion.

**How To Submit Your Registration**
Go to [http://www.milfordstringsandband.weebly.com](http://www.milfordstringsandband.weebly.com) and fill out the online registration form. You may also fill out and submit this form if you are unable to access the website.

**How to Obtain an Instrument**
There will be a rental night at Jonathan Law High School on **Monday, September 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM** in the cafeteria. If you cannot attend the event, please contact us so we can send you a list of local music vendors.

Please complete the online registration form. OR detach the registration form below and return it to your child’s classroom teacher by **Tuesday, September 12th, 2017**. If you do not complete the registration by then, it is less likely for your child to receive their first choice instrument. Keep the top part of this form for future reference. We look forward to your child’s participation in the elementary instrumental music program!

Sincerely,
Mr. Brian Boots (band)  Ms. Kathy Kozinski (strings)  Mr. John Burns (strings)
MDS, MAT, JFK, PD  MDS, MAT  JFK, PD
bboots@milforded.org  kkozinski@milforded.org  jburns@milforded.org

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***Band and Strings Registration forms must be returned by Tuesday, September 12, 2017***

Student’s name: (please print clearly) __________________________________________________________

School: ____________________________    Grade: _____    Classroom Teacher: ____________________________

1st instrument choice: ____________________________    2nd choice: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian Email Address: (please print clearly) ______________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________    Phone: ____________________________
JFK PTO MUM Pre-Order Sale

GOT MUMS?

Order your mums today!

Pick Up at JFK School on
Thursday, September 28th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

All proceeds benefit the JFK PTO.
The PTO offers numerous activities throughout the school year for the children of JFK.

Two sizes are available, 8 inch and 12 inch pots (very large, used on doorsteps).

The order form below should be returned with payment and sent into school with your child. The payment: cash accepted, check preferred, in an envelope with PTO MUM sale written on the front by September 20th. Pick up will be at Door #9 to the right of the After Care Pick Up Door. You can park in the Staff Parking Lot to pick up the plants.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheryl at Doulee@aol.com.

JFK PTO MUM SALE

Name __________________________ Phone ______________________

Email (please print) __________________________________________

8 inch pot $5.00 each Please put the number of each color desired below.

_____ White _____ Yellow _____ Orange _____ Purple _____ Red/Burgundy

12 inch pots $16.00 each Please put the number of each color desired below

_____ White _____ Yellow _____ Orange _____ Purple _____ Red/Burgundy

Contact: Sheryl at Doulee@aol.com

ORDER DUE 9/20/17- Sorry, no late orders accepted!
COMING SOON...
JFK Elementary
1st Annual
Hawk-a-thon

This event is intended to be our biggest fundraiser of the year! The Hawk-a-thon will also be a day filled with JFK pride, community and school spirit. The Hawk-a-thon will be held during school hours on Friday, October 13th.

What we need:

1. Families to help their students fundraise (all money raised will benefit JFK students directly!)

2. Donations! If you have a small business, if you have a connection, if you have an idea - this is the time to take what you have and bring it to the table! We will be accepting Raffle Prize donations as well as bottles of water for the day of the event.

3. Your time! Register to volunteer the day of the event and be a part of this special day!

We will be sending home all the details of the Hawk-a-thon next week and we are so excited to bring this event to your children and the JFK community!

Please contact Jocelyn at jwhelan@sbcglobal.net or Kate at kzgradden@yahoo.com if you would like to register to volunteer, donate or have any questions.

---The JFK PTO--- ptojfk@gmail.com on Facebook @ Milford JFK PTO
Join Milford’s Pack 17 Cub Scouts This Fall

September 5, 2017

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! As our sons put on their backpacks with homework folders and snacks, I hope you’ll consider a different backpack filled with excitement and adventure by joining us in Cub Scouts.

Cub Scouts is a program for families with boys in first through fifth grade that combines FUN with educational activities and lifelong values. It’s designed to support and encourage family and community involvement. All the while the boys are gaining self-confidence, strengthening their own character and having adventures.

We had a busy year last year -- Campout on the field at the Bridgeport Bluefish, campout at Limerock raceway, Fall Hauntoree Camping Trip, Halloween party, November food drive, Pinewood Derby (building a race car), rocket launch, Fishing Derby & camp out, flag ceremonies, a Pack 17 Float in the Veterans Day Parade and St Patrick’s Day Parade, advancements, awards, and so much more. We’ve got even bigger ideas for this year!

Pack 17 follows a nationally developed curriculum for Cub Scouts and is entirely run and planned by the trained parent volunteers.

I have been involved in Scouting since first grade and it has helped shape my own life in every way. When our son entered first grade, we couldn’t wait to sign him up. For us, this is quality time we spend with our son, not watching from the sidelines. Seeing the sense of accomplishment he gains after an activity or meeting makes it worth every minute.

Our first meeting is Tuesday September 12, 6:30 p.m. at Pumpkin Delight School. This meeting is an excellent opportunity to meet the families involved and to learn about what we have planned for this year.

We typically meet Tuesday evenings with occasional weekend activities. I hope you’ll join us to check it out, meet some of our leaders and get ready for our first campout on September 29 & 30 at Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, CT. If you’re interested but can’t attend on the 12th, just email me or visit www.beascout.org to learn more.

Please contact me anytime at donegan.jim@gmail.com or (203) 887-1119, or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cubscoutpack17milford.

Sincerely,

Jim Donegan
Cubmaster, Pack 17
Milford Cub Scout Pack 17
Fall/Winter 2017

Hauntoree Campout Oct 13 - 15

September 12th at 6:30pm
New season kick off meeting at Pumpkin Delight School!

Limerock Speedaway Campout
September 29th & 30th

Veterans Day Parade

FOOD DRIVE

Thanks for Giving

Pack Holiday Party Dec 19th

Bobcat
Tiger Cub
Wolf
Bear
Webelos

9/1/2017
BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Sponsored by: THE JFK PTO
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Facebook @ Milford JFK PTO

WHEN: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th 5:30-7:30 pm (rain date 9/15/17)

WHERE: JFK Field

WHAT: DJ, Concessions, Face Painting, Sno-Cones, Raffles, Pre-Ordered Pizza

Come join us and celebrate the 2017-2018 School Year as we take our children, “Around the World!” Let the children play while we welcome our New Administrator Mrs. Bonnie Etense to the JFK Community! Come see what the PTO and the JFK Staff has planned for your students this year!

We will be taking orders for Large Cheese Pizzas ($11.00 each) to be dispersed at 5:30 on the field. Pizzas will not be available for purchase the night of the event. Feel free to bring your own picnic dinner, lawn chairs and blankets to set up on the grass and enjoy the night!

Please return this completed form and cash or check made payable to JFK PTO no later than Tuesday September 5th to guarantee your pizza(s) for the picnic. Enclose form and payment in a sealed envelope in your child’s folder labeled “PTO Picnic”

Thank you!

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Student Name: ________________________ Room #: ___________________

# of Large Cheese Pizza(s) ordered: __________________

Total amount enclosed ($11/pizza): ________________ Due by 9/5/17
JFK PTO MEMBERSHIP FORM

WE NEED YOU!

Parent/Guardian Name(s): __________________________________________

Student Name(s) & Room #(s): ______________________________________

____________________________________

Phone: ________________________  ❑  CELL  ❑  HOME  ❑  WORK

Email (PRINT CLEARLY PLEASE) ______________________________________

❑ Check here if you do not want the PTO to email you with news, upcoming events, etc.

Membership Donation: ❑ $10.00    ❑ Other $___________

We suggest a $10 donation however, anything you could give would be greatly appreciated and will go
directly to benefit the students at JFK. Please make all checks payable to JFK PTO.

THANK YOU!!

Please email us anytime at: ptojfk@gmail.com  Also, please follow us on Facebook @ Milford JFK PTO.

The first class to obtain a full 100% PTO Membership will receive a
$50 gift card to be used for the classroom!!!
Dear JFK Families:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We are so excited to get started making memories with your children this year. You will be receiving a lot of information in the coming weeks. To simplify matters we just wanted to reach out to you with a few important facts to start the first week of school.

IMPORTANT DATES:  

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017** 7:00pm Media Center –  
1st PTO MEETING  
(We provide free babysitting in the gym during the meeting.)  

**Friday, September 8, 2017** 5:30-7:30pm- Back to School Picnic – JFK Field  
(You may pre-order pizza or bring your own picnic meal, concessions will be sold, DJ, face-painting, raffle...See flyer for more details.)  

**Monday, September 18, 2017** Open House (details to come)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:  

1st Annual Hawkathon!!! Our biggest fundraiser event of the year! This day will be a day of JFK spirit, community and healthy exercise and will kick off our student’s year with a big bang! Look for details to come!

ALSO COMING:  
Trunk or Treat  
Veteran’s Breakfast/Celebration  
Holiday Store  
Enrichment Events  
Afterschool Programs  
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

Please join our wonderful partnership of family and staff at the PTO while we make this school year the best one yet!

Sincerely,

THE JFK PTO  ptojfk@gmail.com  on Facebook @ Milford JFK PTO
PTO **meeting** 2017-2018

Wednesday September 6
Wednesday October 4
Wednesday November 8
Wednesday December 6
Wednesday January 3
Wednesday February 7
Wednesday March 7
Wednesday April 4
Wednesday May 2
Wednesday May 30

**7:00pm JFK Media Center**

**Free Babysitting Provided**
PTO Opt-Out Option 2017-2018

Dear JFK Families:

We know that the school year is busy and overwhelming at times. The PTO is grateful for any support you can offer our organization. All money raised by the PTO is used to directly benefit the students at JFK Elementary.

We offer many different ways to support the PTO throughout the year. Busy parents have requested a simplified manner in which they can show their support to the PTO...welcome to the Opt-Out.

This one-time donation will take the place of all future fundraising for the entire school year. The suggested amount for the JFK PTO Opt-Out is $40.00/family. The Opt-Out is purely voluntary and exists to simplify the way in which you can support your students and the PTO.

****PLEASE NOTE: We will not be able to restrict the fundraising flyers and literature from coming home in your student’s folders – you still will receive all PTO communications and of course, are welcome to participate in all events and activities when possible. This Opt-Out will give you the chance to show your support for the year without having to fundraise further. *****

If you would like to participate in the Opt-Out for this school year simply return this form in a sealed envelope in your student’s folder. We thank you for your support!!!

The JFK PTO, ptojfk@gmail.com, On Facebook @ Milford JFK PTO

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JFK PTO OPT OUT 2017-2018

Student Name(s) & Room #(s): ____________________________________________
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Parent/Guardian Name(s): ________________________________________________

Opt-Out Amount: ☐$40.00 ☐Other Amount $____________________

***Please make checks payable to JFK PTO***
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