

Front Page Falcon News

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Teachers

In a world where it is difficult to count on many things, there is one thing at JES that you can count on and that is outstanding teachers! Our school is blessed to have such creative, caring, and talented teachers in our classrooms! Please come in to visit and see how great the classrooms look and learn of all of the experiences your child/children are having!

We have two new faces at JES:

Mr. John Reese has joined us and will be teaching middle level English Language Arts and Social Studies.

Ms. Kristin Crowley is joining us as an Ed. Tech III, working primarily in Kindergarten and Grade 2.

Also, Ms. Marcia McDavid is returning to teach Chorus and Music on Wednesdays!



Welcome Back! Tidbits....

- A great big welcome to all of our new students and staff and to our returning students and staff! We have had a great start to the year! Everyone seems to be settling in nicely.
- Fall sports are underway and our Falcons and Seahawks are representing at meets and games!
- Soon, the new JES website will be up and running. Be on the lookout!
- Open House will be on September 26, from 5:00-6:00 pm. Please join us!
- The Grandparents' Tea hosted by Grade 5 on Friday, September 14, was a super success. What fun!
- Grade 8 is selling raffle tickets for four hours of cleaning donated by Heather Backman : a monetary value of \$100, but invaluable to those with a busy schedule!! Worth taking a chance for a good cause.
- On Friday, September 21, students will begin a new enrichment program, called PowerHour. Each Friday from 1:15-2:15, students will experience such activities as Yoga/Meditation, Sports Center, The Art of Nature, Outdoor School, Line Dancing, Calligraphy, Drama, Sewing, and Technology. In five weeks, the options will change and students will choose new activities. Upcoming activities include Fire Science, Painting, Jr. EMT, Crafting, Coding with Minecraft, Drama, and Visits from Law Enforcement and Warden Service, to name a few. If you have ideas, please let me know!

Attendance and Tardiness:

Coming to school regularly and being on time for school are important. When your child is late or misses school, he or she is missing important information and activities. Unless sick or excused, all students should be in school when school is in session to ensure the greatest success for every child. Chronic absences and tardiness have to be reported to the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services, who will be taking a tough stance this year, as will JES. We will continue recognizing students for attendance each month.

Shout Outs!

We are always excited to receive donations and help for special programming. A big thank you to Machias Savings Bank for their donation of school supplies for our students and \$250 to spend for programming! So exciting! Another big thank you to the Washington County Retired Teachers Association for their generous donation of school supplies!

School Climate:

We will continue working on promoting a positive school climate at JES. Just as attendance and tardiness are important, so too is attitude. We will provide any resources available to us to support students, while working on anti-bullying, choosing kindness, respect, and accountability. A hard stance will be taken with bullying, meanness, and disrespect. After initial warnings are given for first time offenses, consequences will be given and those consequences will include staying after-school, suspension from school, or in-school suspension, as warranted, as follows. Using violence, calling names based on sexual or perceived sexual preference, racist remarks, threatening, bullying, and chronic disruptive behavior, etc. will result in suspension. In addition, we will be working on proactive problem solving and restorative justice with students to try to eliminate the need for reactive solutions, such as consequences, as we move towards positive discipline.

Questions and Concerns:

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me!