

Important Dates:

- 9/10 PTO Meeting
6 pm
- 9/14 School Board
Meeting 6 pm
- 9/17 All School
Meeting 2:45-3:15
- 9/22 Bus Safety
with Kevin 9:05
- 9/23 Picture Day
- 9/30 Open House
6-7 pm
- 10/5 School Board
Meeting 6 pm
- 10/8 PTO Meeting
6 pm
- 10/9 Early Release
12:30 Dismissal
- 10/12 Columbus
Day—WE HAVE
SCHOOL!
- 10/16 All School
Meeting 2:45-3:15



James Faulkner Elementary School Monthly Newsletter

September 10, 2015

Principal's News:

Welcome Back! It has been a fabulous first few weeks here at JFES. Teachers and students have been working on establishing rules and routines in their classroom which helps the classroom run smoothly the rest of the year. They have also been getting to know their classmates and working in small groups to accomplish assigned projects. All students have been very happy and engaged in their learning thus far.

We had many new staff join us this year. I would like to welcome Amanda Bridges our new 4/5 teacher, Sarah Hope our new K/1 teacher, Kim Perrson our Occupational Therapist, Heather Salter our School Counselor, Tonia Bowman our School Nurse, Marilyn Chamberlain our Before/After School Coordinator and Brenna Manuel is returning as our Art teacher. Welcome to all our new staff!

As many of you have noticed we have changed our flow of foot traffic in and out of our building this year. All visitors including parents and guardians are being asked to enter through the main office and sign in if entering into the hallway. If you would like to walk your child to their class or put something in their cubbies in the hallway please sign in. This is allowing us to monitor who is in our building and it also limits the amount of students entering the building unsupervised prior to the start of school. Thank you to all of you for adhering to this change.

A message from the School
Counselor, Mrs. Salter:

I am pleased to be joining James Faulkner Elementary School as the new School Counselor. Prior to JFES, I worked as a School Counselor at Weare Middle School and before that Pine Tree Elementary School. I received my MA in School Counseling from Boston College and my BA in Psychology from Gettysburg College. In addition to working at JFES, I coach gymnastics at Granite State Gymnastics in Bow, NH. In my free time I enjoy spending time outdoors kayaking, running, biking, and skiing.

Throughout the 2015-2016 school-year, I will be at JFES on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I will be teaching classroom guidance lessons as well as meeting with students individually and in small groups. If you have any questions or would like to refer your child, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to getting to know and working with many students and families throughout the year.

At the end of last year, Pat Strickland in conjunction with the Librarian at Stoddard public library applied for the CLiF Rural Library Grant. We were informed this summer we received one of the twelve grants! The receiving of this grant allows our school to have two different storytelling performances; one at the beginning of the year and one at the end of the year. They also will give a book to every child enrolled in the school and the opportunity for Mrs. Strickland to purchase \$500.00 worth of new books for our library. We are very excited to receive these wonderful benefits of this grant.

James Faulkner Elementary School will hold their Open House on Wednesday, September 30th this year. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Our first Early Release day is scheduled for Friday, October 9th with dismissal at 12:30. The After Care program will be available from 12:30-6:00. We do have school on Monday, October 12th.

Have a spectacular September!

Mrs. LeMahieu

