

It's Great to Be a Wildcat!

The Latest BUZZ from Mrs. B



School resumes January 5th!

Monday, January 5th, school resumes from Winter break. In addition first semester ends on January 30th. Student report cards will be issued on February 6th. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions.

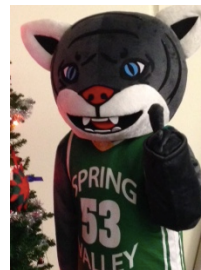
Reminders:

- Please **renew** 2nd semester bus passes and Kindergarten snack milk by Wednesday, January 21st. The semester bus fee is \$50, and milk for the second semester is \$26.25. Please note there are no waivers available for Kindergarten snack milk. Any questions please direct them to the office at 815-664-4601. Note: both of these fees must be paid in full.
- Please remember to call the offices by 9:00 a.m. if your child will not be attending school.
- During the cold and flu season, students must be fever free for a full 24 hours—without fever reducing medicine, before returning to school. Not only does this prevent the spread of germs, but protects your child from getting new ones or a relapse due to a compromised physical system.
- Remember your child will be outside before school and during recess, most days. Dressing in layers is suggested. Also, snow pants and boots are required to play on the equipment. We have many students who are forgetting winter coats, hats and gloves. Please make sure they have all the necessary gear when leaving for school.
- Attached is a letter from the Illinois 5-Essentials Survey manager. Please read it for details about the required survey. Any questions please contact Mrs. B. Students will take the survey during the school day.
- Please note that the District's student management system, TeacherEase, has menus and calendars, in addition to student grades and attendance. Make sure we have an updated email address so you are able to access your child's information.

- NOTE: **No school** on Friday, January 16th and Monday, January 19th. 2 p.m. early dismissals will be January 7th, 15th, 21st, and 28th.
- Beginning soon, we will utilize a thumb scan for the lunchroom. The cost to replace cards and students misplacing and/or breaking them has caused several issues. District policy can be found on the website at: www.99.org. Please look under the Board of Education menu.
- Please help keep our youngest students and their siblings safe by utilizing the required safety seats in your vehicles as required by Illinois law.
- Family Reading Night is January 15th. Please plan on attending from 6-8 p.m. for a fun night of reading for all our students and families in PreK-8th grade. A BookFair will also be available during this time.

Change to the DROP OFF Location begins January 5th!!!

Please note that for the remainder of this year, drop off will be **at the farthest northwest door**. You will still enter the parking lot from Strong and drive around the same way, but students will be entering at the far door. Please make sure you and your child are prepared for the changes. Also, please note that you may not have students walk across the pick up lane to a parked car. If you are in a hurry, it might be better to wait down the block off of Richards Street and have your student walk to you.



Have you seen Paws our new mascot? Thank you to the JFK Student Council for purchasing and setting up the schedule for our Wildcat!!!!

Way to go JFK!!!!

**Wildcats' three key words:
RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, and SAFETY!!!!!!**

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are writing to inform you about a student survey that will be administered at your child's school called the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This is the third year the Illinois State Board of Education will implement this survey across the state. This survey is based on 20 years of research at the University of Chicago. It asks students about their experiences in school, giving school leaders critical student input to help develop school improvement plans.

This year, student participants will be required to log-in using their student ID and birth date in order to complete the survey. Students' identities will be completely confidential. Teachers or administrators will never see individual responses to survey questions and will only receive aggregated information, such as the total percentage of students who agree homework assignments help them learn the course material.

Please be aware that under the Protection of Pupil Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232(c) (1) (A), you have the right to review a copy of the questions asked of your student(s). Survey questions can be found on the Illinois 5Essentials [website](https://Illinois.5-essentials.org) (<https://Illinois.5-essentials.org>).

If you do not want your son or daughter to participate, fill out the information below and ask your child to return this sheet to his or her teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Molly Quish
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School Name: _____ Room # _____
(Please Print)

I **DO NOT** want my child, _____, to take part in the 2014-15 Illinois
CHILD'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)
5Essentials Survey.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE