

The mission of John B. Dey Elementary, in partnership with our entire community, is to ensure that each student is empowered with the knowledge, skills, and self-confidence necessary to meet the challenges of the future.

The Dey-Dispatch

The Principal's Newsletter

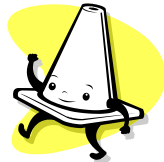
News, Reminders, and Updates for John B. Dey Parents

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Please join me in welcoming new families to JBD. We are glad you are with us!



Safety Reminders

Morning Student Drop Off

Students being dropped off by car, should enter by the canopied entrance near Great Neck Middle. For security reasons, please do not drop off students before 7:30 a.m. since our employees are unavailable to supervise children before this time. Children who arrive prior 7:45 a.m. are to sit in the Cafeteria and will be dismissed to classrooms at 7:45 a.m.

Parent Pick Up at Dismissal

At this busy time of the day, each parent is asked to help us maintain our safe school plan and remain in the Cafeteria until your student is released to you. Please use the doors closest to the office to exit the Cafeteria. The lobby is very congested at this time with three exiting lines of energized students going to their assigned busses.

Doors

The front two center doors are designated for dismissing grades 3-5 grade students and the door closest to the office is designated

for first grade students. Parents are asked to exit with their children in the door adjacent to the first grade line.

Parents accompanying their student from the Cafeteria are asked to use the door to the immediate right of the first grade exit door. I thank each of you for your patience at dismissal as we continue to make dismissal as safe for our students as possible.



WJBD News You Can Count On

If you happen to be at school at 8 a.m. during the week, you will undoubtedly catch a glimpse of WJBD and get the latest breaking news from our studio broadcasters.

The broadcast has gotten a two-thumbs up from viewers which of course is comprised of students, teachers, parents and even visitors from other schools who have heard all about this great venue offered to JBD students. If a viewer wants the latest doppler weather conditions, the lunch menu or the latest SCA info or contest, there is nothing better than WJBD!

A special thank you to Mrs. Carroll, JBD's Computer Resource teacher, Media Specialist, Susan Hardesty and our tech assistant, Cory Nard (former JBD student), who oversees the daily broadcast. Kudos to our SCA officers and reps who are involved with our news program!

Find out how we are preparing students to succeed as 21st Century learners, workers and citizens. Go to vbschools.com and click on



JBD Fall Festival October 17th

You and your children do not want to miss this great event. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Everyone will enjoy: food, fun activities and a chance to see friends. It is a great time for everyone. To make this event the best yet, we need you and your family to join us on this fun day!!!

A Few Suggestions on Ways to Encourage Your Child to Read

- Scout for things your child might like to read. Use their interests and hobbies as starting points.
- Notice what attracts your children's attention; even if they only look at the pictures. Eventually build on that interest and read a short selection aloud or simply bring more information on the same subject.
- Let your child see you reading for pleasure in your spare time.
- Read aloud to your child, especially a child who is discouraged by his or her reading. The pleasure of listening to you read can ignite an enthusiasm in your child to read.
- Limit your child's television viewing in effort to make time for other activities such as reading.
- Take your child to the library regularly and explore the children's section together.
- Look for opportunities to have your child hear an author's read aloud at local bookstores or local libraries.

Clinic Corner by Nurse Deppe October 2009

Now that we are several weeks into the school year I want to let you know how impressed I am with the students of John B. Dey. I have challenged them to be "Germbusters" and they have shown great enthusiasm in helping with this cause.

I am seeing students cough and sneeze in their sleeves, I know they are washing their hands and thanks to the parents, the children are staying home when ill.

I wanted you to be aware of the steps I, as a school nurse, am taking to be "Germbuster" also. Anyone sent home with flu-like symptoms is given a letter with instructions to not return until 24 hours after the fever is over without using fever-reducing medications. Upon the child's return to school the child will be assessed by the school nurse to be sure the child seems free of flu-like symptoms. If I feel that the child needs another day at home, I will ask the parent to take them home. I have been using the morning announcements to inform the students on the ways they can help us all to stay healthy.

As you have probably heard, the seasonal flu vaccine is now available. I encourage you to talk to your doctor and consider having everyone in the family vaccinated as soon as possible if you do not have any contraindications. The H1N1 flu vaccination is scheduled to be available in October. Please visit www.flu.gov to get the updated information.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me 648-2447. And don't forget:

BE A GERMBUSTER!!!!

