

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

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

Principal's Newsletter

September 2009

Lee Capwell, Principal

John B. Dey Elementary, 1900 North Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454 (757) 496-6759

Welcome to our Team

A big welcome to all our new and returning families to John B. Dey! Working together, we can make a difference in your children's future. Please accept my personal invitation and encouragement to be actively involved with our year. There many opportunities to participate in your child's classroom and be a part of a variety of PTA activities. Your child and our school will benefit from your involvement.

JBD Fast Facts

Student enrollment	768
Teaching Staff	56
Support Staff	45

- ❖ JBD is a member of the Johns Hopkins National Network of Partnership Schools
- ❖ We have earned the prestigious award of being of being "A School of Excellence for Parent Involvement" from the National PTA
- ❖ We have achieved the distinction of being fully accredited for the past 12 years on state SOL tests
- ❖ We have surpassed all benchmarks with a high percentage of advanced scores
- ❖ Awarded the Virginia Department of Education's Governor's Award of Excellence

- ❖ Awarded the WHRO 2008 Regional Technology School of the Year
- ❖ Lynnhaven River Now Pearl School Environmental Award
- ❖ Sustainable School Recognition for promoting environmental sustainability.

New Members of Our JBD Team!

First Grade: Ms. Nuckols

Third Grade: Mrs. Castle

Fifth Grade: Mr. White

Library Media Specialist: Mrs. Hardesty

Music: Ms. Gordon, 1- day music teacher

Art: Ms. Drew, 1-day music

Media Specialist: Mrs. Hardesty

Teacher Assistants: Mrs. Green

Mrs. Mangum

Data Support Specialist: Mrs. Keogh

Clinic Assistant: Mrs. Sicre



Important Reminders

- Students are not allowed to bring cell phones to schools at the elementary level. This is in accordance to Virginia Beach School Board Policy.
- For safety reasons, students are asked to wear tennis shoes for all PE and outdoor classroom activities.

Essential Communication Tools

- Please visit our web page at www.deyes.vbschools.com and be in the know. Additionally, you will find links to a variety of useful and important school information. Folders for Organization (FFO's) are sent home with important school with information and ListServe subscribers will get information electronically.
- Each teacher has a school email address, which can be easily accessed via the JBD web page.
- Please keep your teacher aware of any changes that will affect your child during the school year.

Important Safety Reminders

1. If you choose to park in the Great Neck Middle School parking lots, please monitor traffic flow and walk your child across the street.
2. Please do not send your child into traffic lane without an adult!
3. Please have your child ready to exit the car. If you must open your trunk, please park your car in the designated parking area to retrieve these items.
4. Children must exit vehicles on the passenger side only in the drop off area.

Follow the Link to View the Presidential Speech to Students

A link on vbschools.com to the White House site will provide parents an opportunity to view our President's address with their child in the comfort of their home. Due to the timing, we were unable to air the message in school on Tuesday.

Parent Pick up and Drop off Information

- 1) Parent Pick Up – Please present a picture ID when you wish to pick up your student. This is for your child's safety and is important to maintaining our safe school plan.
- 2) Children transported by parents must enter the building through the canopied entrance facing Great Neck Middle School. To reduce the vehicular traffic parents are encouraged to allow our bus drivers to transport students.
- 3) In the event you do choose to transport your child. Please follow directions given by our staff in the drop off area.
- 4) The only walking zone is for residents of Thomas Bishop Lane.
- 5) AM kindergarten parents are reminded to park in the spaces on the Great Neck Middle school side to avoid being in the bus lane during AM kindergarten dismissal.
- 6) Please review the map below for our parking areas and AM drop off area.

