

May 16, 2025

Dear JFK 5th grade parents/guardians:

Each year JFK PTO's 5th grade committee organizes the "5th Grade Celebration" and we are excited to share that this event will take place on **Thursday June 5th (rain date June 4th) 11AM-3PM**. This is an opportunity to celebrate our 5th graders as they come to the end of their elementary school journey. The event is organized and run by 5th grade parents/guardians. Two adults per student are invited to attend and must RSVP (see link below). This outdoor, half-day event will include inflatable activities, yard games (on loan from families – see sign-up below) crafts, DJ, snacks, lunch, frozen treats, the traditional Clap-Out and LOTS of memory making!

For this event to be successful, we need YOU to be part of it! While we are celebrating alongside our 5th graders, we need everyone's help running the stations and making sure everyone is having the best time. We will ask families to rotate through the zones/stations throughout the event helping with everything from making cotton candy, handing out lunch, watching over the crafts, helping out at the yard game stations and more. We promise this will enhance your experience and ensures that the event is enjoyable for everyone. Volunteer roles will be assigned the morning of the event during set-up. If you have anything in particular you want to help with, please feel free to reach out in advance.

Tentative timeline:

9:30AM	Volunteers arrive for outdoor setup
11AM-2:20PM	Outdoor celebration – inflatables, crafts, games, DJ etc (JFK field)
12:30PM	Lunch (outdoors)
1:45PM	Frozen treat (outdoors)
2:20PM	Students return to building to prepare for clap-out
2:30-3PM	Clap-out

What is the Clap-Out?

The Clap-Out is a celebratory tradition where the 5th graders are honored by fellow students, teachers and families with applause and cheering as they walk through the halls of the school and then out the front doors marking their transition to middle school. Parents/guardians will participate by lining the front sidewalk (signs, banners, balloons etc are encouraged) to continue the cheering as the students walk out. This will be the culminating event of the 5th Grade Celebration.

RSVP here:

<http://bit.ly/4meE8iO>

We are looking for pop-up tents and yard games to use at the event. If you have an item(s) you can share please sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4BAAAC23A0F94-56856380-5thgrade>

ALL families are welcome to join our next 5th Grade Meeting where we will be finalizing the details of the celebration. Please join us at Bar 333 on Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30PM.

We are excited to be sharing this milestone together. If you have any questions please reach out to Liz Shipman liz.shipman@gmail.com or Jen Conroy jlconroy23@gmail.com