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A MINUTE TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE **Hull Public Schools**

Monthly Staff Newsletter

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April 3, 2023

Dates to Remember

April

7 No School

10 School Committee
Meeting 6:30 pm

17 - 21 April Vacation

24 School Committee
Meeting 6:30 pm

26 Jacobs Early Release
Teacher
Collaboration
12:15 pm

May

16 Reconfiguration
Presentation Jacob
Families

24 Jacobs Early Release
Teacher
Collaboration
12:15 pm

29 Memorial Day -
No School

HULL PIRATE PRIDE - Together We Make A Difference

Happy spring! We are in the final stretch of the 2022 - 2023 school year. I can hardly believe we've made it this far with the good fortune of no snow days to make up! Amidst the demands of MCAS testing, I send you renewed strength and resilience to close out the school year. I am grateful for your hard work and dedication to your students.

The grade 6 team and middle school specialists have participated in tours and planning sessions already. All involved are impressed with the positive collaboration and team building among the grade 6 team, middle school specialists, and Principal Shaw.

The Jacobs' faculty and staff have also shown enthusiastic involvement. The energy in the building is amazing as all work together to purge, organize, and prepare to move classrooms at the end of the year. The positivity and excitement so far is contagious!

To date, we have extended communication to families of rising 5th, 6th, and 7th graders and held well-attended presentations for rising 5th grade parents/guardians and a Brewing Conversation session. Coming up on May 16, at 6:00 pm in the Jacobs Library, Principal Shaw and I will present an update on the changes specific to the Jacobs School for parents/guardians.

We remain committed to providing updates on phase one and receiving input from staff. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have. Together we GUT this. -Judy Kuehn

Changes to Chalk.com Website

PowerSchool recently acquired Chalk. When logging in through www.chalk.com, you will be redirected to www.powerschool.com. The login page you have used (auth.chalk.com) will remain active. You can also access the Login button on the PowerSchool website to reach Chalk. The change has no impact on our curriculum mapping platform. The communication remains that PowerSchool is committed to supporting and investing in Chalk, now called *Unified Classroom Curriculum and Instruction*.



MMS Unified Basketball Team

In partnership with South Shore Educational Collaborative, Memorial Middle School is proud to announce its inaugural ***Unified Basketball Team***. Special Olympics Unified Sports combines people with and without intellectual disabilities on sports teams for training and competition.



Parents and Guardians please join us for *Brewing Conversations*

With the
Superintendent
&
Director of Curriculum & Assessment



A series of informal meetings to share your thoughts and suggestions to support the continuous improvement of the Hull Public Schools.

Friday, May 5, 2023

at 8:45 am

In the Wheelhouse
located at Jacobs School
18 Harborview Road

Click image above to view flyer



Shred, Shred, Shred

We Need Documents to Shred



Central office is a work site for individuals with developmental disabilities from Friendship Home in Norwell. To support their weekly work, we need documents for them to shred. Please bring documents that need shredding to Central office.

Summer 2023 Professional Development Opportunities

Prior to the pandemic, some of you may remember taking state of the art technology workshops in-person with Greg Kulowiec. We are pleased to let you know that Greg is offering three online classes this summer. Please check out this link:

<https://www.thekulowiecgroup.com/summer>

If you are interested in registering, please complete the Time on Travel form indicating the workshop(s) you plan to take (up to 2 per person), seek approval from your principal, and approval from Central. Once the approved form is returned to you, register and pay for the workshop(s) (save receipt) and when the workshop is completed, submit the workshop completion form with your registration receipt to Patty Gardiner to be reimbursed. If you have any questions about this process, kindly contact Patty Gardiner.

Chromebooks

The touchscreen pilot of Chromebooks in grade 9 this year was successful. Students responded to a survey and results indicated that students favored the features of a touchscreen Chromebook over a traditional Chromebook. Breakage of touchscreen devices was not more frequent. As a result, going forward touchscreen Chromebooks will be ordered as our standard model.



Professional Development Opportunities

Massachusetts Partnerships for Youth (MPY)

This is a reminder that a membership to MPY has been purchased for all staff to attend virtual webinars and conferences, free of charge. Participants are able to receive professional development points from MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE). Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and the Massachusetts Association of Mental Health Counselors (MaMHCA). MPY offers high-quality professional development with cutting edge information and resources and we hope you are able to take advantage of the offerings through MPY.

[Link to MPY Information and Hull Login](#)

MPY is offering a five-session webinar on Collaboration for Equity.

[Link to MPY Collaboration for Equity information](#)

*After registering for a MPY session, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about participating in the webinar. For registrants who cannot attend a webinar, a recording will be made available for 72 hours after each session.



Paid Curriculum Writing on Chalk.com

Don't forget you can be paid for working on curriculum maps.

There is still time to add your name to the Google Doc below. This work will take place outside the school hours. Please notify Christine Cappadona with the days and times you worked on your maps by **June 1**.

[CURRICULUM MAP Work~ Chalk.com](#)

FY 24 Budget

On March 27 the Superintendent and Director of Finance and Facilities presented the FY 24 budget to the Advisory Board. The proposed budget was positively received by the Advisory Board. The budget includes a proposed 3% increase and final approval occurs at Town meeting on May 1.

Please review the presentation which links the District priorities for FY24 to the strategic plan and budget.

[Click here to view the presentation](#)



IEP Improvement Project

While not nearly as exciting as when Beyonce "drops" a new album, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has officially "dropped" the new IEP form. For those of us at a recent conference, however, the excitement around this new document was palpable. As it truly reflects the principles below:

- Principle 1: All students are general education students first. Take a strengths-based approach.
- Principle 2: General and special education should work together. Integrate systems.
- Principle 3: Ensure a continuous cycle of improvement. Move beyond compliance.
- Principle 4: Assessment is key. Make no decisions without the right data.
- Principle 5: Family engagement matters. Welcome parent and student voice.



Below is the link to the finalized form. As a district, we will gradually transition to this document and format throughout the 2023-2024 school year with full implementation during the 2024-2025 school year.

[New IEP form](#)

Extended School Year Services

REMINDER:

All ESY recommendations are due by the end of the day on April 3.

<https://forms.gle/npDQweeVDEee652E7>

We will start posting for positions based on the recommendations this week. We would also like to notify families within the next 2-3 weeks.

ESY will run Mondays - Thursdays for four weeks from July 10, 2023 until August 4, 2023. All Team Based Learning Programs will run for five weeks from July 10, 2023 until August 11, 2023. If you would like to learn more about possible positions, please contact Kristen Ryan at

kyryan@town.hull.ma.us.

