



HPS Compass

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

Monthly Staff Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

January 2023

9 SC Meeting
Vote to begin PreK -6
alignment during
2023-2024 school
year

16 MLK Holiday

17 District PD Day
(no classes)

23 SC Meeting



Did you know?

A middle school unified basketball team has been established in partnership with students from South Shore Educational Collaborative and MMS students.

T HULL PIRATE PRIDE - Together We Make A Difference

Thus far, the 2022 - 2023 school year has been an exciting school year in and out of the classroom. The positive atmosphere in each building is contagious and the prospects and possibilities are exhilarating as we look ahead. My hope for 2023 is that your HPS days are filled with joy, laughter, positivity, support, new opportunities, and quality learning time with your students. You are appreciated and together we gut 2023!

-Judy

Paraprofessional Professional Development Opportunity

The Massachusetts Partnership for Youth, Inc is offering The Paraprofessional Toolkit to Special Education. This is a weekly five-session webinar series starting this Thursday, January 12, 2023. Sessions run from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm but can be reviewed up to 72 hours after the session. Participating staff will be compensated at the contractual rate.

While this PD has been designed for paraprofessionals, it is open to all staff members.

More information can be found [here](#).

If you are interested, please contact Kristen Ryan.

Chalk - the first word that pops into my head is overwhelming. Some of you may be frustrated or feel you are being asked to duplicate work you did on other platforms - Aspen/Google. Others of you may need more training to dive into the task. At this time, we have various levels of Chalk expertise within each school and the district. Some staff has completed multiple maps, some have added standards, some have logged in, and some still need to. To accomplish our curriculum mapping goal, Kate Lidington, Kim Wall, and I have spent time discussing and planning how to make this work more straightforward.

Our motto - Keep it Simple and Sweet

We have created a Google doc to help clarify and provide a multi-year roadmap for this work. Please view the Google Slides before our PD session on January 17. [CHALK](#)
The professional day is devoted to continuing curriculum map work at all levels using the CHALK platform. Two virtual workshops are available in the morning to support familiarity and knowledge of the platform. If you do not need to attend either workshop, please use the time allocated to work on your curriculum maps.

Don't be or become overwhelmed! Keep it Simple.

This is a multi-year project. Rome was not built in a day, month, or year! This, too, will become a masterpiece over time. Thank you for all your work developing curriculum maps.
- Christine Cappadona

Galileo

Information & Tips

Hierarchy of Tests

Benchmark - predict outcome on state assessment, shows growth. Can view standard/students/class

Interim Tests - built on same blueprint as benchmark tests. They don't show growth or predict outcomes

Premade Formatives - Score is standard-based - informing on a singular standard

Quiz - Singular standard, 5 questions, can create your own or change out questions.



The DESE provided a training session on the Writing Expectations for ELA MCAS. Slides and the recording are now available on the MCAS Resource Center on the [Training page](#) in the “Recordings of Training Sessions to Assist with Pre-Administration Tasks” sections. This link provides the Q&A from the session. [Q&A from the Writing Expectations for MCAS ELA Tests training session](#)



This training session and slides provide

- A deeper understanding of MCAS writing expectations and how these expectations connect to the writing and language standards.
 - Reviews student work samples to understand how MCAS writing questions are scored.
 - Provides information about online resources, including test design, released questions, and annotated student work.
- DESE website

Preventing the Spread of Seasonal Respiratory Illnesses in Schools

As you are aware, across Massachusetts and the country, an increase in seasonal respiratory illnesses, particularly COVID-19 and influenza, is occurring. The Department of Public Health recommends that the best guards against severe illness are vaccinations and that every person over the age of six months get a flu shot annually. DESE encourages districts to engage with school communities to ensure as many staff and students as possible receive a flu and a COVID-19 vaccination this school year. If you need further information on vaccinations, please contact your school nurse.

Other preventive measures include: stay home when not feeling well; take a COVID-19 test and seek treatment, if needed; wear a mask, if desired; and wash hands.

The district will continue proactive mitigation cleaning until the middle of March and at that time will reevaluate the situation. Proactive strategies include weekly electrostatic spraying of all classrooms and extra attention will be paid to high-touch areas. Additionally, increased use of hand sanitizer is encouraged and students are assisting with wiping down their desks.



HHS Athletics

Link to winter sports schedule

[School Details \(arbiterlive.com\)](https://arbiterlive.com)

Newly installed Hudl cameras in the HHS gym allow HPS to live stream indoor games. A Hudl camera was also installed at the press box for streaming of events on the field. Check out the link below to view a game in real time or a recorded game.

[Hull High School Athletics - YouTube](#)



Technology Update

Did your student(s) forget their username and/or password? Do you need to get into their account for any reason?

All you need to do to find it is login to ASPEN. All student account information is now in Aspen. Click the link below and follow the instructions to access this information.

[Student Account Information in Aspen](#)

Date Extended – 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](#)



Preschool 2023-2024

Staff members interested in enrolling their child(ren) in the integrated preschool program at Jacobs Elementary School are encouraged to contact Amy Hyde at ahyde@town.hull.ma.us or 781-925-4400 ext. 1121.

This is open to all staff, including non-residents.

Extended School Year Services

Postings for our extended school year program will be available over the next few months. For planning purposes, we have decided to start the summer program after the Fourth of July week. 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.

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.

Reserving Space in the Schools

Amy Hyde is now responsible for scheduling space at each of our schools. Email Amy to reserve your room. Amy will enter the event in SchoolDude and make sure there are not any conflicts. You can also request any specific room setup or technology needs you may have.

To reserve space during school hours, please contact your school secretary.

