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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

February

- 20 Patriot's Day
- 20-24 February Break

March

- 8 Early Release-Professional Development
- 15 MMS Family Band Night
- 16 HHS Teachers vs Seniors Basketball Game
- 23 90-minute Early Release/Jacobs Parent/Teacher Conferences



[Link to 23 - 24 School Year Calendar](#)

HULL PIRATE PRIDE - Together We Make A Difference

As we continue to move forward with implementing phase one of the school reconfiguration plan for the 2023 – 2024 school year (where grades Prek-6 are housed at Jacobs, grades 7- 8 are housed at Memorial School and grades 9 – 12 are housed at Hull High School) we acknowledge that change can be both difficult and exciting. To support the transition, we will continue to update you and seek faculty input as we develop the implementation plan. To date, Tony Hrivnak and I have met with the Memorial School staff on two occasions, Tony and Christine Cappadona have also met with all middle school grade level teams. Kyle Shaw will meet with the middle school grade level teams and the grade 6 team will have opportunities to visit the space at Jacobs School, Kyle and I will be meeting with the Jacobs staff this week. This collaboration will continue throughout the process and we are committed to updating and involving staff. Consistent communication is important as we implement phase one and it will remain a priority if implement option of phase two is approved for the 2024 – 2025 school year. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have. Together we GUT this!

-Judy Kuehn

Remaining School Committee Meetings 2023-2024

Tuesday, February 14, 2023	-	Meeting is CANCELLED
Monday, February 27, 2023	-	Discussion of FY24 budget and ESSER Funds will be on the agenda
Monday, March 13, 2023	-	More discussion of FY24 budget, if needed
Monday, March 27, 2023	-	Joint meeting at Town Hall with Advisory Board at 7:00 pm
Monday, April 10, 2023	-	Public hearing on FY24 budget
Monday, April 24, 2023	-	Regular meeting
Monday, May 1, 2023	-	Town Meeting at Hull High School (maybe Tuesday, May 2, 2023)
Monday, May 22, 2023	-	Reorganization meeting (beginning at 6:00 pm)
Monday, June 12, 2023	-	Regular meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023	-	Regular meetings

Jacobs Technology Update

This is an update as to what we've done to date and what we plan to do to improve the WiFi at the Jacobs School.

1. In light of the fact that current Firewall at the Jacobs is maxed out at 32 Access Points. We have physically shifted several Access Points to better reflect the wireless device usage in the school
2. The classrooms that have Access Points have been moved to the center of the ceilings for maximum connectivity
3. We expanded the maximum number of devices that could connect to our wireless network simultaneously
4. We made device address leases more dynamic to better reflect device mobility throughout the school

During February School Vacation

1. Installation of a new Firewall that has a maximum of 128 Access Points which would be able to accommodate the additional load should grades move to the Jacobs
2. Replace 15 existing end of life Access Points that are currently in use
3. Adding 5 new Access Points to classrooms that don't currently have one

The direction we moving towards is for every classroom to have an up to date Access Point

Galileo

Benchmark #3

The third Galileo benchmark will be scheduled for grades 3-10 four or five weeks before each grades MCAS content area test. Understanding that not all content has been taught, the benchmark data will be used to strategically target lagging skills and guide instruction before MCAS. This timeframe will allow teachers to use the intervention alert in Galileo to understand what standards need to be covered or reinforced before MCAS. During the weeks following the third benchmark, quizzes, and assignments can be used to monitor student progress.



IEP Improvement Project

So far we have explored three of the five guiding principles of the IEP Improvement Project as outlined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

- 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.

The fourth guiding principle of the IEP Improvement Project is: Assessment is key. Make no decisions without the right data.

Hull Public Schools is dedicated to making data-driven decisions as evidenced by our use of Galileo, DRA, QRI, STAR CBM, formative assessments, progress monitoring, classroom assessments etc. This data is important in assessing the effectiveness of our instruction and supporting the need to move along our continuum of supports. One piece of data that we are exploring is our rates of special education eligibility. In Hull, we have identified 22.2% of the district population as students with disabilities who require special education services. In comparison, the state has reported 19.4% of enrolled students. The data we collect using the above tools will help guide our instructional practices to ensure our general education curriculum and settings are accessible to all.

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

Space is filling up!

Contact Amy Hyde at ahyde@town.hull.ma.us asap if you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in the Integrated preschool.

Applications and deposit information can be found at:

<https://www.hullpublicschools.org/elementary-school/integrated-preschool>

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.

Maintaining our Facilities

The townspeople entrust us to maintain the school facilities, something we take very seriously. In preparation of the extreme cold this past weekend, and whenever there is an extreme weather event forecast, we set the HVAC controls so that the heat in each building is maintained throughout the weather event. We double check that all windows are closed and locked. Our HVAC specialist does a thorough systems check prior to the expected weather event, and our maintenance and custodial staff do periodic building checks, inside and out, throughout the event duration to respond to potential issues before they have a chance to become major problems.