



HPS Community Compass

MINUTE

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

Quarterly Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

August

30 First Day of Classes

31 1/2 Day for
Kindergarten

September

1 No Classes

4 Labor Day - No
Classes

11 Preschool First Day

Look Back at 2022-2023 School Year

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Hull Pirate Pride - Together We Make A Difference

With no snow days in six years, the school year wrapped up on June 15! With the end of the school year, the community welcomes summer residents and day trippers. During this thrilling transition, the summer vibe is contagious and refreshing on the peninsula. This feeling can be compared to the high level of excitement, positivity, and energy of faculty and staff which they generously shared with your children during the 2022-2023 school year. I am proud of the way our talented educators always support and motivate our students to do their very best.

At the June 20th School Committee meeting, I made the announcement that I will retire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This was not an easy decision. Since 2008, in the Hull Public Schools, I have had the privilege to lead the district as the Director of Student Services, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent. I have had the good fortune to work with dedicated and committed educators, students, families, support staff, custodians, administrators, central office staff, School Committee members, and town officials. I am proud that the Hull Public Schools is truly a special place where all students have access to an outstanding education and life changing opportunities. Next year, one of my top commitments is to complete the plans for phase two of the reconfiguration project to ensure a successful implementation occurs in the fall of 2024. Additionally, I will work with the Hull School Committee to create a strong transition plan to support a successful start for the new superintendent on July 1, 2024. My career in Hull has been a blessing. This is a bittersweet moment and for now I simply want to say thank you!

- Judy Kuehn

2023-2024 District Calendar

Click link [HERE](#) to view and print the 2023-2024 District Calendar





Class of 2023 College Acceptances

Assumption University
Manhattanville College
The George Washington University
American International College
The University of Alabama
Barry University
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
The University of Tampa
Boston University
Massasoit Community College
Trinity College
Brandeis University
Merrimack College
University of Connecticut
Bridgewater State University
Michigan State University
University of Illinois Chicago
Bryant University
Nichols College
University of Maine
Coastal Carolina University
Northeastern University
University of Maryland-College Park
Colby-Sawyer College
Ohio State University-Main Campus
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
College of Charleston
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

University of Massachusetts-Boston
Connecticut College
Pennsylvania State University
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
Curry College
Plymouth State University
University of Massachusetts-Lowell
Elon University
Providence College
University of Mississippi
Endicott College
Quincy College
University of New England
Fairfield University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of New Hampshire
Fitchburg State University
Rhode Island College
University of New Haven
Flagler College
Roger Williams University
University of North Carolina Wilmington
Florida Atlantic University
Saint Anselm College
University of North Florida
Fordham University
Saint Joseph's College of Maine

University of Rhode Island
Framingham State University
Saint Michael's College
University of South Florida
Franklin Pierce University
Salem State University
University of Vermont
Hartwick College
Spe'os Photography School
Utica University
High Point University
Springfield College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Hofstra University
Stonehill College
Westfield State University
Ithaca College
Suffolk University
Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Keene State College
SUNY Maritime College
Williams College
Lasell University
Temple University
Worcester State University
Louisiana State University
The College of Saint Rose
Palm Beach Atlantic University

Class of 2023 Scholarship Awards

Total merit & scholarship aid from colleges and universities = \$1,442,990

Total local scholarship award money = \$85,700

Total individual Naval scholarship = \$200,000



Class of 2023 Stats

1. 79% of our senior class is attending college or university training (26% Private Universities, 46% Public Universities, and 7% Community Colleges). 3 out of 4 of our students attending Community College are attending MCC, from On the Spot Admission.
2. 10% of our senior class is going into the trades. These trades include: Local 104 Electrical, Local 103 Construction, Automotive, Carpentry, EMT, and Plumbing.
3. 8% of our senior class is entering the workforce.
4. 3% (we are still following up with 2 students)



Summer Reading & Math

The Importance of Summer Reading

From Your Reading Specialists: Jessica Buonagurio, Jill Howley, and Mary Ellen Moran

Summer is here. Please remember to keep up the reading routine at home! Summer reading is crucial for maintaining the hard work students have accomplished this academic school year. According to the US Department of Education, students experience learning loss or “summer slide” if they don’t read and engage with books continually during the summer vacation. Not only is summer reading important for the practice of decoding skills (sounding out the words) and fluency (reading with phrasing so that the reading sounds like talking), but also for knowledge building (building knowledge and understanding of the world). This is why it is beneficial to also read to your child and discuss new concepts and vocabulary. Do you know that according to recent reading research, knowledge building is key to creating competency in reading and can partially compensate for lower decoding skills? Of course the strongest readers are those with strong decoding skills and listening comprehension. In addition, as you read aloud, you can model metacognitive processes you use as a reader, such as pausing and reflecting on your understanding of the text, and identifying unfamiliar vocabulary words. (2)

Pick a family reading time, if that works for you, when everyone in your house stops what they are doing and reads. Maybe, you want to pick a favorite book from your childhood to read aloud. This summer, encourage your child to read, and enjoy reading to them. Not only is it good for their reading development, but it is also a pleasant bonding experience!

References/Resources:

1. **The Role of Background Knowledge in Reading Comprehension: A Critical Review**, Feb. 2021

[Reid Smith](#), [Pamela Snow](#), Tanya Serry & Lorraine Hammond

2. **“Instruction of Metacognitive Strategies Enhances Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary Achievement of Third-Grade Students”** (Boulware-Gooden, Carreker, Thornhill, & Joshi, 2017),

Us Department of Education : [Stopping the Summer Slide | U.S. Department of Education](#)

Summer School - Credit Recovery

Location: Hull High School Library
Days: Monday - Thursday
Hours: 7:30 am - 10:30 am
Dates: July 10 - August 3
Cost: \$30 In district
\$60 out of district
(per course)

Teachers: Tara Grosso
tgrosso@town.hull.ma.us
John Donohue
jdonoehue@town.hull.ma.us

Registration:
June 23 9:00 am - 10:30 am
(Main Foyer)
Nancy LeBlanc
781-925-3000 x1122
nleblanc@town.hull.ma.us



ATHLETICS

Here are our tentative dates for the 2023-2024 Hull High Sports Nights:

Meeting Dates for each season

Fall – Monday, August 14, 2023

Winter – Monday, November 13, 2023

Spring – Monday, March 11, 2024

We hope to continue receiving such amazing support from our community! Our student athletes have worked so hard, and continue to do so both in the classroom and on the playing field. I look forward to enhancing the athletic experience for our students and partnering with you moving forward. GO PIRATES

Summer Reading and Math

Jacobs School	Preschool thru Grade 5	PTO BINGO for Books
Jacobs School	Grade 6	Reading and Math
Memorial School	Grades 7 & 8	Reading and Math
Hull High School	Grades 9 thru 12	Reading and Math

Boat Building Partnership with Hull Lifesaving Museum

A new and exciting partnership between Hull High School and Hull Lifesaving Museum was established at the start of the 2022 - 2023 school year. Michael McGurl, Executive Director of the Hull Lifesaving Museum and Derek Skapers, Hull High School woodshop teacher, with grant money secured by Michael McGurl, built an 18 foot Phil Bolger-designed clam skiff with the assistance from a crew of high school students. This new boat building program has already changed the learning experience and opened up future opportunities for students. The boat will be launched soon and we will notify the community of the date. Please click the link to watch a video about the boat building experience.

https://clipchamp.com/watch/VCDbZRJ28Sv?utm_source=share&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=watch



June 26th – August 11th

Monday – Thursday 8:00am to 3:00pm

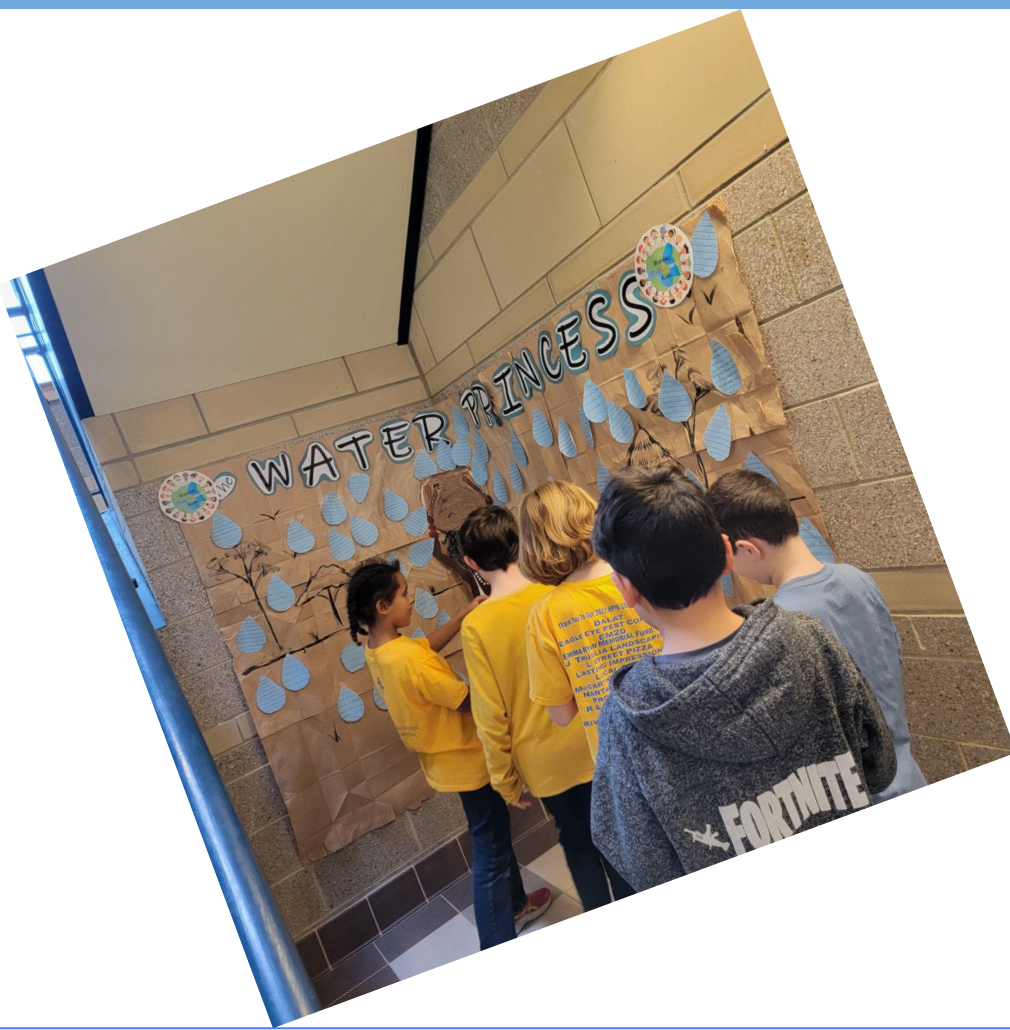
CLOSED on Fridays

August 14th – August 25th

Monday – Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm

Please contact the school Main Office for assistance

Raising Multicultural Kids (RMK)



This year with Raising Multicultural Kids, the students of Lillian M. Jacobs School explored the depths of what it means to be stronger TOGETHER.

In Raising Multicultural Kids' "Diversity In Classroom Leadership and Literature" program (1-5), students and teachers were inspired by the numerous true stories that showed them persistence through problems and the transforming powers of a growth mindset that changes challenges into possibilities. They celebrated their similarities and differences: their talents, traditions, families, and cultures that make each of them unique. The students reflected on when we value each other's differences, we are stronger as a classroom, school, and community.

One of the true stories that inspired RMK's "Diversity In Classroom Leadership and Literature" students to be advocates for change was "The Water Princess," a book based on supermodel Georgie Badiel's childhood. Students learned about the 3 Rs - Recycle, Reduce and Reuse, and brainstormed ways to implement the 3 Rs in their everyday life. They received 2 water droplets - one to educate other students at school and one to educate their caregivers at home. They learned that through educating others they can become advocates for clean water in their community.

For the first time, Raising Multicultural Kids' "Littlest Inclusive Learners" (PreK-K) had their own books and lessons. They completed a five-month long project, a classroom community quilt. Each student made their own quilt square that represented themselves, their family, and their community. Just like them, each quilt square was beautifully unique, and when they came TOGETHER, they made a masterpiece. Later in the year, the students explored what it means to be a good citizen and upstander of their classroom, school, and greater community.

Both Raising Multicultural Kids' "Littlest Inclusive Learners" and "Diversity In Classroom Leadership and Literature" students demonstrated that when they value each persons' contributions and work TOGETHER, they can accomplish anything!





The Ultimate Summer Fun List

Are you looking for something for you child(ren) to do this summer? There are many activities and clubs to choose from. Click on the links for more information.

[Hull Public Library Summer Programs](#)

[Hull Public Library Events Calendar](#)

[Hull Lifesaving Museum Summer Adventure Program](#)

[Hull Yacht Club Learn to Sail](#)

[Hull Park and Recreation Sign Up](#)

[Fishing Summer Camp](#)

[South Shore Flag Football League](#)

[Skills and Drills Soccer Clinic at Union Point](#)

[All Sports Clinics at Union Point](#)



STRETCH your food budget

The Stretch Your Food Budget (SYFB) program is a service project of the Nantasket-Hull Rotary. Its goal is to help Hull citizens stretch their food dollars by enjoying free, nutritious, delicious dinners packaged in easy to prepare kits. The meal kits contain all the necessary ingredients for the recipe along with simple directions. The prepared dinners provide 4-6 servings—enough to feed a family! [Click here](#) for more information.

INTERFACE

Hull Public Schools has partnered with William James College to bring INTERFACE, a free outpatient mental health referral service program, to students in the district and all Hull residents. The program is designed to easily connect students and residents with outpatient mental health and wellness resources and providers.

Students and residents who choose to take advantage of the program will go through the following process:

- **Intake:** Participants will speak with an INTERFACE resource and referral counselor for 15-20 minutes and provide important information to ensure a successful match with outpatient mental health provider options.
- **Making a match:** A resource and referral counselor assigned to the participant will review a database of over 9,000 licensed and vetted providers to find a match. INTERFACE strives to match participants with mental health professionals and practices that best meet their needs, insurance or fee requirement, specialty request, location, availability and more.
- **Providing matches:** Once a provider match has been identified (generally within 3 weeks of the initial call), the resource and referral counselor will give participants the provider's information so they can schedule with this provider.
- **Following up:** The resource and referral counselor will follow up within one to two weeks of participants receiving the match to ensure they've been able to connect.
- **Closing a referral:** Once there is a successful match, the resource and referral counselor will close the referral process. If participants need additional support in the future, they can always call the helpline again.

The service is available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m and Tuesday and Thursday from 8 am. to 6 p.m. To access the service, which began Feb. 1, call 888-244-6843. The Helpline is staffed by mental health professionals.

Funding for this initiative was provided to Hull by a Supporting Students' Social Emotional Learning, Behavioral and Mental Health and Wellness grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Click [here](#) to view a helpful flyer to learn more about the program.

Please note that the referral service is not a mental health hotline. In case of an emergency, dial 911.