

2022-2023 Year in Review

Hull Public Schools Students Explore Equity and Inclusion Through Raising Multicultural Kids Programs

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Students completed a five-month-long project, a classroom community quilt, where they made their own quilt square that represented themselves, their family, and their community. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL- Superintendent Judith Kuehn is pleased to share that Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School and Memorial Middle School students participated in various Raising Multicultural Kids (RMK) programs throughout the school year.

Raising Multicultural Kids is an educational-based non-profit organization located in Southeastern Massachusetts focused on cultivating racial and cultural competence in local communities. Their mission is to provide individuals with a multicultural mindset, which celebrates differences and fosters the skills and tools necessary to take action on issues of equity.

Raising Multicultural Kids Advocacy in Action program at Hull Memorial Middle School.

This year, Hull Memorial Middle School students learned about identity, built on their self-esteem and participated in various community activities through the Raising Multicultural Kids (RMK) Advocacy in Action program.

Advocacy in Action (AIA) provides a platform to develop youth voices by fostering an understanding of identity development and the value of community. Throughout the program, students gained a greater understanding of the self and of others while learning to appreciate differences.

Throughout the course of the program, students created artwork such as the identity Mandala and learned about symbolism and art. Students also had an opportunity to interview Co-President of Raising Multicultural Kids Kelly Lamb and Boston College professor Angela Clark about their past, present and future to understand how they overcame challenges in their youth and became who they are today.

At the end of the year, students created a committee of their own – the Department of Diversity and Inclusion Committee (D.D.I.C.). The group recognized mental health as a significant issue within their school community and their first action was to create Calm Boxes. The boxes were filled with various fidgets and calming tools, for all Memorial Middle School students which are used to help students independently self-regulate in the classroom and common areas.

The calm boxes can be used to help with anxiety, focus, grounding and much more. Teachers and students received a video presentation prior to the calm boxes rollout to provide the school community with the knowledge needed to best utilize the calm boxes for the 2023-2024 school year.

“I want to thank RMK President Kelly Lamb for providing our students with these opportunities throughout the school year,” said Principal Anthony Hrivnak. “I would also like to thank Memorial Middle School Social Work Intern Perla Castañeda for her continued efforts that made the integration of these programs so successful.”

Diversity In Classroom Leadership and Literature, and Littlest Inclusive Learners Programs at Jacobs Elementary

This year, Lillian M. Jacobs school students explored the depths of what it means to be stronger together through the RMK’s Diversity In Classroom Leadership program (Grades 1-5) and the Littlest Inclusive Learners Program (Grades PreK-K). The two programs inspired students and teachers through numerous true stories that explored persistence throughout problems and the transforming powers of a growth mindset that changes challenges into possibilities.

Throughout the course of the program, students and teachers celebrated their similarities and differences through their unique talents, traditions, families and cultures. Students reflected on the idea that when they value each other’s differences, they are stronger as a classroom, school and community.

One of the true stories that inspired RMK’s Diversity In Classroom Leadership and Literature mission for students to be advocates for change was “The Water Princess,” a book based on supermodel Georgie Badiel’s childhood.

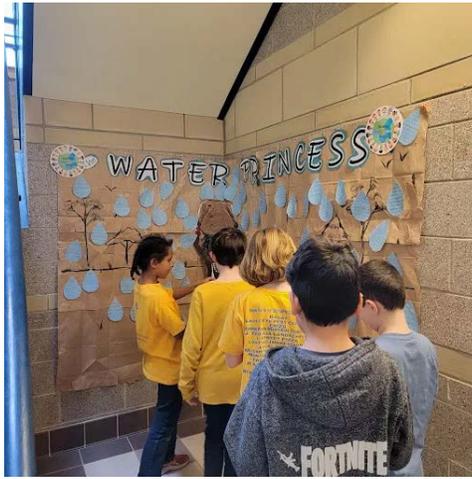
DCLL or Grade 1-5 Students also learned about the three “R’s” – Recycle, Reduce and Reuse – and brainstormed ways to implement the three “R’s” in their everyday life. Each student received two paper water droplets, on which they wrote their three “R”’s, one to educate other students at school and one to educate their caregivers at home. They learned that through educating others, they can become advocates for clean water in their community. In honor of their hard work, RMK donated \$100 to the Weirs Watershed Association.

PreK-K or Littlest Inclusive Learners Students also 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. The purpose of the project was to show students that just like themselves each quilt square was beautifully unique, and when they came together, they made a masterpiece. Later in the year, students explored what it means to be a good citizen and upstander of their classroom, school and the greater community.

“Both the Raising Multicultural Kids’ Littlest Inclusive Learners and Diversity In Classroom Leadership and Literature programs taught our students lessons that they will carry with them forever,” said Principal Kyle Shaw. “Students demonstrated that when they value each person’s contributions and work together, they can accomplish anything!”



Each student received two water droplets, one to educate other students at school and one to educate their caregivers at home (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)



Throughout the program, students learned about the three “R’s”, Recycle, Reduce and Reuse, and brainstormed ways to implement the three Rs in their everyday life. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

Hull Memorial Middle School Students Inducted into National Junior Honor Society

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During the ceremony, 17 eighth graders and 14 seventh graders were welcomed to the prestigious organization. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn, Memorial Middle School Principal Anthony Hrivnak and National Honor Society Advisor Christine Cappadona are pleased to announce that several Memorial Middle School students were recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

The 2023 National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony took place on Monday, May 8 at Memorial Middle School. The event recognized the exceptional middle school students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship. Families, teachers, and administrators gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the 31 inductees.

The Inductees into the National Junior Honor Society Include:

Seventh Graders

- Colin English
- Nelleh Huxtable
- Patrick Lancaster
- Salvator Guardino
- Jacob Hester
- Scarlett Arevalo
- Meghan Chiba

- Bridgett Stamatouras
- Levi Levangie
- Finn Walsh
- Mason DelGallo
- Jason Nguyen
- Evan Resnick
- Joshua Gatto

Eighth Graders

- Libby Harper
- Pixiana Dyer
- Bruno Andrews-Mundo
- Nathaniel Tiani
- Ava Beaumier
- Lilyan Nunes
- Meghan Duran
- Audie Bernard
- Rachel Timins
- Grace Kiley
- Jackson Nunes
- Jacob Parks
- Sophia Hagerty
- Sam Szabo
- Georgia White
- Calista-Nizhoni Wyman
- Skylar Munzert

“I want to congratulate all 31 students who were recently inducted into the Memorial Middle School National Junior Honor Society,” said Principal Hrivnak. “This ceremony serves as a testament to the hard work and dedication these students have put forward all year.”

The event featured a saxophone performance by Hull High School senior Peter Menice and speeches from school administrators and current National Honor Society members.

During the ceremony, 17 eighth graders and 14 seventh graders were welcomed to the prestigious organization. Five Hull High School National Honor Students participated in reviewing the five qualities of the National Junior Honor Society for each student. Inductees then lit a candle and recited the pledge to uphold the high purposes of the National Junior Honor Society.

A reception in the auditorium immediately followed for students and families to celebrate. Light refreshments and photo opportunities were also provided.

Hull High School Jazz Big Band Receives Silver Rating at WorldStrides Music Festival

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The Hull High School Jazz Big Band received a silver rating based on the National Standards for Music following their performance at the WorldStrides music festival last month. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL- Superintendent Judith Kuehn, Principal Michael Knybel and Band Director Ian Barkon are pleased to announce that the Hull High School Jazz Big Band received a silver rating following their performance at the WorldStrides music festival last month.

On Saturday, April 15, the Hull High School Jazz Big Band was awarded a silver rating, based on the National Standards for Music, following their performance of Mathew Montgomery's "#1 No Pickles" and Andrew Homzy's arrangement of Charles Mingus' "Moanin'" at the 2023 WorldStrides New York Heritage Music Festival.

The 2023 WorldStrides New York Heritage Music Festival was held at Riverside Church in Manhattan, where the Hull High School Jazz Big Band performed for nationally acclaimed adjudicators, learned from their feedback and were given the opportunity to explore a new city and deepen their bonds with classmates.

With only six hours of practice time as an ensemble from January to April, the 18-member Jazz Big Band rehearses daily in class but as four small sections over the course of two days.

After arriving at the concert venue, groups warmed up in a private rehearsal room before taking the stage on Saturday. Festival performances ran throughout the day, with each ensemble performing for a total of 15 minutes. A panel of three adjudicators then provided written and recorded feedback for each performance.

Festival adjudicators said that the Hull High School Jazz Big Band had a good, strong sound and good energy in both of their performance pieces.

Following their performance, a clinic was provided to students by a jazz professor from the Cicely L. Tyson Community School of Performing and Fine Arts in New Jersey. During the clinic, students were provided with additional feedback and reinforcement for classroom teachings.

The festival concluded with an award ceremony that was held later Saturday night at the Riverside Church, where choirs, orchestras and bands were recognized for high scores within their groups and standout individuals were recognized for outstanding performances. During the awards ceremony, when Hull was called up, Jazz Big Band members Petey Menice and Matthew Sullivan went up to the stage to accept the silver rating band plaque.

This is the first year since the COVID-19 pandemic that the group has been able to hold in-person rehearsals and travel to the WorldStrides music festival.

"Having band and music classes fully return to the classroom this year has been very helpful to all of our music students," said Director Barkon. "Music plays a major role in the lives of many of these students and I hope that they are inspired to further curate these skills in the future."

In addition to attending the festival, the band and Director Barkon explored many of New York City's historic sights and restaurants including the 9/11 Museum/Memorial; Bill's Bar Burgers; Top of the Rock; Pasta Lovers; Time Square; Broadway; the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum; Circle Line Dinner Cruise; Little Italy; Chinatown and Puglia.

To learn more about the 2023 WorldStrides New York Heritage Music Festival, click [here](#).

Hull High School Hosts Successful Career Fair

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During a career fair earlier this month, sophomore students had the opportunity to connect with over 18 professionals representing a variety of career paths. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Principal Michael Kynbel are pleased to share that Hull High School hosted a successful career fair earlier this month.

The career fair was held on Tuesday, April 11, in the Hull High School Gymnasium. During the event, sophomore students had the opportunity to connect with over 18 professionals representing a variety of career paths. Their industries included education, science, law enforcement, journalism, communications, marketing, health science and more.

“This year’s career fair served as a great opportunity for our students to begin exploring different career paths and network with industry professionals,” said Superintendent Kuehn. “I was pleased to see the wide range of industries represented.”

In preparation for the event, students engaged in advisory lessons throughout the fall and winter months. Areas of focus included, how to fill out a job application, how to create a resume using Naviance, interview skills training, how to answer open-ended interview questions, dressing for success, and verbal and non-verbal professionalism.

The event began with welcoming remarks made by Principal Kynbel and the introduction of career experts, followed by Career Journey presentations. During this time, the career experts shared their educational and employment backgrounds and gave insight into their daily experiences in their current positions.

Following presentations, career experts conducted mock interviews with students interested in entry-level positions at their companies. After each interview, experts completed evaluation forms to be returned to students, offering them feedback to strengthen their future interview and job search skills.

To conclude the event, Principal Kynbel welcomed each career expert to the podium to recognize each student that was “mock-hired” by the career expert. This gave the Career Expert time to review their process of hiring and gave meaningful feedback to all students.

The students who received recognition and were “mock-hired” included:

- Owen Bechtold
- Zoila Bermejo
- Elsie Harper
- Grace Naylor
- Marie Marois
- Justin Foley
- Tallula Clancy
- Kaelyn Burke
- Damien Lindsey
- Fallon Ryan
- Ella Stolt
- Lilly Copenheaver- Smith
- Boden Ciulla-Sestito
- Rebecca Timins
- Luke Dunham
- Nicholas McDonald
- Shane McDonough
- Shane Grier

Students then completed self-reflection sheets as well as handwritten thank-you notes for their interviewing career professionals. Sophomore students provided feedback about the event saying the career fair was an exciting experience that helped them gain a new perspective on work.

“I want to thank all the career professionals who attended this year’s career fair and provided our students with a wealth of knowledge,” said Principal Kynbel. “It was truly a great learning experience for all who attended.”

Students Shine During Return of Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School Talent Show

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Student Kairi Stanbrook shows off her costume, following her performance of unicycle and skateboarding tricks. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL - Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Principal Kyle Shaw are pleased to share that Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School students showcased a wide range of talents during this year's talent show.

Students, staff, families and community members gathered at the Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School cafeteria/ auditorium to watch the talent show, hosted by Hull student council members, on Wednesday, April 12. A total of fifteen acts from students in grades three through five took the stage throughout the night. Performances included dancing, singing, cheerleading, tumbling, comedy routines and more.

This year marked the return of the school's annual talent show following a multi-year hiatus after the event was discontinued due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I want to extend my gratitude to Elaine Menice, Jessica Scott and Lindsey Rajan for planning and facilitating this event," said Superintendent Kuehn. "It was a joy to reintroduce this event to the Jacobs school community and it was made possible thanks to our amazing student council and staff."

In between acts, positive and encouraging remarks were made by the hosts and judges about each student's talent before and after each performance.

Funds raised from ticket sales at the event will be used to improve the Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School recess zones for the 2023-2024 school year.

"The kindness and camaraderie demonstrated among performers, hosts and judges was incredible to witness," said Principal Shaw. "I want to thank everyone involved in making this event so special."



In between acts, positive and encouraging remarks were made by the hosts and judges about each student's talent before and after each performance. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)



Students Verona Hedrick, Reese Irby, and Chloe Hedrick performed their rendition of "I Love Rock and Roll" during the 2023 Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School Talent Show. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)



Students Leah Dibley, Kairi Stanbrook, and Sydney O'Brien stand together backstage before the 2023 Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School Talent Show begins. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)



Students Verona Hedrick, Chloe Hedrick, and Reese Irby (VCR) took the stage, performing “I Love Rock and Roll” at this year's talent show. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)



Student Olivia Picewick twirled her baton as one of 15 acts that took the stage at this year's talent show. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)



Students, staff, families and community members gathered at the Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School cafeteria/auditorium to watch this year's talent show. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

Hull Public Schools Unified Basketball Team Wraps Up Successful First Season

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The Hull Unified Basketball Team has completed a successful first season. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Memorial Middle School Principal Anthony Hrivnak are pleased to share that the Hull Unified Basketball Team has completed a successful first season.

The Unified Sports program in Massachusetts, run by Special Olympics Massachusetts in partnership with the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), allows students with disabilities the opportunity to play sports alongside their peers in a fun and supportive environment.

The Hull Unified Basketball Team is comprised of 15 co-ed students and is coached by Hull High School teacher Hannah Hutchinson, South Shore Educational Collaborative (SSEC) Mini School teacher Dan Tramontana and SSEC Mini School assistant teacher Mackenzie McDonald.

The team has regularly scheduled practices, one to two times per week, and competes in regular season games.

The first game of the season was held on Thursday, March 16 at Pembroke Community Middle School, where the Hull Unified Basketball Team played the Pembroke Unified Basketball Team. The game concluded with a win for Pembroke, (26-20).

During the second and final regular season game on Monday, March 27 at Memorial Middle School, the Hull Unified Basketball Team played against the Canton Unified Basketball Team, ultimately winning (39-27).

“It was amazing to watch these students build their confidence and form new friendships throughout the season,” said Superintendent Kuehn. “I want to thank all students and staff who volunteered their time to make this season so special.”

To wrap up a successful season, the Hull Unified Basketball Team participated in the Unified Basketball Post-Season Jamboree, an event in which unified teams from surrounding districts play in a tournament of shorter games against a variety of opponents.

Family members, friends and students attended the Jamboree at West Bridgewater Middle-Senior High School on Thursday, March 30 to celebrate the completion of the first-ever Massachusetts Unified Basketball season. To kick off the event, Hull student-athletes participated in a parade into the gymnasium where they sang the national anthem before facing both the Canton Unified Basketball Team and the West Bridgewater Unified Basketball Team.

“I truly loved coaching our Unified Basketball team this year,” said coach Hutchinson. “It was amazing to see the sportsmanship and comradery these student-athletes exhibited in each practice and throughout the entire season.”

Following the tournament, players were awarded ribbons from Special Olympics Unified Sports as a symbol of their hard work and successes throughout the season.

“The first season for the Hull Unified Basketball team brought even more success than we could have ever imagined,” said SSEC Mini School Program Director Maureen Gattine. “I am greatly looking forward to continuing this program for many years to come.”



*The Hull Unified Basketball Team participated in the Unified Basketball Post-Season Jamboree on Thursday, March 30.
(Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)*

Hull High School Recognizes Girls and Boys Soccer Honorees

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HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Athletic Director Connor Duhaime wish to highlight student-athletes who received league and media recognitions this soccer season.

“We are pleased to recognize our Hull High School student-athletes for their impressive performances throughout this season,” said Director Duhaime. “Each year, I am overwhelmed by the athletic talent and dedication that the students and teams showcase.”

The following is a run-down of the Hull High School student-athletes who recently received recognitions:

Girls Varsity Soccer Honors

Sophomores Fallon Ryan, Elly Thomas, Elsie Harper and senior Bridget Fleming were named South Shore League All-Stars. This is the third consecutive year Fleming has received this award.

Boys Varsity Soccer Honors

Senior Jack Burke, sophomore Max Day and freshman Asher Herrmann were named South Shore League All-Stars.

Additionally, senior Jack Burke has been named to the Eastern Massachusetts All-Star team.

The Patriot Ledger

Burke and Ryan also received the Patriot Ledger’s All-Scholastic Awards. Thomas and Harper were also named Honorable Mentions for the Patriot Ledger’s All-Scholastic Awards.

Hull High School Music, Art and Performing Arts Students Receive Recognitions

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Hull High School "and others..." cast members. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Principal Michael Knybel wish to recognize Hull High School music, art and performing arts students for honors received during the month of March.

“I would like to congratulate all of our students on their incredible projects and performances last month,” said Principal Knybel. “Hull High School is full of talented students and I am so glad to see them receive the recognition they deserve.”

Student honors are as follows:

Music Honors

Seniors Peter Menice and Matt Sullivan represented the Hull High School music program with their participation in the March Senior Southeastern Massachusetts School Bandmaster Association (SEMSBA) Music Festival Auditions at Middleboro High School. Menice went on to perform with the Festival Concert Band on Sunday, March 19.

Freshman Victor Healey also represented the Hull High School music program with his participation in the Southeastern Massachusetts School Music Educators Association Junior District Festival at Sharon High School.

Sophomore Stevie Ryan recently participated in the Bridgewater State University Honors Band. Stevie was selected to represent Hull High School by a recommendation of Band Director Ian Barkon and her willingness to work hard and volunteering her time to rehearse.

Arts Honors

Seniors Elizabeth Flattich-Breidenthal and Jacob Smith received Honorable Mention for their “The Earth Loves You. Love it Back.” Massachusetts Partnership for Youth (MPY) Poster Project. In total, there were 324 submissions from students from 47 school districts.

Performing Art Honors

Senior Lucia Foresta and Junior Shane Grier were awarded the Excellence in Actor/ Actor Awards in Dramatic Roles, presented by the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild following their performances in “and others...” at the Marshfield Theater Festival.

Senior Dahlia Hedrick was awarded the Excellence in Technical Design Award for Scientific Design, presented by the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild following her performance in “and others...” at the Marshfield Theater Festival.



Hull High School student Lucia Foresta and cast in “and others...” (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)



Hull High School music program student Victor Healey participated in the March Junior Southeastern Massachusetts School Bandmaster Association (SEMSBA) Music Festival at Middleboro High School. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

Hull Memorial Middle School Students Take Part in Tiny House Project

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Tie for seventh grade winner: "Crystal Pond Community" by Naomi Dolan and Scarlett Arevalo and "Waterside Boulevard" by Nelleh Huxtable, Ava Riviuccio, and Bridgett Stamatouras. Eighth grade winners: "Mansion" by Georgia White and Arianna Goodrich. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Memorial Middle School Principal Anthony Hrivnak are pleased to announce that Memorial Middle School students recently took part in the seventh and eighth grade Tiny House art project.

As part of the project, seventh and eighth grade students worked in groups of 1-6 to construct miniature houses they envisioned selling to school staff and faculty. In addition to constructing the miniature homes, students were tasked with creating advertisements to help describe their architectural vision.

The goal of the Tiny House project is to give students creative freedom while emphasizing the importance of craftsmanship in art. Middle School art teacher Kate Cicalese drew inspiration from the ongoing housing crisis in the United States and her student's school curriculum, including a seventh grade social studies course where students are studying architecture.

"This project was a great way for all seventh and eighth grade students to get involved and present something that they are proud of, even if they don't consider themselves artists," said Cicalese.

Funding for materials used for the project were donated by the Hull Public Schools Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Students spent their regularly scheduled art class time working on the project.

Following the completion of the final design stages, over 100 tiny homes were put on display throughout the hallways of the school. Last week, faculty and staff voted on their favorite tiny home based on three criteria including concept, craftsmanship and creativity. Tiny house artists remained anonymous for voting.

This week, votes were tallied and the winners were announced on Monday, April 3

There was a tie in seventh grade: "Crystal Pond Community" by Naomi Dolan and Scarlett Arevalo and "Waterside Boulevard" by Nelleh Huxtable, Ava Riviuccio, and Bridgett Stamatouras. Eighth grade winners: "Mansion" by Georgia White and Arianna Goodrich. First place winners were awarded Visa gift cards, donated by the Hull PTO.

"I want to thank the Hull PTO for their generous donations that made this project possible, and the faculty and staff members that participated in the voting process," said Principal Hrivnak. "It was a joy to see these creative and unique tiny homes line the hallways of our school."



"Crystal Pond Community" by Naomi Dolan and Scarlett Arevalo. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

Hull's Jacobs Elementary School Names Lindsey Rajan as New Assistant Principal

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Lindsey Rajan has been appointed as the new assistant principal of Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL -- Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Principal Kyle Shaw are pleased to announce that Lindsey Rajan has been appointed as the new assistant principal of Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School.

Rajan will begin in her new position on July 1.

"I want to congratulate Lindsey Rajan on her appointment to her new role," said Superintendent Kuehn. "I am confident that she brings the necessary skills, background and passion to excel in this position as an instructional leader and will play a key role in the Pre-K to 7 Jacobs School reconfiguration."

Rajan, of Quincy, has served as a first-grade teacher for Hull Public Schools since 2016. She assisted in leading initiatives that increased parent involvement and fostered a positive class and school culture by maintaining open communication with parents and guardians and providing regular updates on student progress and behavior.

She also currently serves as co-chair of the Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School Literacy Review Committee.

Previously, Rajan served as a kindergarten teacher in the Holbrook Public Schools where she developed and implemented individualized educational plans for children with special needs and evaluated student progress through regular assessments and observation.

She has also previously served as a first-grade teacher in the Weymouth Public Schools and as a tutor for students enrolled in the Cohasset Learning Studio.

"Lindsey's knowledge of curriculum and instruction at the early childhood level makes her a perfect fit for an administrative role," said Principal Shaw. "I have a tremendous amount of confidence in Lindsey and look forward to working with her in her new position."

Rajan holds a master's degree in education from American International College, a bachelor's degree in early education from Eastern Nazarene College, a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Nazarene College, and a certificate of study in administration from Curry College.

"I am excited and thankful for the opportunity to continue serving the Jacobs Elementary School community in this new capacity," said Rajan

Hull Public School Celebrates Inclusivity During World Down Syndrome Day

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On Tuesday, March 21, Memorial Middle School students and staff participated in the "Rock Your Socks" event. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn, Director of Student Services Kristen Ryan and the Hull Public Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) are pleased to announce that the Hull Public Schools community recently celebrated World Down Syndrome Day.

“I would like to thank our Special Education Parent Advisory Council for making these events possible,” said Superintendent Kuehn. “We look forward to participating in these events each year and continue working to ensure that everyone in the Hull Public Schools community feels welcomed and valued.”

World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness day that takes place on March 21 (the 21st day of the third month) to signify the cause of Down syndrome: the trisomy of the 21st chromosome. World Down Syndrome Day raises public awareness, promotes inclusivity, encourages advocacy, and supports the well-being of those living with Down Syndrome worldwide.

The theme of this year’s World Down Syndrome Day was “With Us Not For Us.” According to Down Syndrome International, “With Us Not For Us” is a human rights-based approach that views people with disabilities as having the right to be treated fairly and have the same opportunities as everyone else, working with others to improve their lives. Events for this year’s World Down Syndrome Day were sponsored by SEPAC.

On Tuesday, March 21, Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School and Memorial Middle School students and staff participated in the “Rock Your Socks” event. During World Down Syndrome Day, people show their support by wearing colorful and mismatched socks to represent and celebrate the uniqueness of individuals.

“We would love to thank the Hull Public Schools for their support the past two years with launching rock your socks day, as it has been amazing to see so many people celebrating World Down Syndrome Day,” said SEPAC members Maggie and Eoin Kelly. “We have lived in Hull all our lives and are so proud to be from a town that is always there to show love and support and step up when people ask. We have been blessed with our daughter Adelaide and truly feel our lives have been changed for the better once meeting her. She is a continuous source of happiness and energy. Her love for life is so motivating. Adelaide can certainly brighten anybody’s day.”

In addition to “Rock Your Socks,” Hull High School students participated in inclusion-based presentations throughout the school day. Presentations were led by students and staff members and presented during the advisory block.

“It’s so wonderful to see the school community coming together to celebrate the girls and to bring awareness about Down syndrome,” said SEPAC member Katelyn Chase.



Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School students and teacher Kelsey Quinn stand together in their creative socks to show their support for World Down Syndrome Day. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

About Hull SEPAC

The Hull Public Schools SEPAC is a group of parents and educators who work together on behalf of children in Hull with special education needs and provide support for their families. Anyone interested in learning more can [follow the group on Facebook](#), or email HULL_SEPAC@town.hull.ma.us.

Hull's Jacobs Elementary and Memorial Middle Schools Wrap Up Successful 2023 Read-a-Thon Fundraiser

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Jacobs Elementary Principal Kyle Shaw is drenched in slime. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL -- Superintendent Judith Kuehn, Memorial Middle School Principal Anthony Hrivnak and Jacobs Elementary Principal Kyle Shaw are pleased to announce that the schools participated in the district's 20th annual Read-a-Thon event this month.

The Read-a-Thon kicked off on Friday, March 3 and concluded on Sunday, March 12.

The schools set a fundraising goal of \$20,000 and a reading goal of 202,020 minutes in honor of the event's 20th anniversary. The schools worked together to raise \$24,000 and achieved a total of 251,586 minutes of reading.

Funds raised will go toward field trips, cultural enrichment programs and books for the school library to enhance the quality of education for all students in Hull.

The Read-a-Thon is sponsored by the Hull PTO.

"The Read-a-Thon is always such a success thanks to the enthusiasm of our community members," Superintendent Kuehn said. "Everyone gets involved, from our teachers and school staff, to students, families and community members. Thank you to everyone who put forth a huge effort to make this a very special and fun week, and thank you to the Hull PTO for organizing this event."

The Jacobs Elementary School

The Jacobs Elementary School Read-a-Thon kicked off with students and teachers discovering a large "X" at the front of the school, signaling that the Reading Pirate was on his way. The pirate, a famous fixture of the Jacobs Elementary School, sent the "X" as a sign that the students would be going on their own adventure -- a treasure hunt.

Lindsey Rajan, a first-grade teacher, also lead an assembly and encouraged students to use the 10 days to go on as many reading adventures as possible. After the assembly, students were provided with reading logs to track the number of minutes they read during the week, as well as a PTO fundraising log. Students were encouraged to get pledges from their friends and family members. Based on the number of minutes they read, students received up to four clues to help them narrow down the location of the treasure.

This year's Read-a-Thon also aligned with Literacy Week. Each day students and staff dressed in various pirate and literacy-themed outfits including:

- Friday, March 3 - Cozy up with a good book
- Monday, March 6 - Dress like a pirate
- Tuesday, March 7 - Dress like a book character
- Wednesday, March 8 - Wear your favorite jersey/athletic wear
- Thursday, March 9 - Wear bright or neon colors
- Friday, March 10 - Dress like your future career

The events culminated in a wrap-up assembly, led by third-grade teacher Jessica Scott, where reading and fundraising awards were presented. To celebrate students' success, a wheel with the names of staff members was spun and kindergarten teacher Chrissy Vittorini and kindergarten paraprofessional Cindy Capone were selected to be slimed from head to toe.

During the assembly, the Reading Pirate made an unexpected appearance with a secret plan for Principal Shaw. Principal Shaw's name was hidden under each staff member on the wheel, so he too was drenched with a bucket of slime. In addition to being slimed, the top fundraising student from each grade level was able to pie Principal Shaw in the face.

"The Jacobs School thanks the PTO, especially Deborah Irby, Jill Mansfield-Jollin and Kim Panetta, for their countless hours of planning, decorating and counting minutes, which made this the best Read-a-Thon ever," said Principal Shaw.

The Memorial Middle School

The Memorial Middle School Read-A-Thon (RAT) activities were organized by a group of students from grades 6-8, including Scarlett Arevalo, Ava Beaumier, Meghan Chiba, Julia Effinger, Colin English, Nelleh Huxtable, Maysea Lyons and Skylar Munzert, along with advisors Lisa Dillion, Melinda O'Reilly, Jennifer Reardon, Sharon Striglio and Amy Hyde. The group met during enrichment periods to create a theme for the event, spirit week activities and ideas for prizes.

The week began with a book swap event where students were asked to bring in a book they enjoyed reading and wanted to share with a classmate. On Feb. 6, Christine Cappadona and Amy Hyde hosted a book-wrapping party after school where students were able to pick a surprise-wrapped book to take home and start the Read-A-Thon.

The theme for the week was "Battle of the Books," which is inspired by the NCAA March Madness basketball tournament.

Each grade came up with a list of 16 books, which were put in a tournament-style bracket and voted daily. Students that guessed the winning book at the beginning of the week were entered into a raffle to win a gift certificate for a book of their choice.

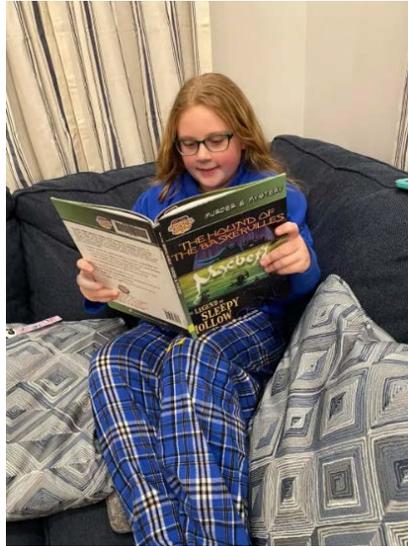
"After several years of having no Read-A-Thon at the MMS due to the pandemic, we wanted to make this year extra special," said Amy Hyde. "Our book-wrapping party added an extra element of surprise and excitement this year, and I can't wait to see what great ideas our students come up with next year."



Principal Kyle Shaw, the Reading Pirate and teacher Jess Scott. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)



State Representative Joan Meschino reads to a Pre-K classroom. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)



Jacobs Elementary student Jocelyn Tyrrell reads at home. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)



First-grade student Ryan Duran throws a pie at Principal Kyle Shaw. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

Crocodile River Music Company Rocks Jacobs Elementary School

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As part of the Crocodile River Music Company visit, Jacobs Elementary students in grades 3-5 learned how to play West African drums. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Principal Kyle Shaw are pleased to announce that the Crocodile River Music Company rocked the house at the Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School.

The Crocodile River Music Company visited Hull's Jacobs Elementary School for a three-day workshop on March 2, 3 and 6. The workshop focused on bringing African music, art and dance to Hull students in grades 3-5.

On the first day of the workshop, students had the opportunity to learn West African drumming and play some songs. On the following day, students learned rope-drum tuning and the science of sound. On the final day, students participated in a dance workshop.

Once the dance workshop was completed, the three-day visit culminated in an hour-long performance by the Crocodile River Music Company. During their performance, select students also had the opportunity to dance in front of the entire school.

Throughout the workshop, many students noted how exciting and energetic the group was. Teachers highlighted the collaboration that the members of the group displayed as they all came from different regions of Africa, yet worked together to form a cohesive sound.

"We were extremely excited to welcome the Crocodile River Music Company back to the Jacobs School," Interim Assistant Principal Elaine Menice said. "The students loved learning how to string a drum and play it, and then having the workshop come together with a highly energetic dance party and concert! We couldn't be more thankful for all those that made this visit possible."

The Crocodile River Music Company previously visited the school in 2017-18.

The Crocodile River Music Company's visit to Hull was made possible thanks to a STARS Residency Grant sponsored through the Mass Cultural Council. The STARS Residency program provides grants to support creative learning in the arts, sciences and humanities. Hull Public Schools would like to thank PTO Vice President Renee Kiley for applying for the grant on the school's behalf.

"It was a pleasure to have the Crocodile River Music Company here in Hull providing our students with a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Superintendent Kuehn. "Their visit allowed our students to immerse themselves in African arts and music, which will hopefully inspire them to continue exploring the many other cultures that are around the world."

Hull Public Schools Partners with William James College to Provide Mental Health Support

POSTED ON: FEBRUARY 14, 2023



A kick-off meeting for the INTERFACE program was held on Tuesday, Jan. 31. (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn is pleased to announce that 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.

INTERFACE is a free outpatient mental health resource and referral helpline provided by William James College. The program is designed to easily connect students and residents with outpatient mental health and wellness resources and providers.

"At Hull, it is our mission to support each student's overall success, and that includes their mental health," Superintendent Kuehn said. "The INTERFACE program is a great resource that will reduce the barriers surrounding access to mental health support for students in need. I would like to thank William James College for its support as we initiate this partnership and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for funding this important program through a grant."

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.

School and town officials attended a kick-off meeting to learn about the INTERFACE program on Tuesday, Jan. 31

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.

Hull Public Schools Host Senior Panel Discussion for Underclassmen

POSTED ON: JANUARY 27, 2023



Senior panelists speak to underclassmen on how to succeed in the future.(picture courtesy of Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Principal Michael Knybel are pleased to announce that Hull High School seniors offered advice to underclassmen on how to succeed in the future during a panel last week.

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, 12 seniors offered advice to students in Grades 9 and 10 during the panel, titled “Turning Obligation into Opportunity.”

“The seniors really rose to the occasion and led by a positive example during this panel,” Principal Knybel said. “Events like this really give younger students a look into what path they should take in high school and why their time here is so important to achieving success in the future.”

The hour-long panel focused on topics including building a resume, the importance of honor classes, how choices now can affect the future, and more. Seniors also gave examples of times when they turned what they thought was an obligation into an opportunity. Two members of the Guidance Office moderated.

“Don’t be afraid to get to know your teachers, they are great resources for help,” senior Peter Menice said. “Many of your teachers are coaches or club leaders, so getting to know them better opens doors for greater opportunities in high school.”

“Being a member of the senior panel was not only a privilege but an experience that allowed me to connect with underclassmen to create a stable environment and answer questions about their futures and college,” senior Matt Shaffer said. “I thought the panel had a very positive effect after talking to some students and hope that it brought a significant impact on their future endeavors.”

After the question-and-answer portion, the audience broke into focus groups, which allowed younger students to ask the seniors more personal questions. The focus groups concluded with seniors asking younger students how they plan to switch their mindset from thinking something is an obligation to an opportunity. Each group was moderated by two seniors.

“The panel was insightful and I personally learned some things that I still did not know about the college process,” senior Amelia Donovan said. “I truly wish I had something like that when I was an underclassman”

Hull's Jacobs Elementary School Students Learn Importance of Being an Upstander

POSTED ON: JANUARY 20, 2023



A display case at Jacobs Elementary School reminds students to be upstanders. (Photo courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL -- Superintendent Judy Kuehn and Principal Kyle Shaw wish to share that students at the Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School were recently reminded of the importance of being an upstander, someone who stands up against bullying.

Students gathered at a school assembly on Friday, Jan. 6, to hear from Interim Assistant Principal Elaine Menice about the power of being an upstander.

At the assembly, Interim Assistant Principal Menice encouraged all students to be upstanders by using the following methods: being a buddy, interrupting, speaking out, and telling an adult.

"It is our mission to foster kindness and inclusivity in our classrooms and to ensure that all students feel welcome and comfortable in school," Principal Shaw said. "Teaching students to be upstanders helps us to meet this mission. Peer intervention and support are so powerful when it comes to acts of bullying, and we hope all students strive to be upstanders."

Staff and students are encouraged to inform Principal Shaw or Interim Assistant Principal Menice if they see someone using one of these strategies to stop bullying.

Students who are identified as upstanders are presented awards by members of the Student Council and receive a shout-out during the morning announcements.

"I saw an upstander today!" said Thalita, a second-grader at Jacobs Elementary, after the assembly.

A display case featuring upstander themes has been installed to reinforce to students that they can all play a part in standing up against bullying. Students also are reminded of the importance of being an upstander during the school year through various lessons.



Students at Jacobs Elementary School were reminded of the importance of being an upstander, someone who stands up against bullying, at a recent assembly. (Photo courtesy Hull Public Schools).

HPS Invites Local Businesses and Families/Community Members to Sponsor Signs at the Hull High School Turf Field and Community Walking Track

POSTED ON: DECEMBER 13, 2022



A mesh field sign sponsored by Eagle Eye Pest. (Photo courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Hull Public Schools is inviting local businesses and families to sponsor signs at Hull High School's Finlayson Field and Emma Ryan Community Track with proceeds benefiting the facility.

Mesh field signs, which will be branded with the businesses' logos, are available for a one-year commitment and first-time purchase of \$1,200. Those who choose to renew after a year receive a discounted rate of \$1,000. The funds raised go towards the field bond payment, field maintenance, and future turf replacement.

Local families, community members and alumni may also sponsor a banner fitted with a message of their choosing, including words of congratulations or recognition, and more.

Over the last few years, the field -- which was completed in 2019 -- has hosted eight statewide soccer tournaments, a regional baseball tournament, two regional lacrosse jamborees, and more than five state playoff games. Additionally, the field is home to the Hull Pirate Football Team, which recently won the Division 8 State Championship following an undefeated season.

The field also hosts four weeks of summer camps annually and has daily activity from local youth and high school teams and recreational enthusiasts.

The field has been highlighted in the national NOBULL advertising campaign, which featured Patriots quarterback Mac Jones. It has been featured in national publications, including USA Lacrosse Magazine, Coach and Athletic Director Magazine, as well as local and regional publications.

"Funds from these advertisements support our facility while simultaneously increasing local businesses' visibility in the community," Athletic Director Connor Duhaime said. "Given the interest in our fantastic field and the foot traffic it receives on a daily basis, these advertisements will surely reach an audience of Hull and beyond."

Those interested in purchasing a sign may click [here](#) to sign up. For questions, please contact Director Duhaime at cduhaime@town.hull.ma.us.



A mesh field sign sponsored by the Twombly Family. (Photo courtesy Hull Public Schools)

Hull High School Theatre Arts Program Invites Community to Upcoming Production of 'Grease'

POSTED ON: NOVEMBER 16, 2022



Hull High School Theatre Arts students rehearse for their production of 'Grease.' (Photo Courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Principal Mike Knybel are pleased to announce that the Hull High School Theatre Arts Program will be presenting their production of "Grease" this weekend.

The show will run on the following dates:

- Friday, Nov. 18, at 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.

"Grease: School Version" is a full-length musical comedy by Warren Casey and Jim Jacobs, based on the popular Broadway show and film.

New girl Sandy and Greaser Danny fall in love during a summer fling. But when the school year begins, Danny is torn between his feelings for Sandy and his image with the Greasers and the Pink Ladies. Will they be able to stay together despite what people think? Stay tuned to find out!

Tickets can be purchased by clicking [here](#). The price for general admission is \$10.

"'Grease' is such a classic, iconic show and we know our audience will be very impressed with what we have put together, whether they know the songs by heart or are seeing the show for the first time," co-directors Emily and Erin O'Donnell said. "We welcome the entire Hull community to this production so they can see firsthand the hard work of our entire cast and crew."

Meet the Cast and Crew

The cast of "Grease" includes the following:

Sandy - Estella Conley
Danny - Austin Strong
Rizzo - Dahlia Hedrick
Frenchy - Maeve Mulvihill
Marty - Lucia Foresta
Jan - Kat Davidson
Kenickie - Shane Grier
Doody - JT Gould
Roger - Stevie Ryan
Sonny - TD Doty
Patty - Grace Kiley
Cha-Cha - Victoria Dolan
Eugene - Ace Jeffries-Ranger
Vince Fontaine/Teen Angel - Matt Sullivan
Miss Lynch - Emily Sinciewicz
Johnny Casino - Sasha Green
Ensemble (Pink Ladies and Greasers) - Bridget Fleming, Ronnie Fleming, Hailey Gould, Bailey Her, Monica Minelli, Ella Montgomery, Alley Preston, Emily Punchedard, Alessandra Truglia

The crew includes the following:

Co-Directors - Emily O'Donnell and Erin O'Donnell
Technical Director - Paul Jenkins
Choreographer - Melany Jenkins
Asst. Choreographer - Avery Murphy
Music Director - Hannah Hutchinson
Lighting Designer - Matt Shaffer
Costume Designer - TD Doty
Asst. Stage Manager - Finch Tanner
Asst. Stage Manager - Damien Lindsey
Stage Crew - Ava Beaumier, Aislinn Connors-Duffy, Milo Coyle, Joseph Davidson, Naomi Dolan, Pixiana Dyer, Ellie O'Connor, Wyatt Pike

Hull High School Theatre Arts
Proudly Presents



GREASE: SCHOOL VERSION
Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

Hull High School
Joseph C. Doniger Auditorium, 180 Main St., Hull, MA
Nov. 18th at 3:30pm, Nov. 19th at 2pm & 7pm, Nov.
20th at 7pm

Tickets Online/at the door: \$10 General Admission



[https://www.showtix4u.com/event-
details/69086](https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/69086)

"Grease: School Version" is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company, www.concordtheatricals.com

Two Hull High School Seniors Recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation

POSTED ON: OCTOBER 28, 2022

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Principal Michael Knybel are pleased to announce that Hull High School seniors Matthew Sullivan and Austin Bongo have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Matthew Sullivan

Matthew Sullivan has been named a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Sullivan has played in the band since sixth grade in addition to two years of theater. He has also been in student government every year of high school and has been a National Honor Society member since last year.

“I’m very honored to receive this award. I think I work hard, and it’s nice to be recognized for it,” he said.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2023 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Austin Bongo

Austin Bongo has been awarded with Academic Honors from the College Board National Recognition Program.

Bongo is a National Honor Society student, and plays football, track and lacrosse for HHS.

“I feel honored and grateful to be able to receive this recognition, for it is symbolic of the hard work I have put into school this past year,” he said.

National Recognition Program grants award underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board’s Student Search Service.

Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

“The entire Hull High School community congratulates Matthew and Austin on being recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation,” Principal Knybel said. “These awards are a testament to the hard work they have put towards their studies and they serve as tremendous ambassadors for our schools.”

To learn more about the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, [click here](#).

Students at Hull's Jacobs Elementary School Work Together During 'One Word Initiative' To Start New School Year

POSTED ON: OCTOBER 20, 2022



Jacobs School students pose with the school's new 'together' banner, which was made after the word was chosen as the official word of the year at the school. (Photo courtesy Hull Public Schools).

HULL -- Superintendent Judy Kuehn and Principal Kyle Shaw are pleased to share that students at the Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School are working together during the new academic year as a part of a special school-wide project.

Last year, the Jacobs School kicked off the school year by reading "One Word for Kids: A Great Way to Have Your Best Year Ever" by Jon Gordon, Dan Britton, and Jimmy Page. The book challenges readers to choose one word to help them have the best year ever.

Last year, the Jacobs School's one-word and school-wide theme was "Kindness." This year, as part of the One Word initiative, the word "together" was chosen as the school-wide theme.

As part of the initiative, each class in the school was given the book, and teachers read the story to students. Students then chose their own words to focus on for this year. For the school-wide project, each student then wrote their word on a letter from the word "together" in a giant banner.

"I knew I would have a good start to the year because I just kept telling myself to be 'Rad!'" said Quincy, a fourth-grader at Jacobs Elementary. Rad is an acronym used at the Jacobs School as a reminder of the Core Values (**R**espect others; **A**ct in safe, caring, and welcoming ways; **D**o your best learning).

This past week, the "together" banner was hung up and unveiled during the school's monthly assembly to remind the entire school that students and staff alike can all do their part to be stronger together than apart.

"The word 'together' is the perfect word to focus on as part of the One Word Initiative this school year," Principal Shaw said. "We will use the banner as a reminder to our students and staff of the importance of unity and community and that it is always better to work together."

Hull Pirate Pride #2

POSTED ON: SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Dear Hull Community,

Listening to and elevating the voices of students is a priority for the district. This practice guides us to make decisions that are in the best interest of students. During the summer, nineteen students communicated their voice in a video shared with the staff on the first day of school. They were asked to express what they love about their school and what they are looking forward to during the new school year. I am grateful and appreciative of their participation and impressed with their responses!

Luka Truglia
Franconia Buchleitner
Aidan Murphy
Kai Funari
Hailey Gould
Ella Stolt
Andreas Michaelides
Amelia Donovan
Grace Naylor
Brennan Minucci

Fallon Ryan
Maeve White
Elijah Perlmutter
Audie Bernard
Michael Cimetti
Matthew Kraus
Jamie Frady
Marie Marois
Leah Frady

Here is a link to the student voice video. https://youtu.be/pX2zz_klmG0

I am excited to share this with you. Enjoy!

With Hull Pirate Pride,

Judy Kuehn
Superintendent

Hull Pride 2022-2023 Welcome Back to School Video

POSTED ON: SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Hull Pride 2022-2023 Welcome Back to School Video

<https://vimeo.com/745839796>

Hull Public Schools Excited to Welcome Back Students and Staff for 2022-2023 School Year

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Custodians and the technology department got an extra hand this summer from several current and former Hull Public Schools students who helped to prepare buildings and technology. Pictured are, front from left: Rebecca Timins, Anthony Amador, Jimmy Barone and John Abatuno; back from left: Evan Burke, Luke Richardson and Brian Saniuk. Not pictured is Ben Olivieri. (Photo courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn is thrilled to share that the district's leadership team is ready and excited to welcome students and staff back to school this month.

Teachers will return to school on Monday, August 29, and students will return on Wednesday, August 31.

Custodial staff districtwide have been working hard over the summer to ensure all school buildings are prepped, cleaned and ready for the return of students and staff. Custodians and the technology department have even gotten an extra hand this summer from several current and former Hull Public Schools students who helped to prepare buildings and technology.

The main office and guidance office at Hull High School have also been restyled and reorganized for a fresh look and new technology was installed in the main office to facilitate more efficient communications with students and families.

Additionally, the district welcomed several talented new administrators and staff members to the schools over the summer, and will host a comprehensive three-day teacher induction program next week.

On Monday, August 15, Hull High School held its first back-to-school event welcoming athletes and their parents and introducing new staff members, including new Principal Michael Knybel and Assistant Principal Julie Burke, as well as new School Resource Officer Joe DeVecchio.

"Our motivated leadership team is eager to have students and staff return to school shortly, and the enthusiasm is amazing!" Superintendent Kuehn said. "We welcomed new faculty and staff members this summer, and are excited for our students and families to get to know them, as well as reconnect with our dedicated returning educators. Hull is an excellent school district with so much to celebrate and we are ready to show our Pirate Pride as we begin a new school year and celebrate the return of our wonderful students, devoted families and excellent teachers."



The main office at Hull High School has been restyled and reorganized for a fresh look ahead of the 2022-2023 school year. (Photo courtesy Hull Public Schools)



On Monday, August 15, Hull High School held its first back-to-school event welcoming athletes and their parents and introducing new staff members. From left: Athletic Director Connor Duhaime, Officer Joe DeVecchio, Superintendent Judith Kuehn, Principal Michael Knybel, Assistant Principal Julie Burke, Athletic Trainer Lexie Watkins and Administrative Assistant Tia Falletti. (Photo courtesy Hull Public Schools)



Julie Burke Chosen as New Assistant Principal of Hull High School

POSTED ON: AUGUST 16, 2022



Julie Burke has been chosen as the new assistant principal of Hull High School. (Photo courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL — Superintendent Judith Kuehn and Principal Michael Knybel are pleased to announce that Julie Burke has been chosen as the new assistant principal of Hull High School.

Burke most recently served in administrative roles in the Randolph Public Schools since 2018. Her positions included Dean of Climate and Culture, Advanced Placement coordinator, mentor program coordinator, ALICE school team leader and summer school coordinator for Randolph High School.

She was a teacher at Randolph High from 2013-2018, serving as a grade 9-12 English teacher as well as NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) Committee Chair, summer school teacher and more. She has additional teaching experience at Weymouth High School, Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree, the Fort Greene Prep Academy in Brooklyn, and as a teaching assistant at UMass Boston.

Burke's love of literature began at a very early age, and has been something she has held onto ever since and something she has always shared with her students. She is also an advocate for not simply teaching students what to think, but how to think.

“As a result of my 16 years of experience in various academic settings, I am confident that I am both fully capable and prepared to make the transition to becoming an impactful Assistant Principal for the Hull High School community,” Burke said. “I look forward to working with the teachers and staff to best equip students with the tools they will need to become critical thinkers and curious, independent learners, and I am very excited to begin the new school year.”

Burke received her Bachelor of Arts in English from Saint Anselm College, her Master of Arts in English Literature from UMass Boston, and her Educational Leadership and Social Justice Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) from UMass Boston. She also recently completed the Accelerated Post Baccalaureate Program in Secondary Education from Bridgewater State University.

She was chosen after a rigorous selection process that included feedback from a wide variety of Hull Public Schools stakeholders.

“We are thrilled to be welcoming Julie to Hull High School for the upcoming school year,” Principal Knybel said. “As both she and I are new to the district, we are looking forward to meeting as many of the staff, students and families as we can to learn more about what makes Hull such a terrific place to live and learn. Julie's unique experiences and lifelong passion for education make her an ideal choice for the role of HHS' new assistant principal.”

Hull Public Schools Appoints New Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Jacobs School Principal

POSTED ON: JULY 7, 2022



The Hull Public Schools has appointed Christine Cappadona as Director of Curriculum and Assessment for grades pre-K-12, and Kyle Shaw as Principal of Jacobs Elementary School. (Photos courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL – Superintendent Judith Kuehn is pleased to announce that the Hull Public Schools has appointed a new Director of Curriculum and Assessment for grades pre-K-12, as well as a new Principal for Jacobs Elementary School.

Christine Cappadona

Christine Cappadona has been appointed as the districts new Director of Curriculum and Assessment for grades pre-K-12, having been promoted from her role as Principal of Jacob’s Elementary School.

Mrs. Cappadona has spent 22 years in various roles within the Hull Public Schools. In 2000, she began her career in Hull as a fourth grade teacher at Jacobs School and was later promoted to Assistant Principal of Jacobs School. In 2015 she was promoted to Principal.

During her seven years as principal, Mrs. Cappadona proved that she was committed to collaborating with teachers, families and community partners to support the education of all students. She was responsible for supervising and evaluating approximately 60 staff members and 385 students in grades pre-K-5.

In her new role, Mrs. Cappadona will serve as an instructional leader who will support the district’s initiatives in all three schools and enable all students to achieve their fullest potential. She will develop staff training around current state Curriculum Frameworks, analyze student data and facilitate data meetings. She will also collaborate on appropriate instructional shifts to target student growth and develop school-wide intervention and enrichment programs for students.

“I have seen tremendous growth in the Hull Public Schools over my 22 years and look forward to building on the strong foundation our staff and administrators have worked hard to implement across the district,” Mrs. Cappadona said. “I am excited to serve as an instructional leader supporting the district’s initiatives at all three schools, collaborating with staff across the district, and providing leadership to ensure equity for all students to achieve their fullest potential.”

Mrs. Cappadona holds a bachelor’s degree in Business and Managerial Accounting from Regis University and a master’s degree in Elementary Education from Fairfield University. She has also earned Administrative Licensure from the SSEC Principal Licensure Program, Massachusetts Assistant Superintendent/Superintendent Certification, Massachusetts Principal Certification and Massachusetts Teacher Certification.

Kyle Shaw

Formerly the Jacobs Elementary School Assistant Principal, Kyle Shaw will be replacing Cappadona as the new Jacobs School Principal.

As Assistant Principal, Mr. Shaw assisted in the supervision, direction and evaluation of staff, and led various staff meetings in collaboration with the principal. He also planned and presented monthly school-wide assemblies aligned with the school's core values and coordinated various school-wide events. He increased student attendance through the development and implementation of innovative strategies, and worked as the Supervisor of Attendance and the Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer.

Mr. Shaw has been working in the Hull Public Schools since 2008 when he began teaching physical education at the Jacobs School. Additionally, he is the owner, founder, and director of the first surf camp in Massachusetts: South Shore Surf Camp.

“It is my sincere pleasure to be able to continue my work at Jacobs Elementary in my new role as principal,” Mr. Shaw said. “I’m so lucky to have been able to observe Christine Cappadona as principal and I am excited to take what I have learned into my new role and continue to serve the students, families in the Jacobs community.”

Mr. Shaw holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Salve Regina University, a Master in Elementary Education from Lesley University, and completed the Graduate Education Leadership program at Curry College. Additionally, he has earned certifications in Elementary Education, Physical Education and Administration.

The Hull Public Schools celebrates both appointments as an example of existing staff members who are able to take the next steps in their careers and continue to maintain their devotion to the students, educators, staff and families of the Hull community.

“We are so excited for Mrs. Cappadonna and Mr. Shaw to start their new positions within the Hull Public Schools,” Superintendent Kuehn said. “Appointing them to their positions supports the district’s goal to employ and retain personnel who are motivated, always strive for excellence and are committed to providing a better educational environment for all our students.”

Michael Knybel Chosen as New Principal of Hull High School

POSTED ON: JUNE 15, 2022



Michael Knybel has been chosen as the next principal of Hull High School. (Photo courtesy Hull Public Schools)

HULL -- Superintendent Judith Kuehn is pleased to announce that Michael Knybel has been chosen as the next principal of Hull High School.

Knybel was chosen after a rigorous selection process that included feedback from a wide variety of Hull Public Schools stakeholders.

“Mike’s references are outstanding and he is beloved by teachers, parents, students and community members. He has a proven track record of acting in the best interest of students, as he hears their voices and creates activities/electives/courses in the school based on what students dream while at the same time supporting his teachers,” Superintendent Kuehn said. “He comes from a small and close-knit school community, which is very similar to Hull High School, and is a perfect match to move HHS into the future. I am excited that we will have such a strong, talented leader to move our high school forward.”

Since 2011, Knybel has served as a middle and high school principal for the Lenox Public Schools. In these roles, he was responsible for collaborating with faculty, department heads and other committees to enhance site-based school improvement. Knybel enhanced site-based school improvement through site-based management; maintaining excellent communication with staff, parents and students using contemporary media sources; analyzing various data to facilitate positive change; implementing the new Massachusetts state teacher evaluation system; observing and evaluating professional staff, and more.

For the past eight years under Knybel’s leadership Lenox High School has been ranked in the top 5% of high schools in the United States by U.S. News & World Report.

Prior to his roles in Lenox, Knybel served for a year as a high school principal in the East Longmeadow Public Schools and before that was a high school assistant principal in East Longmeadow.

He has also served as a junior/senior high school assistant principal in the Ware Public Schools and an assistant principal in the Gill-Montague Regional School District.

He began his career in education as a music director at Cathedral High School in Springfield, responsible for instrumental and vocal ensembles, teaching music theory, and more; and as a band director for the Russell County Public Schools in Castlewood, Virginia.

"I'm excited to join the Blue and Gold at HHS," Knybel said. "I could tell through the interview process that Hull values relationships and collaboration. As a team of students, staff, faculty, parents and community members this is going to be a powerful ride with PRIDE!"

Knybel received his Bachelor of Arts in music education instrumental/music performance from Westfield State College, and his Master of Education in educational leadership and policy analysis from East Tennessee State University.