

Jacobs School Blue Notes

December 15, 2022

A Note from the Principal

It may be a short week, but next week is packed with fun! On Monday we have a school-wide/school-only rehearsal concert where each grade will perform their big number in front of their peers. Listening and watching each grade level sing is always a highlight for both teachers and students. This also gives students a chance to see their siblings perform.

Tuesday is the big day: Our first Winter Concert since 2019! Due to parking and crowd limitations, we have to split the concert into two performances (times are listed to the right in *Mark Your Calendar!*). Some parents have asked about dismissing children from class to watch their siblings' performance, but please keep in mind that students will see each other perform during the rehearsal concert. That said, if you would like to dismiss your child from class to attend their siblings' show, please make sure to send in a note with your child to be given to their classroom teacher. Students who have brought in notes will meet their families in the lobby before the show and can return to class after.

Lastly, Thursday is Jacobs Express! The school will be magically transformed into a Candy Land themed winter wonderland! Thank you to Nicole Dunn and the PTO for all their hard work and preparations for the big day. *Students love it!* Don't forget, Thursday is also an early dismissal day. Car riders will dismiss at 11:35, buses will depart at 11:45, and winter vacation will begin!

Student absences reached peak levels last week, but I'm pleased to report that the number of student absences has steadily declined over the course of this week. I believe our mitigation strategies coupled with families keeping sick children home really helped. As always, we are Stronger Together!

~Mr. Shaw

Not Happening...

We have lots of fun stuff going on next week, but we also have some fun stuff that is NOT going on:
There will be no JASPER, no RMK and no Library next week.

Mark Your Calendar!

Dec 20–Winter Concert: PK (a.m. & full day), Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd @ 9:00

Dec 20–Winter Concert: PK (p.m. & full day), 3rd, 4th, 5th @ 1:30

Dec 22–Jacobs Express! Pajama Day!

Dec 22–Early Dismissal @ 11:45am, no lunch served, no afterschool childcare

Dec 23–Jan 2–Winter Vacation!

Jan 3–Back to school!



We Want Your RAD Photos!

Send photos of your RAD Pirates having fun in their Core Value T-Shirts or school colors to Mrs. Menice at ecmenice@town.hull.ma.us! Photos will be featured in the slideshow at our next schoolwide assembly, and maybe even in the Blue Notes!



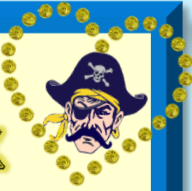
The flu vaccine is still available for students to receive at the Jacobs School. Please complete the [consent form](#) and return it to the school nurse for your child to receive the vaccine.

Kyle Shaw, Principal

Elaine Menice, Interim Assistant Principal

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HEART OF THE PIRATE



We are pleased to announce the winners of
the December 2022 Heart of the Pirate
Award!

Kindergarten — Weston Mararo

1st Grade — Savannah Clooney

2nd Grade — Andy Michaelides

3rd Grade — Will McCarthy

4th Grade — Marley Grieco

5th Grade — Ayla Gibbons

Congratulations to all! *YO-HO!*



Grade 5 visited Gillette Stadium and the Patriots Hall of Fame today! They learned about Patriots history and saw a display of high school championship jerseys — including one from Hull High School! Students also engaged in a STEM activity to determine the best shape/size ball for a given sport.



Ms. Keegan's Health Notes

Massachusetts and much of the US are seeing an increase in respiratory illnesses in children. Everyday prevention measures to help avoid these and other illnesses include:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
- Do not share drinks or other items that touch the mouth.
- **Keep your child home if he/she is ill, and/or has a fever of 100 degrees or higher. Temperature should remain normal for 24 hours without medication before the child returns to school.**
- **Children should remain home for a full 24 hours after vomiting.**
- Avoid social gatherings if you or your children are ill.
- Contact your healthcare provider if you believe your child needs medical care.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, especially if someone in your household is ill.
- Consider getting a flu vaccine this year. Flu vaccine is available at the school. Please call the school nurse if you are interested in having your child get the vaccine here at school.