

# JACOBS SCHOOL BLUE NOTES

## March 3, 2022

### A Note from the Principal

Tomorrow is *Spirit Day*! We also have a virtual all school assembly to kick off the Read-A-Thon. Beginning March 4 and continuing through March 13, the Hull PTO is sponsoring the 19th Annual Read-A-Thon. Students will pledge to read for a specific amount of minutes to raise money for the PTO. All funds raised will help support the PTO activities for all three schools. The Read-A-Thon is an excellent reason to pick up a book instead of an electronic device—unless, of course, you are using the electronic device to read. Remember to snap a picture of your child reading in their Core Value T-shirt for our RAD video. The Reading Pirate has promised to visit if students completed 1,000 kind deeds and we are just about at our goal.

Preschool and kindergarten registration documents are available on our website.

Tic Toc seems to be increasingly used as communication platform for students outside of school. Conversations are often inappropriate and public. This is a friendly reminder to check-in, have conversations, and, monitor your child's activity on social media.

The end of the second trimester is March 11. Report cards will be in backpacks on March 23. Parent Conferences are on March 24. An email will be sent with information to sign up for a conference.

Happy Reading!

~Mrs. Cappadona

This year's MCAS Schedule has been released.  
The dates are listed here by grade.

#### Grade 3

4/11 – ELA

4/12 – ELA

5/5 – MATH

5/6 – MATH

#### Grade 4

4/7 – ELA

4/8 – ELA

5/2 – MATH

5/3 – MATH

#### Grade 5

4/4 – ELA

4/5 – ELA

4/25 – MATH

4/26 – MATH

5/17 – STE

5/19 – STE

### Mark Your Calendar!

Mar 4—Spirit Day!

Mar 4—Read-a-Thon Begins!

Mar 9—Jacobs School Council 6pm

Mar 11—End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

Mar 13—Read-A-Thon Ends!

Mar 14—Read-A-Thon forms & funds due

Mar 14 & 23—School Committee 6:30pm @ HHS

Mar 15—PTO Meeting 7:00 @ JES Library

**Mar 16—Early Release 12:15**

Mar 18—Spirit Day!

Mar 24—90 Minute Early Release 1:45

Mar 24—Parent/Teacher Conferences



Send photos of RAD Jacobs Pirates having fun in their Core Value T-Shirts or school colors to Mr. Shaw at [kshaw@town.hull.ma.us](mailto:kshaw@town.hull.ma.us)! They'll be featured in our next Spirit Day slideshow and maybe right here in the Blue Notes!

### Catch Them Reading!






Send photos of your RAD Pirates **READING** in their Core Value t-shirts or school colors to Mr. Shaw at [kshaw@town.hull.ma.us](mailto:kshaw@town.hull.ma.us) to have them included in the Read-A-Thon Wrap-Up Video. The Hull PTO wants your photos, too! Like them on Facebook and post your pics!



Christine Cappadona, Principal

Kyle Shaw, Assistant Principal

## Read-A-Thon/Literacy Week Dress-Up Days Are Here!

Mon 3/7	Tues 3/8	Weds 3/9	Thurs 3/10	Fri 3/11
Dress Like A PIRATE'S GOLD DOUBLOON 	 Dress Like A FAVORITE STORYBOOK CHARACTER	PAJAMA DAY! 	 Dress Like A PIRATE! YO HO!	Dress Like A PARROT! 



Where  
will  
your  
reading  
take  
you?

### RMK Books for March

Theme: Perseverance

Essential Question: What is the difference between quitting and failing?

Week of March 7:

***All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything*** by Annette Bell Pimental

Week of March 14:

***Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music*** by Margarita Engle

Week of March 21:

***Festival of Colors*** by Surishtha Sehgal and Kabir Sehgal

Week of March 28:

***A Computer Called Katherine*** by Suzanne Slade

READ! READ! READ!  
MARCH 4 – 13



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### New and Improved! Health Notes from Ms. Keegan

In accordance with DESE and DPH our district has updated our COVID-19 Testing Program by shifting to the new at-home testing option. If you signed up for the program, test kits were sent home before vacation and will be sent home every other week. Next delivery will be Wednesday, March 9. Please test your child each and every Thursday morning. In addition to this new at-home antigen test option, we will continue with symptomatic testing as needed during the week.

As part of this shift in the program, **we have discontinued Test and Stay and contact tracing for in-school close contacts.**

This means that if your child is a potential contact in school, they may continue to come to school and do not have to quarantine. This new at-home testing opportunity is voluntary and only those who opt-in will receive tests.

***If you haven't already done so, we strongly encourage you to opt-in RIGHT NOW!***

#### COVID-19 Testing Programs in our Schools:

1. At-Home Rapid Antigen Testing on Thursdays (NEW [Opt-in Form](#))
2. Symptomatic Testing (If you have not yet signed up, [click here](#))

Individuals should not participate if they have tested positive for COVID -19 within the last 90 days. If you have any questions please contact the school nurse.

**Please see the attached updated COVID -19 protocols which are now in effect.**