

JACOBS SCHOOL BLUE NOTES

JANUARY 11, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Jan 15—Martin Luther King Jr Day, No School

Jan 16—Prof Development, No School

Jan 31—Early Dismissal 12:15pm

Feb 2—Spirit Day/Assembly

Feb 6—100th Day of School!

Feb 8—Kindergarten 101 5:30pm

A Note from the Principal

Exciting news! Grades 1-5 students will embark on a pilot program using **IXL Math**, an interactive online platform enriching their math learning experience. IXL offers personalized math exercises adapting to individual needs, fostering a strong math foundation. Currently, students use Waggle Math, and we're considering IXL to replace Waggle when our license expires this school year. IXL, adopted in grades 6-12 last year, provides a dynamic and engaging platform for practicing and reinforcing classroom learning. Students progress at their own pace with real-time feedback. Teachers will undergo IXL training tomorrow, exploring its potential. We are excited to dive into this platform to see how teachers and students engage with the program. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.

On Monday, we will observe Martin Luther King Day, and as such, there will be no school. This day provides us with a valuable opportunity to gather and honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tuesday is a professional day for staff, affording them valuable opportunities for various professional development activities that will directly impact the instruction your child receives.

For students, the upcoming four-day weekend presents an opportunity for some fun, rest, and hopefully, some reading.

—Mr. Shaw



Attention Parents of Grade 3 Students:

According to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 56 every child in grade 3 is required to have a current physical exam on file in their school health record. Please send updated forms to the school nurse.

JASPER — Session 2!

Are you ready to teach? Because we need instructors! Our first session of JASPER will end soon, and we are gearing up for Session 2 after February vacation. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



READING NOOK

The following classes will have library next week: King, Buttkus, Hall, Wilson, Gomes, Cowden, Connelly, Weber

Roman RAD!



Send Us Your RAD Photos!

Send photos of your RAD Pirates having fun in their Core Value T-Shirts or school colors to Mrs. Rajan at lrajan@town.hull.ma.us! We'll include them in our Assembly Slide Show and maybe even here in the Blue Notes!

Tips to Avoid Respiratory Illness

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 especially after coughing/sneezing.
- ✓ Alcohol based hand sanitizers are also effective
- ✓ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- ✓ 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, tables etc., especially if someone in your household is ill.
- ✓ Adequate fluids and nutritious food during the day, and a good night's sleep each night.
- ✓ Please alert the school if your child has been diagnosed with a contagious disease (COVID, strep, flu etc.)
- ✓ Consider getting a flu vaccine this year. Flu vaccine is still available at the school. Please call the school nurse if you are interested in having your child get the vaccine here at school.

January 2024

Heart of the Pirate Award

Winners

PK – Emmaline Rivieccio

K – Rowan Smith

1st – Phoebe Egersheim

2nd – Logan Dignan

3rd – Henry Loughlin

4th – Kristopher Ericson

5th – Kane Hagerty

6th – Ana Donato



It's A Pirate!

Congratulations to Mrs. Quinn, who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy last week! Welcome Brooks Alexander Quinn!

The Jacobs School has a collection of new winter jackets, hats, and mittens donated by the community. If your student is in need of winter gear, please contact Maureen Rosenplanter at mrosenplanter@town.hull.ma.us or ext 1137.