

JACOBS SCHOOL BLUE NOTES

JANUARY 4, 2024

A Note from the Principal

Happy New Year to everyone! I'm filled with excitement and optimism as we start the new year at the Jacobs School.

Last night, I met with the School Council to reflect on the events of the past month and engage in discussions about the questions, ideas, and concerns of our community. Their perspectives are especially indispensable as we prepare for the work ahead, particularly in relation to Phase II of our Reconfiguration. At this stage of the planning process, my primary focus is on utilizing our resources to create a building schedule that meets the unique needs of each grade level, Pre-K through 7.

In addition, as we commence the new year it is crucial to underscore the importance of attendance. Since the pandemic, chronic absenteeism has surged to staggering numbers across the state. My goal for the Jacobs School is to overcome this issue and return to our pre-pandemic attendance percentages. Addressing this area of concern is a top priority for the new year, and I look forward to correcting it with your help.

Finally, a quick update on the **Jacobs Respect Quest**, which was kicked off during our December assembly. Tomorrow, we check in on our progress. Each homeroom in grades K-5 has been assigned three sixth-grade "Captains." These captains check in with their homerooms every Friday afternoon to monitor weekly progress and goals around respect, such as respect for others, the building, and the learning environment. We've noticed a significant improvement in the learning environment over the last month and look forward to celebrating the students' hard work at tomorrow's assembly.

Wishing you all a fantastic start to the new year!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Jan 5—Spirit Day/Assembly

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!



—Mr. Shaw

Ginger-RAD House!



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!



The Continuing Saga of the Lost & Found

We donated 3 large bags of clothing from the Lost & Found to Wellspring over vacation week, but look what has already accumulated in just 3 days!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15, OR TUESDAY, JANUARY 16.

LIBRARY READING NOOK

The following classes will have library next week: Dibley, Smith, Mitchell, Quinn, Jones, Donato, Keefe, Martin (5), Raimondi, and Fitzgerald

Lillian M Jacobs School

Kyle Shaw, Principal

Lindsey Rajan, Assistant Principal

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