

Jacobs School Blue Notes

October 14, 2021

A Note from the Principal

We continue to focus on decreasing learning gaps while accelerating learning throughout the year. Simultaneously, we are working to develop strong social-emotional skills for students to succeed in school. As a school community, we work as a team to develop the necessary skills for success. Our occupational therapists are integral in the learning process as we support the whole child through our social-emotional curriculum and Calm Classroom techniques. Occupational therapists focus on academics, play, social participation, self-care skills (Activities of Daily Living, or ADLs), and transition/work skills in schools. Occupational therapy uses meaningful activities to help a child develop the skills they need to learn. Postural strength, fine motor, visual motor, visual perceptual skills, self-regulation, and sensory processing are frequently addressed. Our occupational therapists see children on education plans, but they are also available as consults for all students if an area needs addressing. This year our two occupational therapists, Ms. Bridget Lawson, and Ms. Hartley Flaherty, put together a sensory-motor pathway for students Pre-K through first grade, and motor stations for students in grades two through five. These areas in the hall and offshoots of the hallways are used by all students to help them develop their sensory-motor skills and self-regulate their bodies. Basically, this helps students take a break and refocus their brain on learning. Please see the following slide and videos to learn more and to view our sensory pathway and stations:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ip9FV46kHmwqmUys5lhsCm4lnwjo5Ruh/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=110601878746829162421&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to be on our School Council: Jackie Kilroe, Brendan Kilroe, Kerry Hnath, Kelly Huxtable, Shannon Resnick, and Jackie Frongello. Carrie Tiani is our staff representative. During our first meeting, we brainstormed topics to explore and discuss throughout the year. The next meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, but I am canceling it so parents can attend the Best Use of School Facilities Focus Group (page 2) instead. Today our preschool, Kindergarten, and First Grade students had a visit from the Fire Department. Captain Ahlquist taught fire safety to our youngest students and invited them aboard a firetruck. Check out the photos on page 3!

Thank you to the PTO for the delicious treats from Weinbergs and the Keurig machines and coffee. We are grateful for your support and thoughtful gestures throughout the year.

~Mrs. Cappadona

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct 18—Picture Day

Oct 18—School Committee Community Outreach Forum 5:30pm @ HHS

Oct 18—School Committee Mtg 6:30pm @ HHS

Oct 20—Best Use of School Facilities Focus Group, 6pm @ HHS

Oct 27—Early Release 12:15pm

Oct 29—Wear Your Costume to School!

**PICTURE DAY IS THIS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18!**
Wear your best smile!



*A Message from Book fair coordinators
Leah Picewick and Laurie Somario:*

We want to thank all the parents and students who came to the bookfair. It was a great success in raising \$\$\$ for the PTO/library. We'd especially like to thank all the volunteers for lending their time to help all the kids pick out books!

Our volunteers were Flo Petruzzelli, Carla Nelson, Regan Yakubian, Nicole Dunn, Amy Hyde, Colette Gagnon, and Kim Judge.

Can't wait until year!

TONIGHT!



**Get Involved!
Make Friends!
Have Fun!**

The Hull PTO is meeting tonight (Thursday, October 14) at 7pm at the Jacobs School Library. Babysitting is available.



The Best Educational Use of School Facilities Committee invites you to attend a Parent Focus Group

The Best Educational Use of School Facilities Committee's purpose is to consider and investigate school consolidation. As part of that process, they are conducting several focus groups in town to gather stakeholder input.

These meetings are an opportunity for all community members to engage and participate in the discussion about school consolidation. Please consider attending to express your thoughts and opinions. If you are unable to attend in person, you may still participate by sending your written comments to beusf@town.hull.ma.us

**Wednesday, October 13
6:30pm – 7:30pm**

Parent Focus Group #1

This meeting will be held in the **Auditorium** at Hull High School, 180 Main Street

**Wednesday, October 20
6:00pm – 7:00pm**

Parent Focus Group #2

This meeting will be held in the **Auditorium** at Hull High School, 180 Main Street

Below is a link to the **MARS Consulting Group** concluding report from May 2020 which details the four options being considered:

https://www.hullpublicschools.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4546/f/uploads/report_main_20-05-12.pdf

Keep an eye on the Town of Hull website where a Best Educational Use of School Facilities webpage will soon be created. You'll then be able to subscribe to receive e-alerts containing meeting dates, agendas, meeting minutes, etc. In the meantime, use this link to the Town's homepage to find additional information about the Committee under Town Resources. <https://www.town.hull.ma.us/>

[Read more](#)



CORI Checks Needed for All School Volunteers & Chaperones

We are so happy to welcome field trip chaperones and library, classroom, garden and event volunteers back to school! Please come to the office to complete a CORI form before coming into the school or joining field trips out of school. CORI checks must be performed every two years, and most of the checks performed pre-pandemic have expired. *Don't forget to bring your ID!*



We want your RAD Photos!

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! They'll be featured in our next Spirit Day slideshow and maybe right here in the Blue Notes!



FIRE SAFETY WEEK

Check out these photos of our younger students checking out a fire truck!



SEPAC- Special Education Parent Advisory Council

The Hull Public School SEPAC is seeking board members and parent members for the 2021-2022 school year. SEPAC is a group of parents and educators working together to support students with disabilities and their families in our schools.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kristen Ryan, Director of Student Services, at

kyryan@town.hull.ma.us