

Jacobs School Blue Notes

October 7, 2021

A Note from the Principal

This year we are starting something special called **Pirate Time**. It was introduced to students in our assembly on Friday. Pirate Time is 35 minutes, four days a week, where we flood support staff into a grade level during a specific block of time to support instruction and give students "What they need." A student may need more:

- Direct & explicit re-teaching in a small group
- Additional guided practice
- Extended or challenging instruction.

Decisions about each student's needs are based on grade level data that teachers analyze and then plan instruction. MCAS results were mailed to parents/guardians in fourth and fifth grade. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

There is a new trend on the social media app TikTok encouraging students to engage in vandalism and other unacceptable behaviors. We are reminding students to be RAD and make good choices that promote a safe learning environment.

It has come to my attention that students are accessing chats while at school and at home using school-issued devices. Communication among students via social media is prohibited in school and interferes with the learning process. In response, classroom teachers will increase education around internet safety as well as school rules regarding devices during Morning Meetings. I ask for your support in having similar conversations with your child in an effort to eliminate these recent trends.

Thank you to all the Book Fair volunteers, and coordinators Laurie Somario and Leah Picewick. Students have enjoyed visiting the Book Fair this week.

Just a reminder there is no school on Monday for the observance of Indigenous People. Enjoy the long weekend!

~Mrs. Cappadona

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct 8—Last day! PTO Scholastic Book Fair

Oct 8—5th Grade to Weir River Estuary

Oct 8—Compost Kick-Off Day

Oct 11—Indigenous People's Day, no school

Oct 18—Picture Day

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

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

Oct 27—Early Release 12:15pm

To the Library, at Last!

The Jacobs library will soon be welcoming classes back! Please return any books that may still be at home so we can start the year fresh. If you are interested in decorating the library bulletin board or would like to learn how to be a library volunteer please contact Deborah Irby or Amy Hyde. An informational training meeting will be scheduled soon. Questions? Please email ahyde@town.hull.ma.us.

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

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



The Hull PTO's next meeting will be Thursday, October 14, 7pm at the Jacobs School Library. Babysitting is available during the meeting but you must RSVP to president@hullpto.org by October 12 to guarantee childcare.

Last Call for the Book Fair!

The Book Fair will be open tomorrow morning from 9:00-12:00 for any students who want to make one last visit.



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 <u>Auditorium</u> 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 <u>Auditorium</u> 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](#)



**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!

One BIG Word

Students K-5th Grade have created a large collaborative piece of artwork with Mrs. Pestone. This piece connects with our school initiative for the year which involves every student and teacher choosing one inspirational word that will help them have the best year ever. The mural depicts the school word for the year, 'kindness' written in large block letters. Within the letters of kindness, each student at Jacobs school wrote their own word. The completed piece is 6ft tall by 16ft wide and includes roughly 320 words of inspiration. It is now hanging in the cafeteria as a visual reminder of our goal for the year.



The Jacobs School Garden is back!

