

# JACOBS SCHOOL BLUE NOTES

## NOVEMBER 12, 2021



### Mark Your Calendar!

Nov 16—PTO Meeting 7pm @ JES

**Nov 17—12:15 Dismissal**

Nov 22—School Committee 7pm @ HHS

Nov 24—Turkey Trot, Grades 4 & 5

Nov 24—Spirit Day!

**Nov 24—11:45 Dismissal**

Nov 25-26—Thanksgiving Break



### ***A Note from the Principal***

I hope everyone had a nice Veterans Day. Thank you to all our parents/guardians and family members who have served or currently serve to protect our country and freedom. Your bravery, service, and dedication are an example to us all. Thank you!

Every day we use literature (e.g., picture books, articles, poems, and novels) in the classroom as a resource to educate your children. Books help us learn about ourselves, those around us, and the world. They provide avenues for us to connect with others. We are using picture books to reinforce our One Word Initiative: Kindness. Every two weeks, two new books that emphasize kindness are read and discussed in classrooms. During morning announcements, students are given a Kindness Challenge and are recognized throughout the week as they complete the challenge. I have heard that kindness is a muscle that gets stronger the more it's used. Our Jacobs Pirates are getting stronger every day!

***Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal** is a beautiful story of a little girl who thinks her name is too long. Her father explains that each part of her name is from someone special in her family. This week during our RMK lesson, students discussed the story behind their own names and created identity name tags to showcase their uniqueness. I was able to observe and participate in these lessons. It was so much fun to learn about students' names. Some knew how they got their name and had stories to share, while others weren't sure where their name came from. What they realized is we are all connected, and our names make us unique. When asked what they learned some first graders said, "I learned to be kind," and, "I learned that everyone's name is different and it is good to be different!" If your child hasn't asked, it might make for some fun dinner conversation to tell the story of their name and your own.

Every two weeks, as our Diverse Leaders introduce a new book, I will provide the book links and information regarding what the focus is for the lessons. I have scheduled two parent presentations for families to learn more about the RMK program. The first presentation will be Thursday, November 18 at 11:00am in the Jacobs Library. The second, an evening presentation on November 23 at 6:00pm in the Jacobs Library. I would ask interested parents/guardians to let us know which presentation they plan to attend by clicking on this link: [RSVP to RMK here](#). This will allow us to set up the room accordingly to keep our health and safety/social distancing guidelines in place.

November is beginning to fly by. Next Wednesday, we have a half-day (12:15pm dismissal) for teacher collaboration time. The following Wednesday is our 11:45am dismissal for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our annual Turkey Trot is back this year but modified. We will have an abbreviated virtual assembly followed by the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders running our Turkey Trot. Weather depending, K-3 students will line the route and cheer on our runners. Unfortunately, though outside, we are asking families not to attend this year's event. We want everyone healthy this Thanksgiving. We will have our annual Canned Food Drive starting on Monday, November 15. All collected items will be donated to WellSpring.

Lastly, your child may or may not have shared that Mr. Taylor, our music teacher, has been absent. I want to assure families that Mr. Taylor is doing well and will return to school soon.



*~Mrs. Cappadona*

Christine Cappadona, Principal

Kyle Shaw, Assistant Principal

## Holiday Gift Program

Each year, the JES staff provide gifts for children and families during the holidays. This holiday season we know that some families may need additional support with gifts and/or clothing for various reasons. If you would like to be included in our holiday giving program, we are here to help! Participation in the program will be kept confidential. If you'd like more information, please contact Maureen Rosenplanter at [mrosenplanter@town.hull.ma.us](mailto:mrosenplanter@town.hull.ma.us) or call 781-925-4400 x1228.



## There Will Be No After School Childcare on Wednesday, November 23

Otherwise, childcare is available before and after school, including early dismissal days such as this Wednesday, 11/17. Students must be preregistered to attend. [Click here for the registration form.](#)

## CORE VALUE T-SHIRT ORDER

We will soon be placing an order for Core Value T-Shirts! These RAD T-Shirts will be given to kindergarteners and new students in Grades 1-5. If your child needs a replacement shirt, now is the time to order it! They will be available for purchase for \$8.00 each. Please email Mrs. Abatuno at [kabatuno@town.hull.ma.us](mailto:kabatuno@town.hull.ma.us) ASAP to order yours!

## Canned food drive November 15-19

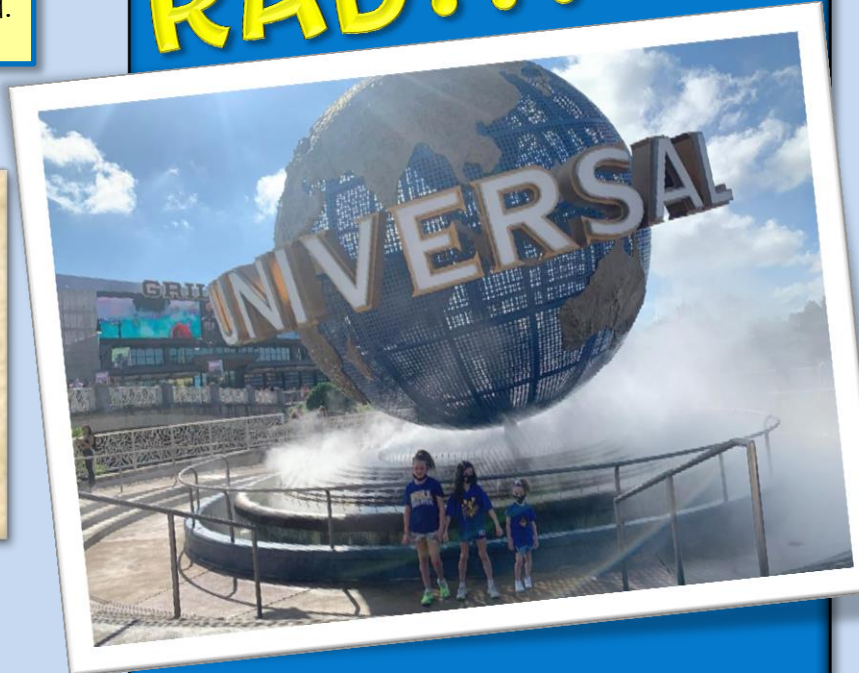
Next week we'll be collecting non-perishable food items for the Wellspring Food Pantry. Boxes will be placed at the two school entrances for students and staff to drop off what they can for our neighbors in need.



## Hull PTO Pie/Pastry Pick Up

Tuesday afternoon, November 16, MMS cafeteria, 12:30-4:00. Any questions, please call Sharon 781-925-2040 ext. 1106

# RAD!!!



**12:15 Early Release this Wednesday, November 17!**  
**Car Riders will be called between 12:05-12:10.**

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!