

# Jacobs School Blue Notes

## November 3, 2022

### A Note from the Principal

I apologize for any misunderstandings regarding Halloween costumes at school on Monday. Prior to the pandemic, our younger students in prek-1 were encouraged to wear costumes during school but, because the costumes often led to disruptions of the learning environment, students in grades 2-5 were not. When the pandemic caused the curtailment of Halloween festivities, we decided to allow all students to wear their costumes to school on the holiday as one of the few ways to celebrate. Now that things are going back to normal, I made the decision to return to our pre-pandemic policy of no in-school costumes for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Unfortunately I did not make that clear to families and I apologize. Whatever the decision is next year, I will make sure it's known by all. I hope everyone had a great Halloween!

Just a quick note regarding arrival and dismissal: ***Whether on the street or at the school, please do not pass a bus that is loading or unloading students.*** This has happened on a few rare occasions. Also, if caught behind a bus in the arrival and dismissal lines, it is not necessary to park or pull out of line. Cars will only need to wait until the bus loads or unloads and pulls away.

Our **Raising Multicultural Kids** (grades 1-5) and **Littlest Inclusive Learners** (prek-K) will officially start next week. Each month, I will include a Curriculum Map for both RMK and LiL's to provide you with a general overview of the goals and objectives. Details about the Curriculum Maps are bulleted below.

Curriculum Map will:

- Be shared once/month and will outline the high level theme, focus and essential question
- Provide the title of the books we will use each week (for LiLs over a two-week period) along with a question associated with that book
- Outline the specific areas we will be exploring with the students
- Provide you with the RMK Diversity, Civics and Advocacy objectives associated with the books/theme for the month
- There will be one Curriculum Map for LiLs (PreK-K) and one for DCLL (Grades 1-5)

~Mr. Shaw

### Mark Your Calendar!

Nov 4–Spirit Day/Assembly!

Nov 7–JASPER begins

Nov 7–SEPAC Meeting 6pm @ JES

**Nov 11–Veterans Day – No School**

Nov 14–School Committee 6:30pm @ HHS

Nov 15–PTO Meeting 7pm @ JES Library

Nov 16–PTO Pie Pick-up 12-4pm @ MMS cafeteria

Nov 17–Vaping Presentation, MMS 6:00 & 6:45pm

Nov 23–Turkey Trot, Grades 4 & 5

**Nov 23–11:45 Dismissal, no lunch served, no after school care**

**Nov 24-25–Thanksgiving Break**

Nov 30–End 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester

**Nov 30–12:15 Dismissal**

Nov 30–Jacobs School Council 5:30pm

Nov 30–Pajama Story Hour 5:30pm



### We Want Your RAD Photos!

Send photos of your RAD Pirates having fun in their Core Value T-Shirts or school colors to Mrs. Menice at [emenice@town.hull.ma.us](mailto:emenice@town.hull.ma.us)! Photos will be featured in the slideshow at our next schoolwide assembly, and maybe even in the Blue Notes!

### Ms. Keegan's Health Notes

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 for 20 seconds
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
- 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, especially if someone in your household is ill.
- Consider getting a flu vaccine this year. Flu vaccine is available at the school. Please call the school nurse if you are interested in having your child get the vaccine here at school.

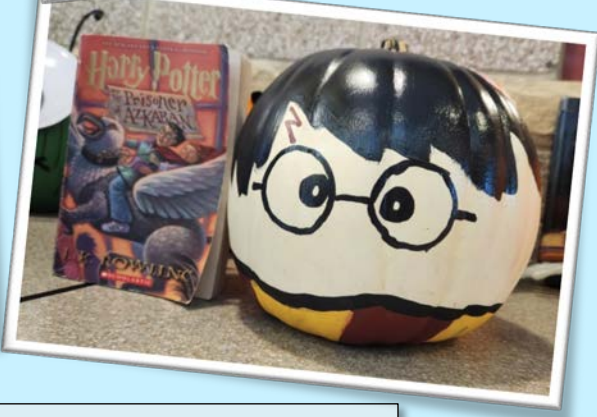


# HALLOWEEN AT THE JACOBS SCHOOL!



It's that time of year when our 1<sup>st</sup> graders decorate Halloween pumpkins as beloved book characters: Book O'Lanterns!

If you have the opportunity, check out the display in the school lobby!



The influenza vaccine is still available for students to receive at the Jacobs Elementary School. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine at school please complete the [consent form](#) and return it to the school nurse.