

JACOBS SCHOOL BLUE NOTES

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

A Note from the Principal

At Monday's School Committee meeting I presented the Jacobs School's 2023 MCAS results and outlined our action plan for the future. During the presentation I highlighted our current school accountability percentile, which compares our school's performance with that of other schools in the state. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education calculates this percentile based on factors such as student achievement and growth, using MCAS assessment results in addition to student attendance. Our accountability percentile currently stands at 53. My goal is to elevate this percentile to 75 by 2025. I know that, together, we can achieve this target, one that truly reflects the excellence of our community.

In pursuit of this objective, I presented several action steps during the School Committee meeting. One of those steps is increasing family engagement. I firmly believe that family engagement is pivotal to every child's success in school. With this in mind, we are committed to meeting with 100% of our families during parent conferences, one week from today. You can sign up for conferences now at [this link](#). Whether it is in-person, via Zoom, or over the phone, your partnership is crucial to improving your child's school experience, as well as our school's overall performance rating. If you are unable to attend conferences on December 7, please contact your child's teacher to arrange to meet another day.

Don't forget, tomorrow is a Spirit Day and a schoolwide assembly.

The PTO will be raffling off front row seats for each of the three concerts! Buy your raffle tickets on conference night, December 7. See the attached flyer for details.

RAD!



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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dec 1—Spirit Day/Assembly: RESPECT Quest
Dec 7—Early Dismissal K-6 @ 1:45pm, Full Day PK @ 1:15, No PM PK, Regular AM PK
Dec 7—Parent Conferences 2-4pm & 6-8pm
Dec 19—Winter Concerts: 9:00—PreK, K & 1; 10:15—4, 5 & 6; 1:30—PreK, 2 & 3
Dec 21—Jacobs Express Day
Dec 21—Early Dismissal K-6 @11:45am, AM & Full Day PK @ 11:00, No PM PK
Dec 22-Jan 1—Winter Break
Jan 2—Back to School!

—Mr. Shaw

Three Winter Concerts!

We have more students in the school, which, at concert time, means more fans in the stands and more cars in the parking lot! That is why we are splitting into 3 concerts this year! Here is the new schedule:

9:00- PreK, K & 1 10:15- 4, 5 & 6 1:30- PreK, 2 & 3

Enter the cafeteria through the receiving doors. The songs go quickly and if you are late to the show, you may miss your star's performance!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Student absences

When children regularly miss school, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build good attendance habits for the future.



READING NOOK

Please return your books! Overdue library book slips will be going out this Friday. If you cannot find your book, you can replace it or pay the fine. Smith, Mitchell, Quinn, Jones, Donato, Keefe, Martin (5), Raimondi, and Fitzgerald all have library next week.

Jacobs School Holiday Giving Program

We know that for various reasons some families may need additional support with gifts and/or clothing this holiday season. If you would like to be included in our holiday giving program and are not participating in another gift program, we are here to help! Please complete the form at [this link](#) for each child for whom you'd like to receive gifts. Participation in the program is kept confidential by the counseling department.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Rosenplanter at mrosenplanter@town.hull.ma.us or call 781-925-4400 ext.1137

HOME GROWN LUNCH!

At lunch today students enjoyed garlic potatoes and kale chips, fresh from the Jacobs Garden and Holly Hill Farms!



Yesterday wrapped up our first trimester of school. The specialists schedule will change on Monday for students in grades K-4.

Turkey Trot 2024!

It will take a lot more than driving wind & rain to slow down Jacobs students! Tristan Misdea took first place in our 14th Annual Turkey Trot, the day before Thanksgiving. Hull Cheer's award-winning B & C Squads performed at the warm-up rally and a fabulous time was had by all! Mrs. McMurdie's 5th grade class was declared the winner of the Thanksgiving Food Drive, which brought a total of 1,575 non-perishables to Wellspring's Food Pantry. In thanking the school, Wellspring revealed that our annual food drive is their biggest fundraiser each year! [CLICK HERE](#) to see more Turkey Trot & Rally photos!

