

Jacobs School Blue Notes

December 1, 2022

A Note from the Principal

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends. It's hard to believe that today marks the start to the second trimester! The first trimester report cards will be sent home next Wednesday (12/7) and Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for that Thursday.

Please schedule your conference(s) using this link:

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Lillian_M_Jacobs_Elementary_School

As some of you may know, this year's Turkey Trot was met with some controversy. The way in which the awards were presented changed and caught people by surprise, resulting in mixed opinions. The intention of the change was rooted in incorporating our One Word (Together) into all facets of the event: the speech, the song, and the finish. However, it has currently achieved quite the opposite. I want to thank my School Council for providing me with honest and insightful feedback. It was inspiring to hear people with different views speak passionately and respectfully about a difficult topic. I also want to thank families for contacting me and sharing their opinions. Your outreach and my subsequent reflection is a representation of our One Word. I started the Turkey Trot 15 years ago and have watched over a thousand students cross the finish line with a sense of accomplishment and joy. This will not change moving forward as I believe it's one of the best events the district has to offer. I remain committed to working with school stakeholders to make thoughtful decisions in the best interest of students. Most importantly, I will continue to listen and do my best to communicate changes before they are implemented. We are stronger together!

Tomorrow is our fourth in-person assembly of the year. It feels so good being back in the swing of things after two and a half years without an in-person assembly! Tomorrow is an extra special assembly as we will be welcoming back a few familiar faces before their big game on Saturday. I'll let your children provide you with the details.

Please make sure to review this month's RMK curriculum map that is attached.

~Mr. Shaw

Mark Your Calendar!

Dec 2— Spirit Day/Assembly

Dec 6—PTO Meeting 7pm @ JES Library

Dec 7—Report Cards sent home

Dec 8—Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm

Dec 8—Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-4pm, 6-8pm

Dec 12—School Committee 6:30pm @ HHS

Dec 20—Winter Concert: PK, K, 1, 2 @ 9:00

Dec 20—Winter Concert: PK, 3, 4, 5 @ 1:30

Dec 22—Jacobs Express!

Dec 22—Early Dismissal @ 11:45am, no lunch served, no afterschool childcare

Dec 23-Jan 2—Winter Vacation!

Jan 3—Back to school!



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 ecmenice@town.hull.ma.us! Photos will be featured in the slideshow at our next schoolwide assembly, and maybe even in the Blue Notes!

Conference Day/Dismissal Details

Thursday, December 8, is Parent-Teacher Conference Day! **School will be dismissed at 1:45 (Car Riders 1:35, Buses 1:45).**

10-minute conferences are scheduled from 2-4pm and 6-8pm, though some teachers may have tweaked their schedules to better accommodate their class needs. Please click on [this link](#) to schedule your conferences.

December Menus!

<https://www.fdmealplanner.com/#Hull>

December Means Jacobs Express!

Jacobs Express is on Thursday, December 22. (It was originally planned on a Wednesday but we switched to Thursday so preschoolers could join in the fun!) You can make this event even more memorable for your child by helping out! There are lots of jobs to go around. Sign up at this link:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/5647183112968880102/false#/invitation>

(Reminder: CORI checks are required for all volunteers who enter the school.)



Please be on the lookout for overdue library book slips. If you cannot find your book, please replace the book or pay cash/check to Jacobs Elementary Library.

Next week is a Gold Week:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
DiTullio	Jones	Vittorini
Hall	Perniola	King
Cowden	Quinn	Scott
Kenney		
Donato		



The flu vaccine is still available for students to receive at the Jacobs School. Please complete the [consent form](#) and return it to the school nurse for your child to receive the vaccine.

Did you know?

There is a direct relationship between consistent school attendance and academic performance.

Dr. Rosenplanter's School Resources

Counseling Groups for Students

Throughout the year, students are able to participate in a variety of counseling groups. These groups meet for 6 weeks with one of our counseling staff members and focus on a variety of topics such as self-esteem, improving attention, coping strategies, developing friendships, and more. If you are interested in having your student participate in a group please complete the following link. Completing the form shows interest in a group when it may start as groups are developed based upon referrals and students' needs. A permission slip will be sent home for you to complete prior to a group starting. <https://tinyurl.com/jacobsgroups>

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.



*The day before the Turkey Trot it
was time to not just talk the talk,
but also trot the trot!
Presenting the Jacobs School's
first-ever Staff Turkey Trot!*

