

# Jacobs School Blue Notes

## December 2, 2021

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

Trimester I ended yesterday. Report cards will go home in backpacks on Wednesday, December 8. In-person parent conferences will be on the afternoon and evening of December 9 from 2–4 pm and 6–8 pm. We have a 90-minute early release that day. (Car riders will dismiss between 1:30/1:40 followed by buses at 1:45.) You will soon receive an email to schedule a parent conference using the online service PTCFast.com. Please schedule a conference even if you prefer a virtual one; you can then contact your child's teacher to let them know your preference. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher directly or the front office staff if you have any issues. We are looking forward to sharing the progress your child has made thus far in the school year.

Unfortunately, Mr. Taylor will not be returning as soon as initially planned. I am in the process of hiring a consistent long-term substitute for his classes. Once I have a finalized decision, I will share it with families. Next week during music classes, students K-5 will participate in an hour of coding. "The 'Hour of Code™' is a global initiative by Computer Science Education Week (csedweek.org) and Code.org to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming."

Though we didn't have our pep rally before the Turkey Trot it was another run for the ages. Please check out the photos and Winners List on pages 2-3. During our Thanksgiving Can Drive the Jacobs School collected 1,519 non-perishable items for WellSpring's food pantry. Mrs. King's class topped the chart with 215 cans! Thank you to everyone for your donations. We look forward to seeing parents/guardians in-person next week for conferences.

*~Mrs. Cappadona*

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

Dec 8—Report Cards sent home

Dec 9—Parent/Teacher Conferences **1:45pm**

#### **Dismissal**

Dec 13—School Committee 6:30pm @ HHS

**Dec 15—12:15 Early Dismissal**

Dec 23—Jacobs Express Day—Wear your pajamas!

Dec 24—1<sup>st</sup> Day of Winter Vacation

Jan 3—Back to School!

## **Raising Multicultural Kids December Book Titles and Focus**

**December Essential Question:** What do these celebrations have in common?

**December Topics:** Holidays around the World

**Book:** *Dia de los Muertos* by Roseanne Greenfield

**Literature Focus:** What is the Day of the Dead?

**Book:** *Together For Kwanzaa* by Juwanda G. Ford & Shelly Hehenberger

**Literature Focus:** What is Kwanzaa?

**Book:** *The Can Man* by Laura E. Williams

**Literature Focus:** What if my family doesn't celebrate holidays?

The Raising Multicultural Kids Leadership team will present the program at the next School Committee Meeting on Monday, December 13.

Click on this link to view an actual classroom lesson: [RMK Story Presentation](#)

## **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.



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## Future Farmers?

The kindergarten students were visited by Jon Belber of Holly Hill Farm this week. Jon introduced the children to the Jacobs School garden and they had a lesson and discussion about spring planting. Kindergarten students will be planting sunflowers this spring and they just can't wait! Thank you to the Hull PTO for their continued support and sponsorship of the Jacobs School Garden!



## Test and Stay Program

We are in the process of implementing the *Test and Stay Program* which allows students who have had close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 **while at school** to stay in school if the student is not showing symptoms. Instead of needing to quarantine and miss school, these students will take a daily rapid test at school and will remain in school as long as they are not symptomatic or test positive. Students participate in *Test and Stay* for at least five days after they may have been exposed.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 they must isolate at home for the CDC-recommended ten days since symptoms appeared or ten days since the positive test before returning to school. The student must be fever free for 24 hours. As an added precaution, students that test positive with a rapid test will be administered a free PCR test which the District makes available through South Shore Hospital.

To participate in *Test and Stay*, a parent/guardian must sign the consent using the link below on behalf of your child.

Click here for [Parental Consent Form](#)

## **COVID Vaccinations**

COVID vaccinations are now readily available for children ages 5-11. You'll find more information here: [COVID Vaccines Ages 5-11](#)

*Please let the nurse know if/when you have your child receive the COVID vaccine.*



### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

1. Daniel Schultz
2. Luka Truglia
3. JP Hnath

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

1. Cassady Reilly
2. Ava Palermo
3. Tessa Schultz



## Turkey Trot 2021!

It was a cold November morning but our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders hit the road running! 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Daniel Schultz was the Overall Winner with a time of 8 minutes and 15 seconds!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

1. Caroline Lancaster
2. Nadia Schultz
3. Audrey Lancaster

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

1. Cruz Costigliola
2. Macklin Concannon
3. Gavin Griffin

