

# Jacobs School Blue Notes

## December 9, 2021



### A Note from the Principal

Two weeks from today, students will jump on the Jacobs Express for a full day of fun activities. Parent Coordinator Nicole Dunn and her elves are busy planning the decorations and activities for this special day.

Each Monday morning during announcements students are given a kindness challenge for the week. Students are acknowledged for acts of kindness noticed by teachers and staff. These have been our kindness challenges so far:

- Hold the door for someone
- Let someone go before you in line
- Thank your bus driver or whoever drives you to school for driving you safely to and from school
- When playing a game, let the other person go first
- Give someone an elbow bump
- Color or paint a picture to give to someone
- Ask someone if they want to play at recess
- Tell someone you are thankful for them
- Wave to someone new at school

Please remember to send your child with a clean mask every day.

Just a reminder we have a 12:15 dismissal on Wednesday 12/15. Car riders will dismiss at 12:05-12:15; buses dismiss at 12:15.

*~Mrs. Cappadona*

### Mark Your Calendar!

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!

# RAD!

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!



### Aspiring Librarians Wanted!

The Jacobs Library will reopen in the New Year! A Library Volunteer meeting will be held at 2pm on Thursday 12/16 in the Jacobs Library. All volunteers must have a CORI on file. Please email [ahyde@town.hull.ma.us](mailto:ahyde@town.hull.ma.us) with questions.

### Hour of Code Week

This week has been amazing! As computer engineers, students worked to build their coding muscles using The Hour of Code Minecraft theme lessons. By creating algorithms, which is tech-speak for 'writing directions', students crafted solutions to help their character accomplish various tasks. To continue building their coding muscles, students can go to [The Hour of Code website](https://thehourofcode.org/), which houses a lot of great coding content ranging from quick activities to mini courses. Best of all it is all free and accessible to everyone. *Keep calm and code on!*

### Test and Stay Program

The Jacobs School now offers 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 found at [this link](#) on behalf of your child.

### 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.*

Christine Cappadona, Principal

Kyle Shaw, Assistant Principal

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