# JACOBS SCHOOL BLUE NOTES February 10, 2022

### A Note from the Principal

You may have heard that the Commissioner of Education announced yesterday that he would not be renewing the state mask requirement after it expires on February 28, 2022. The School Committee will decide on this topic at their meeting on Tuesday, February 15, at 6:30. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend and share their opinions on the topic.

We had an excellent turnout for our Kindergarten Parent Information Night. It was exciting to meet new Jacobs families and see familiar faces, all with future kindergarteners. If any families were unable to attend but would like more information or a tour of the building, please call our school office at 781-925-4400.

~Mrs. Cappadona

### Help Wanted in the Library!

We have a few classes still in need of volunteer librarians. A typical library shift is two to three hours every two weeks and on-the-job training is provided. If you are able to pitch in please email Amy Hyde at <u>ahyde@town.hull.ma.us</u> for details.

### Mark Your Calendar! Feb 15 & 28—School Committee 6:30pm @ HHS Feb 16—Early Dismissal at 12:15 Feb 21—Presidents' Day, No School Feb 22-25—February Break Mar 2—Preschool Open House

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### Preschool Open House

If your child will be 3 or 4 years old by the first day of school, please <u>make an appointment</u> to visit our Preschool Open House on Wednesday, March 2. (Current Jacobs Preschool families need not

attend.)

### Seriously, Folks!



There are some **REALLY NICE** jackets (and other items) in the Lost & Found! Please come and claim your child's lost property before everything is donated to Wellspring over the February break!

Don't forget this Wednesday, February 16, is a 12:15 dismissal. Car Riders will line up at 12:05, buses will dismiss at 12:15.

#### Health Notes from Ms. Keegan

In accordance with DESE and DPH our district is updating our COVID-19 Testing Program. We are opting into an at-home testing program that will increase testing of our participating students and staff, regardless of vaccination status. For the next week we will continue with the current Test and Stay program for school close contacts and symptomatic testing

for those students who develop symptoms while at school. After that, beginning February 21 we will be shifting to the new at-home testing option. In addition to this new at-home antigen test option, we will continue with symptomatic testing as needed during the week

As part of this shift in the program, we will **discontinue Test and Stay and contact tracing for in-school close contacts**. This means that if your child is a potential contact in school, they may continue to come to school and do not have to quarantine. This new at-home testing opportunity is voluntary and <u>only those who opt-in will receive tests</u>.

#### If you haven't already done so, we strongly encourage you to opt-in RIGHT NOW!

#### COVID-19 Testing Programs in our Schools:

- 1. At-Home Rapid Antigen Testing on Thursdays (NEW Opt-in Form)
- 2. Symptomatic Testing (If you have not yet signed up, click here)

Individuals should not participate if they have tested positive for COVID -19 within the last 90 days. If you have any questions please contact the school nurse.

Please see the attached updated COVID -19 protocols which will take effect February 21.



Christine Cappadona, Principal Kyle Shaw, Assistant Principal

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