

# Jacobs School Blue Notes

## March 30, 2023

### A Note from the Principal

The 2023 Spring MCAS administration begins next week. Tomorrow afternoon I will meet with the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to talk about the process and also to put their minds at ease. People have varying opinions about MCAS which I can respect. Whatever those opinions may be, however, the test is mandated by the state and it does provide the school and district with data that is used to improve our teaching practices. Each test administration also provides students with experience in the test taking skills that they will need as 10<sup>th</sup> graders, when the test becomes a prerequisite for graduation. At this level, the expectation is just that each child do their very best. The questions which cause difficulty will only make us better teachers next year. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself with any questions.

Yesterday, auditions took place for those students interested in performing at our Jacobs Has Talent show on April 12. There was singing and dancing, comedy and acrobatics! Mark your calendar because it is going to be a great show!

~Mr. Shaw

### Spring 2023 MCAS Dates:

- ❖ Grade 5 ELA: April 4, 6
- ❖ Grade 5 Math: April 25, 27
- ❖ Grade 5 STE: May 16, 18
- Grade 4 ELA: April 10, 11
- Grade 4 Math: May 1, 2
- ✓ Grade 3 ELA: April 13, 14
- ✓ Grade 3 Math: May 4, 5

### Attention: Class of 2030 (Grade 5) parents and guardians:

Please join me in creating a planning committee for the traditional End-of-Year Activities for the Class of 2030. Please contact Aleeza Hagerty at 240-346-1101 or [aleezarose@hotmail.com](mailto:aleezarose@hotmail.com) if you want to be involved! Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is at 7PM on Friday, March 31, at The Scout House.

-Aleeza

### What Is The PTO Up To Now?

Find out at the next meeting, this Tuesday, April 4 @ 7PM in the Jacobs School Library. Come one/Come all and enter a free raffle to win a Door Prize and learn what Hull PTO is planning next. All those in attendance will be entered into the raffle!

### Mark Your Calendar!

Apr 4 & 6—MCAS Gr. 5 ELA  
Apr 4—PTO Meeting 7pm @ JES Library  
**Apr 7—No School**  
Apr 10-11—MCAS Gr. 4 ELA  
Apr 12—JACOBS HAS TALENT!!! 6-8pm  
Apr 13-14—MCAS Gr. 3 ELA  
**Apr 17-21—April Vacation**  
Apr 25 & 27—MCAS Gr. 5 Math  
**Apr 26—12:15 Dismissal**  
Apr 26—Pajama Story Hour 5:30pm  
Apr 26—Jacobs School Council 5:30pm  
May 1-2—MCAS Gr. 4 Math  
May 4-5—MCAS Gr. 3 Math  
May 16 & 18—MCAS Gr. 5 STE

## TROPICAL RAD!



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

### Join the RAD team!

Jacobs Elementary School is seeking both part-time (M, T, Th, F) and full-time paraprofessionals. For more information please contact Principal Kyle Shaw at [kshaw@town.hull.ma.us](mailto:kshaw@town.hull.ma.us).



## READING NOOK

Next week is Blue Week. The following classes have library:

Monday: Smith, Huntington, Wilson, Silva

Tuesday: Buttkus, Rajan, Martin

Friday: Gomes, Connelly, Mitchell





### ***Water, Water Everywhere, Nor Any Drop To Drink...***

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association brought its "Water All Around You" program to the Jacobs School this week. Grade 5 students learned about the water cycle by participating in experiments and viewing presentations on ground water, runoff, ways to conserve and filter water, and in which watershed they reside. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers Aleeza Hagerty, Laurie Jordan, Linda Anderson, Lindsey and Neil Buchleitner, Cari Resnick, Matt Littlefield, Kristin Bowler, and Michelle Provost for sharing your morning with us and making this program possible!

