

# Jacobs School Blue Notes

## April 27, 2023

### A Note from the Principal

Next week is **National Screen-Free Week**. Unfortunately, screens have become necessary in so many aspects of life that it feels almost impossible to go without them. However, it is certainly possible to substitute more active, social and exploratory activities for *unnecessary* screen time such as Instagram, TikTok, video games, television, YouTube, etc. I thought this might be a good talking point for families and something to consider for the coming week.

Officers from the Hull Police Department will be outside the Jacobs School tomorrow morning for **High Five a Police Officer Day**. They will be greeting students with a welcoming and encouraging high five – what a great way to start the day!

**Star Wars Day (May the 4<sup>th</sup> be With You)** is next Thursday. In celebration, students will have the option of participating in our first ever Chewbacca contest. Details will be provided to students by their homeroom teacher. In the meantime, those interested should start practicing their best Chewbacca impersonation.

Over the next several weeks, we will begin to make **class placement** decisions for next year. When forming classes, we carefully consider each child's learning style, developmental readiness, and any needed support services. We strive to form viable learning communities that are heterogeneous and well-balanced. Classroom teachers, adjustment counselors, reading teachers, special education teachers, and specialists all contribute to class placements. Parent/guardian input can be another important piece of this process. Please email me at [kshaw@town.hull.ma.us](mailto:kshaw@town.hull.ma.us) if there are extenuating circumstances that you would like us to consider or if you would like to share information on the following:

- Type of environment in which your child tends to excel
- Family issues that impact learning
- Past school experiences

I must receive your email with placement input no later than May 19 for it to be included in our planning.

All library books must be returned by May 26. Time to start looking through your at-home library for any overdue books!

~Mr. Shaw

### Remaining Spring 2023 MCAS Dates:

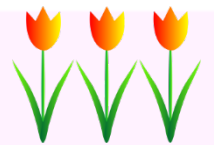
- **Grade 4 Math: May 1, 2**
- ✓ **Grade 3 Math: May 4, 5**
- ❖ **Grade 5 STE: May 16, 18**



PTO Annual Elections will be held Thursday May 11 during the PTO Meeting. Please email PTO Secretary Caryn O'Connor at [secretary@hullpto.org](mailto:secretary@hullpto.org) if you are interested in running for any of the following positions:

- 👤 2-year term: Vice President and Treasurer
- 👤 1-year term: President and all School Representatives

### Mark Your Calendar!



Apr 28–High 5 Friday!  
May 1-2–MCAS Gr. 4 Math  
May 4–Star Wars Day Chewbacca Challenge!  
May 4-5–MCAS Gr. 3 Math  
May 5–Brewing Conversations 8:45am  
May 5–Spring Dance 6-8pm  
May 11–PTO Meeting/Elections 7pm @ JES  
May 12–Spirit Day/Assembly  
May 16 & 18–MCAS Gr. 5 STE  
May 16–Reconfiguration Update 6:00pm

## TURTLY 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!

The school nurses are always looking for RNs who would be interested in subbing in their office and/or on field trips throughout the year. If you are an RN and interested, please give Ms. Keegan a call at the Jacobs School.

**BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY IS COMING IN MAY. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION, COMING SOON!**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is sponsoring a Spring Dance on May 5! See the attached flyer for information and [CLICK HERE](#) to see how you can help.



## READING NOOK

The following classes have library next week:  
Monday: DiTullio, Hall, Cowden, Kenney, Donato  
Tuesday: Jones, Perniola, Quinn  
Friday: Vittorini, King, Scott

Kyle Shaw, Principal

Elaine Menice, Interim Assistant Principal