Jacobs School Blue Notes June 10, 2021

A Note from the Principal

Today, students in grades 3-5 participated in a virtual visit with author and Hull High School art teacher Amanda Davis. Following the Zoom meeting, teachers read Ms. Davis' book, *30,000 Stitches: The Inspiring Story of the National 9/11 Flag*, to their students, and students completed a connecting art activity. Thank you to the Hull PTO for purchasing Amanda's book for each of the 3rd-5th grade classes. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Also this week, K-5 students participated in our first **Toolbox Jeopardy Game** to test their knowledge of our Tools. Tomorrow during our virtual assembly the top-scoring classes from each grade will compete live against one another for the *Golden Toolbox Award!* Classes led by Mrs. Gomes, Mrs. Rajan, Mrs. Silva, Mrs. Struzziery, Ms. Connelly and Mrs. Ryan will vie for the championship. *Don't forget tomorrow is another Spirit Day, so wear your Core Value T-shirt or blue and gold.*

A week from today is our last day of school. Tuesday is Pirate Day, an abbreviated field day. Wednesday, 5thgrade students will participate in a virtual Middle School Step-Up Day, meeting with the Middle School Principal and teachers. Thursday, students K-4 will meet their new teachers and classmates before we dismiss at 11:45. Re-enrolling and remote students will receive an email next Thursday with their teacher assignments for next year. Though guidelines and mandates are being lifted, we are still unsure what procedures we will have to follow at the elementary level. We have committed to keeping class sizes small next year in anticipation of needing to follow some form of social distancing and to accelerate learning. We will look to the DESE for guidelines as we plan for the fall, and I will update families as information becomes available. We are excited for a more typical school year!

~Mrs. Cappadona

Mark Your Calendar!

June 11—Final Toolbox Jeopardy/Spirit Day!

June 11—12:15 Early Dismissal

June 15—Pirate Day!

June 15—Last Day of Preschool (AM & PM)

June 17—Spirit Day!

June 17—Last Day of School! 11:45 Dismissal

June 18—Staff Professional Day

June 21—School Committee 6:30pm



Our FINAL virtual assembly of the year is coming soon! Send your RAD photos of Jacobs Pirates having fun in their Core Value T-Shirts or school colors to Mr. Shaw at kshaw@town.hull.ma.us to have them featured!

Tomorrow is a half-day, with dismissal at 12:15.

Walkers will be dismissed at 11:45-11:55; car rider pick-up is from 11:55-12:05; buses will load for dismissal at 12:05-12:15.

The 3rd Grade Battle of the Books is On!

Each 3rd Grade class has been split into four teams, each team has read eight books, and the Jeopardy-style tournament has begun! After successfully answering questions about the eight books, one winning team from each class will make it to the finals where the ultimate winner will be declared! Round #1 began yesterday, to be followed next week by Class Finals and then the Grand Championship!

We owe many thanks to local businesses for their generous donations of prizes:

- The winners from each class will receive a free ice cream from Scoops Ice Cream!
- Each of the *Grand Champions* will receive a book from **Buttonwood Books & Toys** and a \$5 gift card from **Nantasket Sweets by Swedes!**





THE JACOBS SCHOOL GARDEN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

We have much to do this summer to get the school garden revitalized! In the coming weeks, we will need ALL HANDS ON DECK to help with some very physical work: heavy lifting, lots of digging, moving wheelbarrows and heavy loads, etc. But there are all kinds of jobs, so ALL volunteers are welcome! Many hands make light work and so if you can help in any way, whether by digging, moving wheelbarrows, using power tools or by making some lemonade, doing the measuring, fetching tools or taking pictures...please join us!

We plan to build new and improved garden beds at the Jacobs School. New wooden frames need to be built, the ground beneath them dug out, new soil to be moved in, the layout measured, etc. We will keep you updated with dates and details, but in the meantime, please spread the word and gather friends and family of any age or ability to help with this big yet joyous project!

If you know anyone who would like to volunteer, please have them email me at <u>LindseyB@LindseyBuchleitner.com</u> or call me at 617-827-5288.

Stretch Your Food Budget (SYFB)

For those who may be experiencing food insecurity.

SYFB was created to help Hull citizens stretch their food dollars while still enjoying nutritious meals. Easy to make and delicious recipes are each packaged into a Meal Kit, which includes all the necessary ingredients as well as simple directions. The prepared dinners provide 4-6 servings—enough to feed a family—and are available for free to anyone who needs them! Please see the attached flyer or visit

https://www.syfb.space/ for more information about this locally run program. The program's Jacobs School contacts are School Nurse Kathe Keegan (x1144), School Psychologist Lauren Snowdale (x1227) and Adjustment Counselor Jenny Sheflin (x2243).

Our Food Drive Ends Tomorrow!

Students & staff have one last opportunity to contribute to the Jacobs School Food Drive to re-stock Wellspring's Food Pantry. Our 3rd week has focused on **Beans & Canned Vegetables**, but any & all donations are welcome! Thank you!

