

# Jacobs School Blue Notes

## August 26, 2021

### *A Note from the Principal*

We are excited about the start of the school year! We are in full preparation mode as the Bostonian Cleaning and Restoration Company begins cleaning the school. Last night the air quality pre-test was completed and sent to the lab. Gigantic dehumidifiers and fans are running in classrooms and hallways to remove the excess moisture from our building. The Jacobs School is going to be so sparkly clean after a second round of cleaning that it will be seen from outer space!

Attached to these Blue Notes are many documents that provide information for the start of the year. We will continue with many of the mitigation strategies we had in place last year. As required by the Massachusetts DESE, **all students and staff will wear masks on the bus and in school.** We will continue to hand sanitize upon entering school and throughout the day. At this time, we are not required to social distance. Students will eat in the cafeteria at designated seats within their own grade level. They will also attend a "specialist" music, art, or gym class each day. We will continue to wash shared materials and frequently touched surfaces daily. I will communicate more of our daily mitigation strategies next week. As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is my number one priority. Please don't hesitate to email or call me with any questions.

**Please review the student handbook found [here](#).** The signature pages at the end of the handbook will be sent home on the first day of school for parents/guardians and students to sign.

**Before and After School Care will begin on September 13.** The program will look a little different, starting with its relocation to the Cafeteria. This new location will provide a larger space to spread out for activities and games. The registration form is attached. Please email me if you have questions.

We will continue to update families on the status of our building and the air quality testing results. *We won't let excess humidity put a damper on our excitement for this new year!*

*~Mrs. Cappadona*

Christine Cappadona, Principal

### Mark Your Calendar!

Sept 1—Back to School 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>!  
Sept 1—K Meet the Teacher (assigned times)  
Sept 1-2—PK Meet the Teacher (assigned times)  
Sept 2—K begins for half day! 11:35 dismissal  
Sept 3—No School  
Sept 6—Labor Day  
Sept 7—PK Begins!



### *Getting Here is Half the Fun!*

**Please see the detailed attachment of the Arrival & Dismissal Procedures for the 2021-2022 school year.**

As most of you will remember, it took a few days to work out the kinks of the dismissal procedures at the start of last year due to the number of new car riders. Fortunately, we have significantly fewer car riders this year which will result in a quicker flow of traffic, but may take a couple days of learning and adjusting. Please bear with us once again as we fine tune this process. We appreciate your support and understanding.

**The arrival and dismissal times are below.**

#### Arrival

- Doors Open-8:25
- Car Riders-8:25-8:30
- Bus Riders-8:30-8:35
- Walkers-8:25-8:40
- Doors Close-8:40 (Students marked Tardy)

#### Dismissal

- Car Riders-3:10-3:15
- Bus Riders-3:15-3:20
- Walkers-3:20

### *Welcome, Class of 2034!*

It's always fun to bring in a fresh batch of Kindergartners! Many members of the Class of 2034 enjoyed a refreshing Popsicle with The Principals at the Jacobs School Playground yesterday.



Kyle Shaw, Assistant Principal