

JACOBS SCHOOL BLUE NOTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

A Note from the Principal

We continue to tweak our arrival and dismissal procedures to get cars, vans, and buses unloaded and loaded as quickly as possible. Please do not pass any vehicles that are stopped and remain in line. Safety is our number one priority. I appreciate your patience when waiting for students to get in and out of vehicles.

Tonight is our Virtual Open House. You should have received information from your child's teacher about the structure of their open house. Teachers will share a presentation with you this evening about the curriculum and class expectations. Please consider attending the Specialists' Virtual Open House as well. The links were emailed yesterday. Our support staff including Special Education Teachers, OT, PT, and Speech Therapists, will drop in on Open Houses throughout the evening.

Just another reminder, a great way to get involved would be to join the PTO, Jacobs School Council, or both. The PTO will be meeting at the Jacobs in person on Tuesday, September 21 at 7pm, and our first School Council meeting is in person on September 29 at 6pm.

Please mark your calendars: Next Wednesday is our first 1/2 day. Students will begin to dismiss at 12:05. The teachers and staff will be working together in professional learning communities on curriculum, assessment, and social-emotional learning.

IMPORTANT! Please see dismissal times below:

Car Riders – 12:05-12:10

Bus Riders – 12:10-12:20

~Mrs. Cappadona

Meet the Reading Specialists At our Open House!

The Reading Specialists created a video to introduce themselves and explain what they do.

Here's the link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bwdGiBGQE3nXsFCXKUCRquCc2A1nHOSq/view?usp=sharing>

Mark Your Calendar!

Sept 16—Jacobs School Remote Open House 6-8pm

Sept 21—Hull PTO 7pm at JES

Sept 22—Early Dismissal 12:15pm (begins @ 12:05)

Sept 29—Jacobs School Council 6-7pm



Christine Cappadona, Principal

Kyle Shaw, Assistant Principal

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Jacobs School Garden 2.0 Is Complete!

In the fall of 2018, the 3rd grade students of the Jacobs School harvested 55lbs of organically grown potatoes from their own school garden! Those potatoes were cooked in the cafeteria and served to the students at lunch, along with garlic bread made with their very own, school-grown garlic. AMAZING! For many years, the Jacobs School Garden has been one of the most successful and prolific school gardens in the area and we are very proud of our student-gardeners and our parent-run garden program!!

“Without a gardener there is no garden,” goes the old saying. COVID-19 kept the Jacobs School students out of the garden in the spring of 2020 and the following school year, too. Without student and parent activity in the garden during this time, the wood-framed garden beds, already aging and in need of replacement, fell into disrepair and the beds became overgrown. But after every brutal winter, eventually... comes the spring and then...

This summer through the effort of many (the Jacobs School Garden Volunteers, together with the Hull PTO and grant money from Whole Foods Market), the school garden beds were re-built and revitalized!! Brand new lumber was fashioned into new garden bed frames, the grass was dug up to accommodate a new improved garden layout, and new loam and compost were added to the beds. Jacobs School Garden 2.0 is ready and waiting for the return of the student gardeners this fall!

It takes many people to make this program work:

BIG THANKS to ALL the hardworking volunteers who showed up this past weekend to dig, haul, rake and build! >>> Carolyn Reynolds, The Yakubian family, Liz Gunderson, Jess Mulder and Miles Casas, Jessica and Harrison Jones, Renee, Ella and Grace Kiley, Devon English, Chris Lofgren and The Buchleitner family. <<< This project was made possible through grant money from [Whole Foods Market](#) - Thanks to Renee Kiley for pulling that grant application together with the help of many others in the Hull PTO. And of course and as always, big thanks to the Hull PTO for all you do for the students and schools of Hull! Let's also thank Christine Cappadona and Kyle Shaw at the Jacobs School for their continued enthusiasm for the Jacobs School Garden as well as the teachers and staff who, year-after-year, make this true farm-to-table learning experience a reality for the students. And finally, thanks to Jon Belber and [Holly Hill Farm](#) for their excellent school garden educational programming!

A school garden like this one gives students a unique, hands-on educational experience where they can put into practice valuable life-science and math lessons, develop important problem solving skills, and increase awareness of their local environment, wildlife and weather patterns.

Let's continue to support the Jacob School Garden! For more info about the Jacobs School Garden and/or volunteering, please call or text: 617-827-5288.

Happy Gardening!

-Lindsey Buchleitner

Hull PTO Meeting

Tuesday, September 21 @ 7pm at the Jacobs School
Childcare will be available.
Please email Amy Hyde at president@hullpto.org if you'll need childcare to ensure that enough sitters are available.

