# Jacobs School Blue Notes September 22, 2022

### A Note from the Principal

At the start of the year, I wrote about the emphasis of teachers and staff during the first weeks of school. This includes establishing routines and expectations, forming impactful relationships, and administering a variety of assessments. Today, staff had the opportunity to analyze those assessments in a collaborative setting. Grade level teams met individually with support staff and administrators, led by Christine Cappadona (Curriculum Director). Collaborative meetings such as this are scheduled quarterly and provide staff the opportunity to analyze data on each individual student and plan accordingly. I'm always impressed by the knowledge staff have about each student. It's one of the many benefits about working in a small school. The emphasis has now shifted moving forward. Although routines and expectations will continue to be reinforced, providing students with the individualized instruction they need will become the new focus.

Throughout the year, students are able to participate in a variety of counseling groups. These groups meet for 6 weeks with one of our counseling staff members and focus on a variety of topics such as self-esteem, improving attention, coping strategies, developing friendships, and more. Groups are developed based upon referrals and students' needs. If you would like your student to participate in a social group please tell us which focus area interests you by completing the form using <u>this link</u>. A permission slip will be sent home for you to complete prior to a group starting.

~Mr. Shaw

## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Please email jeslib@hullpublicschools.us for more information.

### Early Dismissal This Wednesday! How 12:15 Dismissals Work

This Wednesday, September 28, is the school year's first early dismissal. Students will be dismissed at 12:15 and staff will spend the afternoon collaborating in professional learning communities.

- Lunch will be served on an adjusted schedule.
- Car riders will dismiss at 12:10.
- Buses will dismiss at 12:15.

#### Dr. Rosenplanter's Community Resource List

#### Mark Your Calendar!

Sep 28–Early Dismissal at 12:15pm Sept 28–Jacobs School Council 6:00pm Oct 7–Spirit Day/Assembly Oct 10–Indigenous Peoples' Day, no school Oct 11-14–Fire Safety Week Oct 11, 24–School Committee 6:30pm @ HHS Oct 19– Early Dismissal at 1:00 Oct 26– Early Dismissal at 12:15pm



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 <u>ecomenice@town.hull.ma.us</u>! Photos will be featured in the slideshow at our next schoolwide assembly, and maybe even in the Blue Notes!

#### School Attendance Policy

State law requires the school system to investigate cases of excessive school absence. For this purpose, the Hull School Committee defines excessive absence as more than five unexcused absences per five-month semester. All absences (even those authorized by parents/guardians) are considered unexcused unless the required documentation, such as a doctor's note, is provided. An absentee line is provided for parents/guardians to report absences. Please call 781-925-4398 before 8:30am to report your child absent from school.

Laundry Love — Complimentary laundry services for families are being offered on Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 4-6:30pm at Superwash on Nantasket Ave. This is provided by St. John's Episcopal Church in Hingham with support from the Quincy Family Resource Center.

**Parenting Journey** — Connect with other parents during guided discussions that help develop knowledge and skills to support you as a parent. Provided by Bay State Community Services. For more information contact Robyn Dunphy at <u>rdunphy@baystatecs.org</u> or 617-481-7227 x141.

Kyle Shaw, Principal Elaine Menice, Interim Assistant Principal

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