

JACOBS SCHOOL BLUE NOTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

A Note from the Principal

We are starting to fall into our school routines. Since the first day of school, teachers have been practicing our emergency procedures, and Tuesday we had our first fire drill. Tomorrow is our first all-school virtual assembly and Spirit Day. For those new to the Jacobs School, students and staff wear their Core Value T-shirts or blue and gold on Spirit Day.

As a school, we are reading the book *One Word for Kids: How to Have Your Best Year Ever* by Jon Gordon, Jimmy Page, and Dan Britton. Each student and staff member has chosen a word to help them have the best year. As a school, our one word is KINDNESS. Throughout the year, we will focus on kindness, how it feels to be kind, and how to show kindness.

"Kindness is more than deeds. It is an attitude, an expression, a look, a touch. It is anything that lifts another person." - Plato

Next Thursday is our Open House. As a district, we have decided to hold virtual Open Houses. As much as we would love to have our families in each school, we think it is best at this time not to have large groups in each building. Individual teachers will send information for their specific open house. The health and safety of all members of our community is our utmost priority. We hope that in the near future we will be able to once again welcome families to in-person school events. We will consider each upcoming event on a case by case basis.

Together we make the Jacobs School the best it can be.

~Mrs. Cappadona

Mark Your Calendar!

Sept 10—Spirit Day/Virtual Assembly

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

Sept 21—Hull PTO 7pm at JES

Sept 22—Early Dismissal 12:15pm

Sept 29—Jacobs School Council 6-7pm

Teaching the Teachers

This year we are excited to have two student interns working under our Adjustment Counselor, Dr. Rosenplanter. They will participate in running whole class social-emotional lessons in some classrooms, lead various lunch groups throughout the year, and work individually with students to provide counseling support. Meet the interns:

Maria Cabrera - I am a master's level student at Bridgewater State University in the Social Work program and will be interning this year at the Jacobs School until May. I have also completed my Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Minor in Criminal Justice and have experience working as a therapeutic mentor and therapeutic support clinician with children ages 3-20 providing strength-based community interventions. I am looking forward to working with the students and supporting them with their social-emotional needs. Outside of school, I love traveling, meeting new people, cultures, and foods.

MacKenzie McNulty - I am a senior Bachelor's level student at Bridgewater State University in the Social Work program with a Minor in Sociology, and will be interning this year at the Jacobs School until May. I have experience working with children in a daycare setting and as a cheerleading coach for children ages 3-18. I am excited to continue my learning and growth as a social work intern here at the Jacobs School! Outside of school, I enjoy many things, such as being a coach, hanging out with my dog, and traveling!

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.



Safe at School with Ms. Keegan

Please continue to do a wellness check on your child each and every morning and screen for the following symptoms. If they are exhibiting any symptoms of illness, even mild symptoms, please keep your child home.

Symptoms:

- ✓ Fever (100° Fahrenheit or higher), chills,
- ✓ Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- ✓ New loss of taste or smell
- ✓ Muscle aches or body aches
- ✓ Sore Throat
- ✓ Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- ✓ Headache (when in combination with other symptoms)
- ✓ Cough (not due to another cause such as chronic cough)
- ✓ Fatigue (when in combination with other symptoms)
- ✓ Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) and when in combination with other symptoms



If your child is exhibiting any of the above symptoms, even mildly, we ask that you keep your child home.

- Student absences this year will be excused for reported symptoms of illness. Please call the absentee line at 781-925-4398 x5 in the morning to report your child's absence and the reason for it.
- Ensure that your child arrives at school wearing a mask and ideally has an extra with them. There will be additional masks available at school if needed.
- Please be sure the school has updated contact information in the event your child needs to be sent home during the day.

-Ms. Keegan

Our new **Before and After School Childcare Program** starts on **September 13**. Students must be registered to attend. Please click [here](#) for a registration form.

Have You Returned Necessary Forms to School?

Please return the following completed forms to your child's classroom teacher if you haven't done so already:

1. **Device Acceptable Use Signature Page/ Handbook Signature Page** (Click [here](#) for another copy.) Please read the Student Handbook and discuss it with your child. You will find it on our website by clicking [here](#). Chromebooks and iPads will not be given to students until these signed forms have been returned to teachers.
2. **Preprinted health form** Please make sure we have the correct information in our system and return the form to school.

Members Wanted: Jacobs School Council

In accordance with the Education Reform Act of 1993, each of Hull Public Schools has an advisory board; ours is referred to as the Jacobs School Council. The Council is comprised of parents/guardians, community members, teachers, and the principal. Though law dictates the number of members, anyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings. Dates are posted at Town Hall or can be found through the school office and school website. The Council meets monthly to review school budgets, formulate school improvement plans and advise the school principals. We are looking for interested parents to be on this Council. Please contact PTO Secretary Caryn O'Connor at secretary@hullpto.org or Principal Christine Cappadona at ccappadona@town.hull.ma.us if you are interested in serving on the Jacobs School Council.