

JACOBS SCHOOL BLUE NOTES

January 14, 2021

A Note from the Principal

This month, Jacobs Elementary and Memorial Middle School staff will be trained in a new assessment platform called Galileo. Galileo is a student assessment tool designed to provide our district staff with timely and actionable data about how students perform relative to Massachusetts State Standards. Galileo provides the district with both benchmark assessments for the beginning, middle, and end of the year and a full library of formative assessments for teachers to target our students' areas of need. Teachers will administer benchmark and formative assessments to students in grades 1-8 on Galileo's assessment platform for a mid-year evaluation and use the platform throughout the year to understand students' areas of need.

We will use the information from these assessments along with all that is taking place in the classroom to determine what gaps in skills and knowledge need to be taught to finish this academic year strong and have students where they need to be for the next grade-level.

The Commissioner of Education has announced that MCAS testing will take place this spring with shortened testing time for Grades 3-8. Each student in grades 3-8 will take only a portion of each MCAS assessment in ELA, Math, and Science; testing sessions will be reduced by half.

There will be a principal's coffee hour for all interested parents and caregivers tomorrow, Friday, at 10 AM. The login information is below.

~Mrs. Cappadona

Principal Coffee Invitation

Please join my meeting on **Friday, Jan 15, 10-11am**, from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/756977205>

You can also dial in using your phone. (For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.) United States: +1 (786)535-3211 - One-touch: <tel:+17865353211,756977205#>

Access Code: 756-977-205

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Mark Your Calendar!

Jan 18—MLK Day, No School

Jan 20—Professional Development, No School

Jan 27—Remote Wednesday

Jan 29—Read-A-Thon Kick-off!

Jan 29—12:15 Dismissal

Jan 30-Feb 7—PTO Read-A-Thon!

The Toolbox: Tips for Carry Over at Home

Tool #7: Garbage Can Tool

Tagline: "I let the little things go."

Hand Gesture: Place one hand on your hip making an open circle, with the other hand make a throwing away gesture into the open space under your other arm.

- Ask your child/children to show the family how to use their personal Garbage Cans, as well as the Garbage Can Hand Gesture
- Help your child/children figure out if an event or problem is important enough to deal with or something they can "just toss in and walk by."



Heart of the Pirate - January 2021

Kindergarten—Jordan Dunn

1st—Jaycen Townsend

2nd—Slava Rzhevskii

3rd—PK Gunderson

4th—Lantz Mackey

5th—Levi Levangie

Pirate Academy—Jacob Hester



Distance Learning Outlines: Jan 19-22

These links will bring you to the Distance Learning Outlines for each grade level. We will update the outlines each week and post the links in the Blue Notes. Please email your teachers with any questions.

[Preschool](#)

[Kindergarten](#)

[Grade 1](#)

[Grade 2](#)

[Grade 3](#)

[Grade 4](#)

[Grade 5](#)



Christine Cappadona, Principal

Kyle Shaw, Assistant Principal

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**PLEASE
STAY HOME
IF YOU
DON'T FEEL
WELL!**

Ms. Keegan's Health Tips

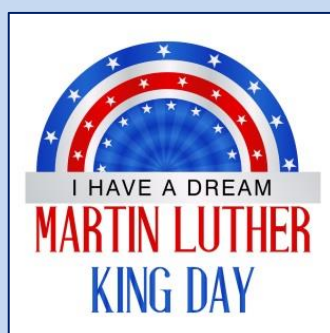
Please remember to do a wellness check on your child **each and every morning** prior to sending them to school. If your child is exhibiting any of the following symptoms (even mild) please keep them home:

- Fever (100°) or higher, chills or shaking chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause such as chronic cough)
- Shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore Throat
- Headache (when in combination with other symptoms)
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- 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.

WANTED: RAD PHOTOS!



Please email photos of your RAD Pirates having fun in their Core Value T-Shirts or school colors to Mr. Shaw at kshaw@town.hull.ma.us Photos will be featured in our next Spirit Day Video!



***THERE IS NO
SCHOOL THIS
MONDAY OR
WEDNESDAY.***



Where will you
read during
Read-A-Thon
week?



Staying Safe at School



Our **Covid-RAD Core Values** were the focus of last Friday's assembly, specifically, **A: Always Wear My Mask**. We have been fortunate to offer in-person learning four days a week throughout this school year, due in large part to the commitment to safety that students and staff have demonstrated by wearing their masks properly. However, it is imperative that we remain vigilant. Please make sure to send your child to school with a clean, well-fitting mask, as well as a back-up in case the first one becomes wet, dirty, or otherwise unusable. In addition, it's important to remind your child that the mask must cover both their mouth and nose. The link below was included in the assembly and is a good reminder to all of us about how to correctly wear a mask:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EC2OxVSX53M>

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CORE VALUES



(COVID STYLE)



RESPECT OTHERS

Respect each other's personal space
and respectfully remind one another
of the new rules!



ALWAYS WEAR MY MASK

Ask for a Mask Break
if you need one!



DISTANCE FROM OTHERS

Keep a Friendly 6-foot Distance
from Each Other!