

Jacobs School Blue Notes

For the week of November 25, 2019



Thanksgiving Break begins on Wednesday, November 27, when we **dismiss school at 11:45am**. No lunch will be served that day. Morning preschool will dismiss at 11:00am; there will be no afternoon preschool and no afterschool KidsCare.

Mark Your Calendar!

Nov 22—Last Day of Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive
Nov 22—End of Trimester 1
Nov 25—Parent Conference Sign-Ups Open
Nov 27—Turkey Trot Rally @ 9:30, Race @ 10:00am
Nov 27—Thanksgiving Break begins at 11:45am!
Dec 4—Report Cards Go Home
Dec 5—Early Dismissal 1:45pm
Dec 5—Parent-Teacher Conferences 2-4pm & 6-8pm
Dec 6—Spirit Day/Assembly
Dec 17—Barter Flea Market
Dec 19—Winter Concert: PK, K, 1 & 2 @ 9:00am; PK, 3, 4 & 5 @ 1:30pm
Dec 20—Jacobs Express
Dec 20—Winter Vacation Begins at 3:15pm

A Note from the Principal

Last Friday Ms. Pestone introduced our fifth graders to local artist Carolyn Lewenberg, who explained the concept behind the **Starburst Buoy Project**. Students were asked to design and paint buoys with images representing their town and/or staying buoyant in times of adversity. Once complete in mid-December, the fifth-grade buoy starburst will be on display right outside the library until it can be permanently installed in the Hull Art Walk this coming spring. Fifth-grade students have also been busy conducting oral interviews in social studies. Every year, Mrs. McCarthy has each student **interview a military veteran**. Mrs. McCarthy explains the project, “Students use questions first established for The Veterans History Project as an educational learning opportunity to understand the sacrifices to the country by fellow Americans. The objective is to learn about commitment, leadership and sacrifice, while simultaneously recognizing our responsibility to be our best selves. This year they learned about the various military conflicts, women in the military, family members who were awarded the Purple Heart, awards for excellence and achievement, and most importantly, the selfless commitment by others to protect and defend our democracy. Many students created tri-folds with artifacts, pictures, and memorabilia that are on display in the second-floor hallway for all to see.” Mrs. McCarthy is incredibly proud of the fifth-grade students and genuinely touched by their personal learning projects. She sends her gratitude to the military families of Hull students.

The 10-day weather forecast may show a rainy day on Wednesday, but that won't keep our 4th & 5th grade students from running the Jacobs School's **11th Annual Turkey Trot!** Parents and guardians of fourth and fifth graders are welcome to attend our schoolwide pep rally and watch their children run the race. The festivities will begin promptly at 9:30am. There will be no parking in the small lot next to the gymnasium; please plan accordingly. Please check our website slideshow for snapshots of the last year's assembly and race: <https://www.hullpublicschools.org/elementary-school/slideshows/school-photos>

Report cards will go home in backpacks on Wednesday, December 4th. **Parent conferences** will be the afternoon and evening of December 5th. We will dismiss school 90 minutes early that day, at 1:45pm. Conferences will run from 2-4pm and 6-8pm. You will receive an email on Monday inviting you to schedule a parent conference using the online service PTCFast.com. If you have any issues, please contact your child's teacher directly or the front office staff. We are looking forward to sharing the progress your child has made thus far in the school year.

With next week being a short week, there will be no Blue Notes. I want to take this opportunity to let each of you know how grateful I am for the Jacobs School community: students, families, teachers, and staff. I am continually impressed by the work of the staff and students and the support of all our families. I would be remiss not to thank the PTO for both their financial support and their endless volunteers who always show up, ready to pitch in. The Jacobs School would not be the school we are without our community supporting all we do. I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Christine Cappadona, Principal

Kyle Shaw, Assistant Principal

—Mrs. Cappadona

Turkey Trot Details for Parents Planning to Attend

- 1. Limited Parking:** There will be limited parking for the Turkey Trot & Rally. The small parking lot next to the gym is our staging area for the race and will be closed to parking.
- 2. Don't miss the rally!** *The race route (Harborview, Ripley & Christine Roads) will close to traffic at 9:50 for the Turkey Trot. Come to the rally at 9:30 and you won't have to worry about getting through at race time. The race begins at 10:00 and takes about 30 minutes.*



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PHOTOS OF RAD JACOBS PIRATES

Send photos of our pirates having fun in their Core Value T-Shirts to Mr. Shaw at kshaw@town.hull.ma.us. All new photos will be featured in the slide show at each month's SPIRIT DAY ASSEMBLY!

BARTER FLEA MARKET DECEMBER 17

It's time to gear up for the Barter Flea Market! Please check your closets & storage areas for gently used items that can be donated to our annual flea market, coordinated by Mrs. Lowry and the entire 4th Grade. Please see the attached letter from Mrs. Lowry explaining this wonderful event.



Last Day of Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive!

Tomorrow is the last day of our annual **Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive** to stock the shelves at Wellspring's food pantry. It will be the students' last chance to help their classroom bring in the most cans to earn a dodgeball game with Mrs. Leonard and Mr. Taylor!