

Jacobs School Blue Notes Special Summer 2021 Edition

A Note from the Principal

I hope everyone is enjoying summer vacation. We are busy each day at the Jacobs School, preparing for the coming school year as our custodians are cleaning the school and getting it ready for students to return. I am excited to announce that six swings are being installed. Take a look at the progress! The dream to add swings to our playground began years ago and is now coming to fruition thanks in part to fundraising by a former fifth-grade student council and a donation from the PTO Read-A-Thon, with the remaining funding from the school. I can't wait to see students using the swings during recess! We will have a ribbon-cutting event once the project is complete—more details to come.

As of now, we plan to resume our regular school hours of 8:25-3:15 for K-5. The preschool program will meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 8:45-11:15 and afternoons 12:15-2:45. Please keep in mind the times could change based on mandates from the CDC or the Commissioner of Education. We are also in the planning stages for before and after school care, with tentative hours of 7:30-8:25 and 3:15-6:00. ***It is essential to our planning to know how many families will be driving their children or using bus transportation, and how many families would access before/after school care. Please take a moment to complete the form at [this link](#) to help us plan accordingly.*** We want to avoid any first-day traffic jams.

Our first day of school for grades 1-5 is September 1. Kindergarteners will be assigned a time to meet their teacher on September 1 and start Kindergarten on September 2. Preschool students will begin on September 7. Incoming Preschool and Kindergarten families will receive an email by mid-August with their assigned teacher and a "meet the teacher" date and time for preschoolers. The Kindergarten Supply list is attached.

I am hoping that this year will be a more typical school year which includes parents/guardians volunteering in our school. One way to get a jump start is to become a member of the PTO. As a mom of three boys, being involved in the PTO was a great way to get to know other families and be involved. Please contact PTO President Amy Hyde at president@hullptto.org for more information.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

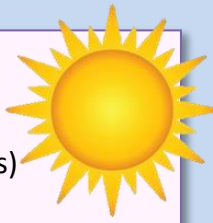
~Mrs. Cappadona

Summer is the perfect time to READ!!!!

- Looking for something to read? [Get Summer Reading Forms & Suggestions here!](#)
- The Hull PTO has already named several Bingo for Books winners...you could be next! [Get your Bingo Card here!](#)
- The Hull Public Library is open! [Check out HPL's Summer offerings here!](#)

Mark Your Calendar!

Sept 1—Back to School 1st-5th!
Sept 1—K Meet & Greet (assigned times)
Sept 2—K begins for half day!
Sept 3—Vacation Day
Sept 6—Labor Day
Sept 7—PK Begins!



Keep using your Social/Emotional Toolbox throughout the summer! Here's a quick reminder of all 12 Tools:

- **Breathing Tool:** *I calm myself and check in.*
- **Quiet/Safe Place Tool:** *I remember my quiet/safe place.*
- **Listening Tool:** *I listen with my ears, eyes, and heart.*
- **Empathy Tool:** *I care for myself. I care for others.*
- **Personal Space Tool:** *I have a right to my space and so do you.*
- **Using Our Words Tool:** *I use the "right" words, in the "right" way, at the "right" time, for the "right" reason.*
- **Garbage Can Tool:** *I let the little things go.*
- **Taking Time Tool:** *I take time-in and time-away.*
- **Please & Thank You Tool:** *I treat others with kindness and appreciation.*
- **Apology & Forgiveness Tool:** *I admit my mistakes and work to forgive yours.*
- **Patience Tool:** *I am strong enough to wait.*
- **Courage Tool:** *I have the courage to do the "right" thing.*