A Note from the Principal

Happy New Year to everyone! We eased into 2020 with a 2-day school week, but we are back now, and January is shaping up to be a very busy month. Please note there will be no school on January 20th or 21st and we have a half-day on January 29th (dismissal at 12:15pm.)

During last Friday’s all-school assembly we unveiled the next tools in our Toolbox: The Empathy Tool and the Personal Space Tool. The staff is teaching these tools this week and next. The Home Connection family letters for the two new tools will be sent home with students after the lesson is introduced. Each letter explains the tool and provides some suggestions for incorporating the tool at home. When the Home Connection letter comes home with your child, the activity on the back will be homework. This activity helps families to understand the tool and helps our students know that these tools are not just for school. I would ask that you take the time to complete the activity with your child(ren). Thank you!

Our reading specialists Mrs. Buonagurio, Mrs. Howley, and Mrs. Moran are reading books aloud and posting the videos to their web pages. Mrs. Buonagurio’s read-aloud is of Unplugged: ELLA GETS HER FAMILY BACK by Laura Pedersen, Illustrated by Penny Weber. It is a great book to remind us to put our devices down and spend time with our families. Mrs. Howley recorded a read-aloud of an old favorite, Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. Mrs. Moran’s read-aloud of We Don’t Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins introduces an adorable new book about a dinosaur who eats her friends because they are delicious, but quickly learns that is not the best way to make new friends. You can find these read-alouds on each teacher’s web page on our school website: https://www.hullpublicschools.org/elementary-school/faculty-staff.

Two events are happening at the Jacobs this Wednesday at 5:30. In the school office is our School Council meeting where we’ll be discussing recess ideas for the blacktop area. All are welcome to attend. In the music room we have a local author coming to Pajama Story Hour! Hull resident Jacqueline Veissid will be reading her books Ruby’s Sword and Caspian Finds a Friend, followed by a craft, meet & greet, and book-signing. Books will be available for purchase or you may bring your own copies of Jacqueline’s books for her to sign. Pajama Story Hour is a free event for children and families, preschool through grade one.

Mark Your Calendar!

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Heart of the Pirate - January 2020

Kindergarten—Jack Maneval
1st—Abby Donovan
2nd—Nadia Schultz
3rd—Khloe Gravina
4th—Cameron Her
5th—Anna Schaub

The SEPAC meeting “Reading Strategies for Parents to Implement in their Home” is scheduled for January 23, 2020, from 2:15 to 3:15 in the Jacobs School Library. Free childcare will be provided.

Students in Grade 3 are required to have an updated physical examination in their school health record. Please send in an updated health form to the school nurse.
Preschool Open House!
Friday, February 7, or Friday, March 6, 2020
10-11 a.m. at L.M. Jacobs Elementary School

These Open Houses are for parents who may want to register their children for preschool for the 2020-2021 school year. Parents can bring their child, meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and have their questions answered. Please call Cathy Joaquim at 781-925-4400 Ext. 1121 with any questions or for additional information.

PAJAMA STORY HOUR presents:
“Meet the Author”

Date: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th
Time: 5:30 pm
Place: JACOBS SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM
Hull’s very own Jacqueline Veissid will join us for a reading of her books, Ruby’s Sword and Caspian Finds a Friend. A craft, meet & greet, and book-signing will follow! Bring along your personal copies of Jacqueline’s books for her to sign, or you may purchase copies at Pajama Story Hour, as Buttonwood Books and Toys will be joining us for the night with books available for purchase.

DON’T FORGET TO REGISTER AND WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS!
Registering ensures that there will be adequate craft materials and staffing. Call 925-4400 to register.

WANTED: JASPER Instructors
It’s time for Session 2 of JASPER! Dedicated and creative instructors are still needed for one afternoon a week (Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday), 3:15-4:15 PM, for six weeks beginning the week of 1/27/20. If you are interested, or want to brainstorm ideas for a class, please email Maura Jones at mjones@town.hull.ma.us.

4th & 5th Grade Math League forms are due by tomorrow, January 10th. Math League begins next week on Thursday, January 16th at 7:30am.