

Jacobs School Blue Notes

Notes for the week of September 14, 2009

Dates To Remember

PTO Meeting Tonight – September 10, 2009 7:00PM at Middle School

Open House – September 16th 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Book Fair – The Week of September 14th

Principal Coffee – September 30th at 9:30 AM in school office

Early Release – October 1st, Dismissal is at 12:30 PM

Picture Day – October 2nd.

Note from the Principal: As some of you may have noticed, I had an emergency situation last week and was not in school. I am feeling much better now and I'm thrilled to be back. I want to thank Christine Cappadona and the entire staff for getting the school opened and running smoothly in my absence. I am very lucky to work with a wonderful group of professionals. As the Principal of the school, I feel it is extremely important to be present during the opening of school to personally welcome back students, parents, and staff and I was very disappointed I wasn't able to be here last week. However, I'm back now and enjoying catching up with the students and staff and look forward to seeing all of you at Open House.

CHANGE TO OPEN HOUSE FORMAT - At a recent staff meeting we discussed the format of Open House and will be trying a new format this year. This year, students will attend the Open House with their parents. Students will have the opportunity to bring their parents on a tour of their classroom and also to show their parents the Art Room, Music Room, Gymnasium, and Computer Lab. Teachers will be on hand to meet parents and guardians and to answer any questions that you have regarding the curriculum, the classroom, the schedule, or anything else that you are interested in knowing about your child's classroom, but the students will be the ones "showing off" their classrooms. Teachers will not be giving formal parent presentations. We believe this is an exciting way for the students to share in their own learning community and will help build the home/school connection for students. Because there will be no "formal" presentations, you may arrive anytime between 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM. (The Open House will end at

8:30 PM so please arrive by 8:00 PM to allow enough time to visit your child's classroom and tour other areas of the school). Parents with two or more children at the Jacobs School should have enough time to visit each child's classroom and visit with special area teachers as well. Open House is a great time to meet the other staff members that work with students each day. Mr. Shaw (Physical Education), Ms. Gallagher (Art), Mr. Taylor (Music), Ms. Ryan (Technology), Ms. Moran, Ms. Howley, and Ms. Buonagurio (Reading Specialists), Ms. Hammond (the new Literacy Coach), Ms. Meschino (School Nurse), Ms. Hartley, Ms. Rosado, Ms. Snowdale, and Ms. Tirrell (Special Education Teachers), Ms. Sherman (School Psychologist), and Ms. MacDonald (Adjustment counselor) will all be available during Open House. The students look forward to introducing you to all of the staff in our school, so don't forget to stop by each area and say hello to all of our wonderful teachers. In addition, please stop by the school office to say hello to me, Mrs. Cappadona, Ms. Sarno and Mrs. Angellis. This is a special night for our Jacobs School Students. While we welcome siblings at other events, we would like this night to be for Jacobs School students and parents/guardians only. If possible, please do not bring older or younger siblings. Finally, because this is a new format for Open House for all of us, I look forward to your comments, suggestions, and feedback. My goal is to make school events welcoming experiences for all and your feedback and suggestions help improve these events each year.



Please stop by the technology lab during open house to view the fifth grade power point presentation.



The Book Fair is coming soon! Fliers are being sent home today with details of the times each class will visit and the exact hours of the fair during the **week of September 14th**. This fall's theme is "Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World."

A few quick book fair notes:

- The new "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book may be pre-ordered at this fair. Books can be pre-paid at the Scholastic paperback price of \$6.99 and will be delivered to the school when the book is released in October. Pre-order forms will be sent home next week with the book fair flier.
- The book fair will be open during the open house on September 16th.
- Gift certificates will be available at the PTO table at open house, and teacher wish lists will be available at the fair.
- Anyone who would like to volunteer for the book fair may contact: Michele Proude at mproude@hotmail.com or 781-925-3659.

And finally, books make great gifts! Start your holiday shopping early, or help stock your child's classroom library. This year we will double the size of the book fair, so you will have many titles to choose from. And when you shop at the book fair 25% of each purchase goes back to PTO to help support field trips, Arts Alive Day and many other activities throughout the year.

PTO REMINDER: The 1st PTO meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 10th at 7pm at the Memorial School**. Dues are \$5 for the year, please bring that with you to the meeting. This allows members to receive agendas, minutes, updates, and run for school reps or executive board positions at the annual elections in May. Most importantly a graduating senior of a paid PTO member is eligible to apply for the PTO Award. This \$500 is awarded at graduation each year. Joining the PTO is a great way to stay connected and involved. Hope to see you there!

Huge Yard Sale
Saturday, September 12th 9AM-1PM
"N" Street & Nantasket Ave

All proceeds benefit
Hull High School Theatre Arts



Hull Youth Soccer is accepting registrations for In-town soccer. The In-town league begins on Saturday, September 19th. You can register online at www.hullsports.com

TONIGHT

Preschool and Kindergarten
Families

The Toe Jam Puppet Band will be performing TONIGHT, Thursday, September 10th at 6PM in the Jacobs School Music Room. (due to the chilly weather)

This concert is jointly sponsored by the Quality Full Day Kindergarten grant, the Hull Family Network and the Community Partnership for Children's Grants along with funding support by the Hull Cultural Arts Council.



Are you a scientist? Or do you approach life like a scientist: Taking things apart and putting them back together to see how they work? Allowing curiosity to lead you into learning new things?

If you are, you are just the type of person we are looking for to help create a brand new Discovery Center at the Jacobs School! As conceived by fourth grade teacher Mrs. Lowry, this Interactive Discovery Center would be parent-run and accessed by students and teachers, and would let students explore science on a whole new level.

We are seeking interested volunteers to discuss the concept and move forward with this exciting idea. If creating interactive projects interests you, or if you would like more information, please email Michele Proude mproude@hotmail.com or Nicole Palermo-Cristaldi npalermo@leedermgt.com . We hope to schedule a meeting soon, so please let us know if you are interested.



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Dismissal Reminder: All walkers and students that are regularly picked up by parents will be dismissed at the front of the school after all buses leave the school yard. Please wait outside and the teachers will walk your child out to the front of the building. If your child normally takes the bus and you are dismissing him/her, please make sure you sign him/her out at the office. Please do not pull your child out of the bus line without signing him/her out at the school office. We appreciate your assistance in this area.

Donna Tobin, Principal
Christine Cappadona, Assistant Principal

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