



Jacobs School Blue Notes

Notes for the week of September 28, 2009

Dates To Remember

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

Parent Workshop – *Promoting Resilience: Words, Strategies, and Wisdom to help children and families face life's speed bumps*. Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 PM

Early Release – October 1st, Dismissal is at 12:30 PM (lunch will be served)

Picture Day – K - 5 – October 2nd - Preschool Pictures and Make Up Day – November 19th

Note from the Principal: I want to thank the Paragon Carousel, Nantasket Landing Mini Golf, and the Hull Lifesaving Museum for the generous donations in support of our summer reading program. Students in grades one through five that have turned in their summer reading book notes will receive a complimentary pass to one of these great local venues. Congratulations to all of our summer readers. Mrs. Cappadona and I have been reading through the book responses and the students did a wonderful job with their summer reading this year. Individual student MCAS reports went home last week for students in grades four and five. If you did not receive your child's MCAS report in the mail, please contact the school office. Enclosed in this Blue Note Packet is information on volunteering at the Jacobs School. Many of you have inquired about volunteering in the library as well as helping in other ways here at school. Please complete the attached form and return it to the school office if you are available to volunteer. Please see the attached flyer for: ***Promoting Resilience: Words, Strategies, and Wisdom to help children and families face life's speed bumps*** which will be presented at the Jacobs School on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 7:00 P.M by Maria Trozzi. Maria Trozzi, M.Ed., is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine, a consultant for the Child Development Unit at Children's Hospital in Boston, and Director of the nationally renowned Good Grief Program at Boston Medical Center. Her credentials and expertise have established her as one of the foremost experts on family resilience and loss in the country. We encourage all parents to attend. Also this month is my first Principal Coffee Hour on September 30, 2009 at 9:30 am. Please join me to share your ideas and feedback on programs and communication at the Jacobs School.

A Note From The Nurse

There has been a small outbreak of head lice. Mrs. Meschino has begun checking heads again and will continue to do so for the next several days. Please refer to the pink flyer regarding head lice (Pediculosis). Those students who have been infected with Pediculosis are sent home. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Meschino at 781-925-4400 x1144.

Book Fair Wrap Up: Hull PTO would like to thank all of the parents and teachers, and especially all of the wonderful volunteers who made this fall book fair the most successful one ever! Families donated over 100 books to classroom libraries, and thanks to "One for Books" each teacher who began in a new grade this year received a gift certificate to purchase books for his/her classroom library. We were also able to donate \$500 in books to the second grade Web Cart as well as a selection of science books to begin the library at the new Science Discovery Center. We raised much needed funds to help support field trips throughout the year. But most importantly, we hope we inspired children to find and enjoy a good book. Many thanks to all!

Homework Help

The Hull Parent/Caregiver Forum is providing an opportunity for your children to participate in a structured environment to help complete homework or research projects. Starting on September 28, 2009, there will be parent volunteers available on Monday evenings from 6pm - 7:30 pm at the Jacobs School Library. Students can work on projects, use the computers for research, and have parents available for help if needed. This will be an encouraging and supportive environment for you and your child. If your child takes advantage of this opportunity, we do ask the parents to volunteer to support the program at least one session throughout the course of the year. All parents are welcome to participate by staying with your child or volunteering throughout the program. Contact Sherry Kearns at cskearns1@verizon.net.



Mr. Shaw's Health Tip of the Week

The weight of a child's backpack can affect their growth and development resulting in bad posture. Like most problems, the earlier you become aware of it the better chances you have to correct it. Here are some tips to make sure your child doesn't suffer ill effects from their backpack. A child should not carry a loaded backpack weighing more than 15% of their weight. If the weight does go over 15% have them carry their books by hand. Children should carry heavy backpacks over both shoulders. When purchasing a backpack look for bags with wide straps. The heaviest books or items should be packed first making them closest to the body. It is important to be conscious of backpack safety because most posture and spinal problems do not cause pain in children and can go unnoticed. Check their bags and make sure they are being worn properly and are not overweight.



Discovery Center Meeting Monday Sept. 28th 6pm - 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 join us Monday September 28th at 6 pm.** We will meet in the Jacobs lobby. Questions may be directed to Michele Proude at mproude@hotmail.com or 781-925-3659.

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