

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Check out our school website [www.dsbni.on.ca/schools/JacobBeam](http://www.dsbni.on.ca/schools/JacobBeam)
- Just a reminder that we have students who are allergic to nuts. Please check packaging carefully when sending food with your child. Thank you!

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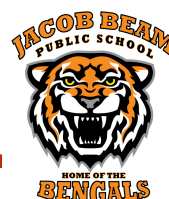
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# Jacob Beam Bulletin

DECEMBER 23RD, 2011

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



From the Jacob Beam Staff:

## Goodbye Mrs. Leemet!!!



It is with a great deal of sadness that I regret to inform you that I will be leaving Jacob Beam School and moving to Prince Philip School in St. Catharines over the Christmas Break. It has been an extreme pleasure to watch your children grow and learn over the past five and a half years and to get know the parent community as well. My last official day at Jacob Beam will be Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>,

2011 and the new Principal will begin here on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Mrs. Christine Waler will be my replacement and she is coming from Prince Philip School. She is a well respected administrator in our board and is a great fit for the school. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise! The staff will work alongside Mrs. Waler to make the transition as smooth as possible for

the children.

At this time, I want to thank all of the parents who have been so supportive and encouraging over my time here at Jacob Beam. You have a wonderful school, great kids and a super staff. I would also like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays as well!

# 2012 High School Open Houses

Please save your Kool Aid Jammer Packets. Mrs. Creechan is returning them to Terracycle for cash towards our Eco Fund. There is a competition between schools from Dec until April to see who can collect the most. Help Jacob Beam to come out on top!!

- A.N. Myer** Tuesday, January 17 – 6:30 p.m.
- Beamsville** Tuesday, January 17 – 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- E.L. Crossley** Wednesday, January 18 – 6:30 p.m.
- Eastdale** Thursday, January 19 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Eden** Monday, January 16 – 7:00 p.m.
- Fort Erie** Thursday, January 19 – 6:30 p.m.
- Governor Simcoe** Wednesday, January 18 - 6:30 p.m.
- Grimsby** Tuesday, January 17 – 7:00 p.m.
- Kernahan Park** Monday, January 16 – 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Laura Secord** Tuesday, January 17 – 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Port Colborne** Tuesday, January 17 - 6:30 p.m.
- Ridgeway Crystal Beach** Tuesday, January 17 – 6:30 p.m.
- Sir Winston Churchill** Monday, January 16 – 6:30 p.m.
- South Lincoln** Wednesday, January 18 – 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- St. Catharines Collegiate** Wednesday, January 18 – 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Stamford Collegiate** Tuesday, January 17 – 6:30 p.m.
- Thorold** Tuesday, January 17 – 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Welland Centennial**—Tuesday, January 17th, - 6:30pm—8:30pm
- West Park** Tuesday, January 17 – 7:00 p.m.
- Westlane** Tuesday, January 17 – 6:30 p.m.

## Jacob Beam School Choir

Jacob Beam's choir, under the direction of Mr Woelk, entertained the shoppers on Fairview Mall on Friday, Dec. 16th. A big thank you to those parents who were able to help us with transporting the students to the Mall.

Choir members are: Rachael, Bryar, Mya, Hannah, Val, Trinity, Ellie, Maddy, Madison, Morgan, Charlotte, Avory, Kayleigh, Emilee, Lily, Krithika, Quinn, Victoria, Alyssa, Megan, Nick, Josh, and Brendan



Thank you to HomeLife Power Reality Inc., Brokerage who kindly donated a box full of safe healthy snacks to our snack program. Your generosity is appreciated.

## Kindergarten Countdown begins in February!

Do you know a child who's turning 4 or 5 in 2012? Help them get ready for their first day of school with the DSBN's Kindergarten Countdown. Five easy steps will help parents and new students get ready to blast off to their first day of school. The countdown begins in January with a visit to the District School Board of Niagara's website at [www.dsbni.edu.on.ca](http://www.dsbni.edu.on.ca).

Starting in January, the DSBN website will provide helpful information on how to register for Kindergarten, learn more about your local Public School and get ready for that first big day. Our Open House will be Thursday, February 2nd, 2012 from 4-6pm. Please plan on attending!



# Cold Weather Alerts at DSBN

Winter is a time of wonder for many children; many enjoy the crisp air, the freshly fallen snow and participating in a whole host of exciting winter sports and activities. Although we feel it is important for students to spend some time outside each day exercising and socializing with their peers, there are times when bitterly cold temperatures and other inclement weather conditions require that we keep children inside. Because Niagara is such a large geographical area, and weather conditions may vary from one municipality to the next, the decision whether or not to hold recess outdoors is made by the individual school principal. When making this decision, principals will often consult with neighbouring schools, talk with parents as they arrive in the morning, and if the decision to send children outside is made, will equip yard duty staff with walkie-talkies so that they can communicate with the office to sound the bells to bring students in earlier. The health and well-being of our students is a top priority at the District School Board of Niagara, and if it is determined that the weather conditions pose a risk to their safety, students will be kept indoors. Extreme cold weather alerts issued by the Niagara Region are often good indicators that students will stay inside. Even when temperatures are not low enough to necessitate an indoor recess, it still may be quite cold outside. Here are a few tips to help ensure that your child stays warm during the cold winter months.

- Try to send children to school with plenty of layers, such as long underwear, sweatshirts, sweaters and pull-overs. Layering their clothing will allow them to add or remove items depending on the weather.
- Students should have a warm winter coat that repels the snow, sleet and rain, while blocking the wind
- Warm socks and boots will keep their feet warm and dry in the snow and slush
- Hats are one of the most important parts of dressing warmly in the winter. A thick winter hat will keep students from losing too much of that essential body heat.
- Put on a good pair of gloves or mittens that are water-resistant as well. Gloves will keep kids' hands toasty warm and protect their skin from becoming damaged by the wind and chill.

If you have any questions about our inclement weather procedures, please visit our website [dsbn.org](http://dsbn.org), or contact



## Inclement Weather

### An important message about Inclement Weather Procedures...

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

Information about transportation changes and school closures

will be available on the websites, radio and television stations listed below as soon as it is available. Please do not phone the school for transportation or school closure information.

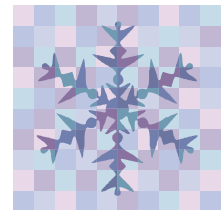
**Websites:** [www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org)  
[www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) **Television Stations:** COGECO Cable 10  
 CHCH Television City TV **Radio Stations:** KLite - 102.9 fm

EZRock 105.7 fm Y-108 - 107.9 fm Wave 94.7 fm CKTB 610 am

CHML 900 am CHSC 1220 am Htz 97.7 fm

If early dismissal becomes necessary, we will use the emergency numbers you provided on the confidential form which was sent home in September. If your contact numbers have changed, please call the office with your updated information.

PLEASE NOTE: The school may be open even though student transportation has been cancelled. The decision to send children to school is always at the parent's discretion.



## Snow Throwing

Students are reminded that we are **not allowed to throw snow for any purpose while at school**. Students who choose to throw snow will lose their recess privileges thus ensuring a safe environment for others on the playground.

When a student chooses to continue to throw snow (second incident), his/her behaviour will be viewed as persistent opposition to authority and will result in a one day inschool suspension. Any further incidences

will result in a 2 day suspension.

Thank you for your support in this matter!





# ECO-School

## LITTERLESS LUNCH TUESDAYS AT JACOB BEAM



Hey do you know what a Litterless Lunch is ? We are participating in the Litterless Lunch Challenge with students from schools across Ontario who are bringing lunches to school that don't contain garbage or recycling.

How are we doing?

We are encouraging students to pack food in reusable containers like old margarine tubs or Tupperware, rather than a plastic bags or plastic wrap.

Students can fill up a reusable bottle with drinks from home.

You can send a spoon and fork to eat it with.

After lunch, all the cutlery, bottles, and containers go back in bags and nothing goes in the garbage at all. Let's always remember the **3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**

## 12 Ways to Have a Green, Eco-Friendly Holiday Season

1. Buy a potted or balled Christmas Tree and plant after use.
2. If you already have an artificial tree; use it.
3. Recycle your wreath into chips and shavings to reuse in your yard.
4. Use LED Energy Saving Christmas Lights (saves 90% more energy).
5. Recycle and Re Use old Holiday Gift Wrap and Gift Bags.
6. Give Thoughtful Gifts - give a gift of time (dinner at home) or edible gifts versus a bought material gift.
7. Donate to a charity in the name of your loved one or friend.
8. Use your own canvas or recycled shopping bags when purchasing gifts at stores.
9. Send paper free, email holiday cards via an on line photo slideshow.
10. When hosting a holiday party- use real plates and silverware. Avoid disposable flatware, glasses, tablecloths and dishes.
11. When purchasing gifts; Give Green, Organic and Fair Trade Gifts.
12. Conserve energy by burning soy, beeswax or vegetable wax candles.



**If we could all ban together to be conscious of our choices; perhaps we could make a slight impact in reversing the progression of global warming.**

# Jacob Beam



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Says: -

Hello! to Mrs. C. Leystra who is returning to teach Grade 3 with Mrs. L. Macdonald and Library.  
 Goodbye! to Mrs. H. Holloway.  
 Goodbye! to Mrs. B. Sommers who has decided to retire. Thank you for being a part of the Jacob Beam family. We will miss you both.

## The month of December at Jacob Beam



**Please do not bring your DOGS onto the playground. They are not allowed leashed or otherwise.**



### Award Winners for the

On Friday, December 23rd, 2011 we held our Recognition assembly of the school year. We recognized our student of the month winners as well as **Caring** winners. Congratulations to the following students::

**Caring winners**

- Mrs Peters      Ava, Breanna
- Mrs. Haney     Marina
- Mr. Fung        Jessica
- Gr 1S            Lily

- Gr 1/2      Owen
- Gr 2        Joshua
- Gr 2/3     Briar
- Gr 3        Paige
- Gr 4        Sarah
- Gr 4/5     Sam
- Gr 6/7     Robert
- Gr 7/8     Isaiah
- Gr 8        Grace, Megan

**Student of the month winners**

- |            |              |        |           |
|------------|--------------|--------|-----------|
| Mrs Peters | Lily, Claire | Gr 3   | Cynthia   |
| Mrs. Haney | Roman        | Gr 4   | Rachael   |
| Mr. Fung   | Kaylie       | Gr 4/5 | Christina |
| Gr 1S      | Aidan        | Gr 6/7 | Emma      |
| Gr 1/2     | Meghan       | Gr 7/8 | Raleigh   |
| Gr 2       | Lauren       | Gr 8   | Rachael   |
| Gr 2/3     | Cameron      | French | Julia     |