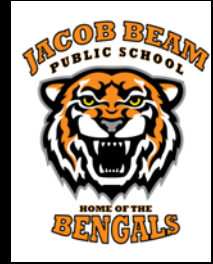




# Jacob Beam



## Public School

OCTOBER 2018

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Bengal Sports
- PIC parent conference
- EQAO results
- School Council News

### DATES TO REMEMBER

PD Day	5
No School	
Thanksgiving Monday	8
School Council	18
6:30pm	
Fall Play Day	12
Halloween	31
9:00am	
Pizza Day	11
Lunch Lady	18
Sub Day	25

## From the desk of Mrs. Baggs



We have had a busy start at Jacob Beam School. It is hard to believe a month of school is over. Thank you to all of our families who came to our open house. It was wonderful to meet everyone.

Our School Council is up and running. Our chair is Rachel LeBlanc, vice chair is Jeff Mills and secretary is shared between Mel Jones and Amanda Moen. We have 15 voting members. We welcome all parents to our meetings. Next meeting is October 18th at 6:30pm. Child care is provided by our grade 8 students.

In October we will have a Fall play day on Oct 12, organized by our grade 8 students and in our Colour House teams. All students at Jacob Beam are in a colour house with children from every grade. We do activities together once a month to build community in our school. Our older students learn to help and mentor our younger students, and our younger students meet and look up to our older students. We have found this helps to create a family atmosphere

We will be working as a team to look at data and student work to plan for student learning in each class. In November, progress report cards will be coming home and teachers will be setting up interview times to meet with parents to discuss each students strengths and next steps.

### Help we need LEGO

Looking for donations of regular size Lego



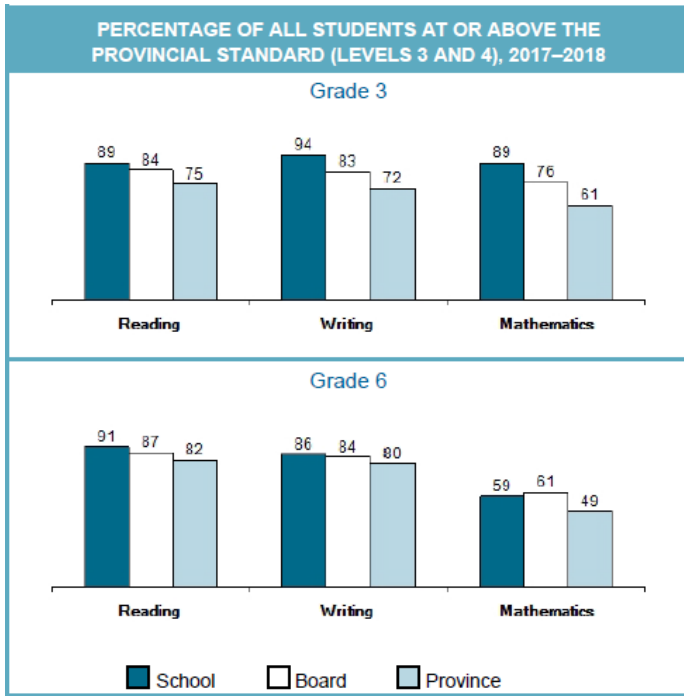
## Hallowe'en Events at School

On Wednesday, October 31st, we will enjoy a fun day of costumes, classroom parties, a parade and a dance for grade 5 to 8 students. Students may wear their costumes to school in the morning. Please leave all simulated weapons at home. Our parade will take place at 9:00 a.m. Students in JK through 4 will

parade down William Street, across King Street, up Crescent Avenue and back into the school. They will then visit all the classrooms before making their way back to their own classes. Parents should wait outside in the back area of the school for students to exit. The dance for students in gr. 5 through 8 will take

place from 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

If you are sending in treats for your child's class, please remember that we have several students in the school with allergies to nuts and peanuts. Please consider sending in non-food items instead, e.g. pencils, stickers.

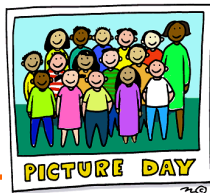


## EQAO Results

The Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1-3) and Junior Division (Grades 4-6), is one measure we use to understand how our students are doing in comparison to the Ontario Curriculum. Across the province, EQAO data have helped inform teaching practices and continue to serve as a catalyst for improving student achievement. We work as a school team to analyze the data and look to what we need to improve to meet the needs of our students.

Results for students who wrote the assessment will be sent home. On our PD Day we take time to analyze the type of questions that our students excelled at and those they struggled with to help plan for the parts of the curriculum that we need to focus on as a school. We use this data and data we collect in class to develop our focus and goals to help each student at Jacob Beam improve.

**Photo Day is October 1  
All grades and classes!**



## Upcoming "No School" Days

Friday, October 5th is a Professional Development Day. Teachers will be working at school but students are not at school. Monday, October 8th is a holiday for Thanksgiving.

## A FEW REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

We ask that parents make sure their children are organized with all the things they need to take to school for the day before children leave the house in the morning. However, we do understand some mornings can be more hectic than others. Please help keep our children and staff safe by reporting to the office once you enter the building. All visitors must be buzzed in and are then asked to stop at the office to let us know how we can help you. We will gladly deliver forgotten items. during our fitness/nutrition breaks however, we will not interrupt classes to do so. Please do not deliver items to your child's classroom.

As well, we must know the whereabouts of each and every student every day at Jacob Beam. If your child is going to be absent, a quick phone call informing us would be greatly appreciated. Our answering machine is on 24/7. Thank you for your help.

## Bengal Sports



We are well under way in our inter school athletics. We have co-ed soccer teams in both Intermediate (grade 7 & 8) and junior (grades 4-6) levels. The juniors play their tournament on Sept 28 and intermediates played on Oct 4th.

Our cross country runners have been training for a few weeks and have participated in their first run. Their second run and the DSBN championship run will be coming up in early October. Thank you to our teachers for giving time to coaching. Thank you to volunteer drivers for getting students to games.

Coming soon - Intermediate Volleyball & Junior Co-ed Rugby!



**Our Cross Country Team before**



# Keep Connected

There are many ways to stay up to date with what is going on at Jacob Beam School. We have a web page which is updated regularly. <http://jacobbeam.dsb.org/>

On the website are links to newsletters, calendar of events and general school information.



~We also have a facebook page. Jacob Beam Public School. Please follow us for updates and events.

~We are on Twitter @JacobBeamPS. Here we post pictures, events and activities that are going on at school.



~We also have our Remind app updates that will give you reminders of events, due dates and activities that are for the whole school. You can join in one of the two ways below:

1. Text message - simply text @cbaggs to (289)271-0223 - please put you first and last name and in brackets your child(ren)'s name(s).



2. Mobile App - Download the app on your android or iphone. Create a parent account with your email address. Search for @cbaggs to join.

Some teachers have their own class communication and website also. This will give parents specifics for the specific class events and activities. Please join both class sites and school remind.

## STUDENT COUNCIL



## School Lunch



Snack shack will be taking place every Friday during second nutrition break beginning in October.

Chips and Peanut Free cookies will be sold for \$1.00 each. Please check the newsletter monthly for a list of Student Council news and events.

School Council makes decisions each year on the lunches we offer for students. This year we will be offering Lunch Lady(4 choices of hot lunches), Subway and Pizza each month. All special lunches are delivered for second break and are ordered online with [School Cash Online](#). If you need a paper copy to order, please contact the office and Mrs. Bijakowski will help you.



High School Open Houses Are Coming:

November 27—Grimsby

November 28—Beamsville

November 29—Eden



Calling all parents & caregivers

# IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Join us for an evening of learning & FREE workshops!

Wed. November 7, 2018  
4pm to 8:15pm at Eden High School  
535 Lake Street, St. Catharines



**Registration, Food & Child Care are FREE!**

Register online at [www.dsnb.org/plc](http://www.dsnb.org/plc)  
OR speak to someone in your school office for assistance

*Early Bird Draw!*  
Register before October 3, 2018 and you could WIN \$500 of support for your School and School Council!

**Parenting Matters At DSNB**

## The DSNB Parent Involvement Committee invites you to join us for an evening of learning, sharing and networking with a focus on ideas for all DSNB parents, caregivers and School Councils.

**Session Topics Include:**  
Mental Health, Special Education, Mathematics, Technology at School and Home, Transitions to Secondary & Post Secondary... and so much MORE!

**4:00 - 5:15** Light Dinner and Educational & Community Agency Showcase  
Cafeteria and Gym AB

**5:15 - 5:25** Opening Remarks  
Cafeteria

**5:45 - 6:45** 1st Session

**6:45 - 7:15** Showcase and Refreshments  
Gym AB and Cafeteria

**7:15 - 8:15** 2nd Session

**Information about Child Care:**

**PRESCHOOL CHILDREN:** Certified Early Childhood Educators will be available at Sven H. Dohnberg Centre. Enter the Eden High School parking lot (facing Lake St.), the child care centre is on the right.

**SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN:** Children will be supervised by qualified teachers in the Eden Gymnasium.

**CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE BY PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY AND WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 4PM TO 8:15PM. IT INCLUDES A LIGHT DINNER.**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT**  
[www.dsnb.org/plc](http://www.dsnb.org/plc)

**DSNB Parent Involvement Committee**  
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## SCHOOL COUNCIL



We have an active group of parents on our School Council. This year our goal is to raise \$6000 in funds to add to our school. We are looking at adding technology and S.T.E.M. activities to our school. We will share in November our fundraising activities and plans for the year. Our first fundraising will be magazine sales (paper and online) through QSP. We have 3 committees: Green Committee helps beautify the school grounds; Fundraising Committee helps plan and run fundraisers; and Healthy School Committee will help with ideas and activities to encourage healthy decisions and lives as students grow and develop. Please join us and get involved this year.

Next meeting is Oct 18th at 6:30pm. Childcare by our grade 8's is available here.