



Christine Baggs, Principal

Jacob Beam Bulletin

Jacob Beam is an inclusive learning community driven by a passion for the success of every student.

Principal's Message

On behalf the Jacob Beam staff, I would like to welcome everyone back to school. A special welcome to our new students and parents. We hope you have all had a safe and fun summer. We are looking forward to a great year. Communication is the key. My office door is always open.

We have a number of staff changes year. We welcome Mrs. Knevel as our Grade 4 homeroom teacher while Mrs. D'Intino is on maternity leave. Ms. J Gatt as our Grade 5 homeroom teacher and French for Grade 4 and 5. Mrs. Harley has returned from her maternity leave and will be teaching various primary classes. Mlle Vani is our French teacher for grade 6,7 & 8. Mr. Balabonian is a new Educational Assistant in our Structured Strategies class. Once the staffing process has been completed on Tuesday, September 16th, we will know who our regular teaching staff will be and any changes will commence on Monday, September 19th.

A big thank you to our caretaker, Mrs. Creechan for making our school sparkle during the summer. It looks amazing!

Please join us for our **Meet the Staff** event on **Thursday, September 22th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Our staff members look forward to meeting everyone.

If you are a new or returning Jacob Beam family, please consider becoming involved in our **School Council**. We have a very active and caring School Council composed of a group of parents completely committed to the welfare of every Jacob Beam student. Our organizational meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. in our library.**

Our before and after school day care is run by the YMCA in room 9. Liz is the supervisor. You can reach the YMCA day care by calling 905-563-3918.

Our school website can be accessed through **www.dsbnschools.org/schools/JacobBeam** or by going to www.dsbnschools.org and following the links to school websites. We are also on Facebook – Jacob Beam Public School and we are on Twitter @JacobBeamPS

We look forward to a great year at Jacob Beam. We look forward to working with all of our students to help them achieve their best. At Jacob Beam, You Matter!

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Please be sure to return all verification forms to our school office as soon as possible.

It is imperative that we have up to date contact information for you.

If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter by email, please be sure to fill out and return the permission form located in the package sent home.

At the DSBN, we strive to show all students how they matter: as individuals, as learners and as community members. Our students learn about the ideals of good citizenship and how they can become active participants in building a stronger community, locally and globally. We invite you to discover more about **I Matter** by visiting dsbn.org/imatter.



Jacob Beam Timetable

Kindergarten through Grade 8

Supervision on the yard begins at 8:20 a.m.

Entry	8:35 a.m.
1st period	8:35-9:25 a.m.
2nd period	9:25-10:15 a.m.
Nutrition break	10:15– 10:35 a.m.
Fitness break	10:35—10:55 a.m.
3rd period	10:55-11:45 a.m.
4th period	11:45-12:35 p.m.
Nutrition break	12:35– 12:55 p.m.
Fitness break	12:55—1:15 p.m.
5th period	1:15-2:05 p.m.
6th period	2:05-2:55 p.m.
Dismissal time	2:55 p.m.

Safe Schools Plan: Students may leave school property during the second nutrition/fitness break and only with parental permission. Students must return via their regular entry doors no sooner than 1:00pm. Please note that there is limited supervision after school on the playground. Staff members are present for 10 minutes after school to ensure that all students have safely left our school property. All students not accompanied by a parent, must leave school property immediately at 2:55 p.m. unless they are staying for a school-sponsored event or day care.

Life-Threatening Allergies/Anaphylaxis

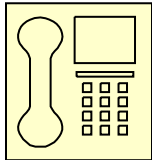
At **Jacob Beam**, we have students who have severe and life-threatening allergies to a variety of things, particularly peanuts/nuts, perfume/scents, and bee stings. We need your help in creating the safest possible learning environment for all students. Please do not send in any food items containing peanuts or nuts. Please consider celebrating special events with non-food items, e.g. special pencils instead of cupcakes. We encourage all children to wash their hands thoroughly after eating and several times during the day. Please try to avoid wearing perfume/cologne if you are staying in the school for any length of time.

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to inform the principal, in writing, that their child is at risk of **anaphylaxis** and to outline the expected symptoms and requested invention by school staff. When a request is received, the principal will prepare an **Emergency Action Plan** for the student. If your child has an allergy that requires an epipen, e.g. to bee stings, nuts, etc., please bring the epipen (two are recommended) into the office with the appropriate medical form (available in the office) signed by a physician. **This form must be signed each year.** Board policy requires that an allergic reaction that results in the use of an epipen be followed by a call for an ambulance. **If you are new to our school and have not previously spoken with the Principal regarding your child's specific allergy and the school's procedures, please let the office know immediately.**

Medication at School

If the school is asked to administer medication of any kind, a form must be completed and

Reporting Absences



To ensure the safety of your child(ren), it is imperative that the office be informed about any absences. Please call the school (905-563-8209) and

either speak to our secretary or leave a voice mail with the information including the name of your child's teacher and the reason for the absence. Our voice mail is available 24 hours a day. Please do not send a message with a sibling or write it in your child's agenda. This delays the process for identifying absent students and may lead to an unnecessary phone call to home or work.

YMCA Day Care

The YMCA day care is located in room 9 which is at the back of the school. Specific information for drop off and pick up will be sent home by the YMCA day care. The phone number is 905-563-3918. Parents picking up children at the end of the school day must be buzzed in through the front door of the school.

School Council

Jacob Beam has a very active School Council with dedicated parents committed to the success of every student in our school. Please join our **School Council**...all parents are welcome and participation is encouraged. Our organizational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m.**

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Kindergarten Teams:

Mrs. Haney, Ms. Taylor
Mr. Chuchman, Mrs. Olsen

Homeroom Teachers:

Ms. Carter: Grade 1
Ms. Penley: Grade 2/3
Mrs. Cochrane: Grade 3
Mrs. Knevel (for Mrs D'Intino) Grade 4
Ms. Gatt: Grade 5
Mr. Sotola: Grade 6
Mr. Robinson: Grade 7
Mr. Murphy: Grade 8

Rotary Teachers:

French: Mlle Vani
Library/Music: Mr. Woelk
Learning Resource: Mrs. Howe
Instructional Coach: Mr. Parkhouse
Educational Assistants: Ms. Latam, Ms. Hersic,
Mr. Balabanian
Secretary: Ms. Vegh
Caretaker: Mrs. Creechan
Principal: Mrs. Baggs
Superintendent of Schools: Mrs. K. Pisek
Trustee: Cheryl Keddy-Scott

Photo Day

This year, Edge Imaging will be in the school to take individual and class photos on **Friday, September 30th**. Re-take day will be **Monday, October 20th**. Smile!



School Supplies

Once again, all students, in gr 1 - 8, will require a school AGENDA. Useful information is printed in this book to help students with their organization skills and information about our school. There is a cost of **\$6 per agenda, due the first week of school.**

ALL students will need a pair of indoor running shoes to use in the gym for safety. They will need head phones to leave/use at school.

Bussing for Jacob Beam Students

Student transportation information is available through a secure portal on the NSTS website. To access your child's information, please visit www.nsts.ca and sign in to the parent portal using your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN). The OEN is located on your child's report card. This will give you all the information you require regarding your child's busing. Please make sure you sign up to receive updates from transportation by completing your email address in the box provided on the site.

Dropping Off & Picking Up Students

Please remember that there is now only **one entry and exit to and from the school.** Directional signs and parking spaces for cars have been painted on the tarmac. Please note that the only safe way for parents to drop off their children in the morning is to enter/exit our school property and follow the roundabout. Cars must complete a full circle, drop off students, and continue out the same way. Picking up students at the end of the day is more challenging as there are very few parking spots available. Please do not park in

our neighbours' driveways. **Before and after 2:00 p.m., the bus drop-off/pick-up area is for buses only. There is no scheduled bus drop off or pick-up during the two breaks, but there is one at 2:30 p.m. Parking in the bus area is prohibited at all times. This will be strictly enforced by the Town of Lincoln.** There is visitor parking at the front of the school and on the side facing King Street. **Please be patient and follow all directions from school staff.** The crosswalk on William Street is located at the intersection of William and Albert Streets.

Visiting the School

We ask that all parents check in at the office if dropping off children or items during the school day. This ensures that learning is not interrupted during the day. Ms. Vegh will make sure items get to students at appropriate break times.

Early Release Day is Friday, September 16th

Students will be released at noon.

There will be no afternoon classes.

Meet the Jacob Beam Staff

Thursday, September 22th

4 - 6 p.m.

Please stay tuned for more information.

Can't wait to see you!