

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Check out our school website 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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Principal's Thoughts

September has flown by and it is hard to believe we are already into the second month of school.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House. We were very pleased with the turnout and we appreciate the feedback we received about the format of the evening.

We also had our first School Council Meeting of the year with Mrs Bev Boden, mother of Caitlin and Gabriel, being elected Chair for the coming school year. The following parents are members of the Council: Laurie Arsenault (Fundraising Chair), Greg Brownstein (Vice-chair), Gina Allan (Green committee),

Marjorie Low (Green committee and Communications), Mary Jastremski, Paul Cliphsham, Laura Fisher (Green committee), Kathy Horton (secretary), Michelle Weiss, Andrea Brownstein (secretary), Wenonah Tallman (community rep), Irene Petsinis (Communications committee), Shelley Murre, Lori Shuker and Ellen Gretsinger. If at any time you wish to contact one of the



School Council Members, please contact the school and we will forward your request.

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 13th, at 6:00.

Please join us if you can.

We will be discussing the new Assessment and Evaluation policy. Everyone is welcome and babysitting is available.

If you have any concerns or questions at any time, please feel free to give the school a call.

Looking forward to a great October!

Mrs. T. Leemet

Terry Fox Walk/Run

On Wednesday, September 28th, 2011 we held our 3rd annual Terry Fox walk. The weather was perfect for such an event. All students from JK-Gr 8 walked either around the back yard or did laps around the block. Previously the students took part in a presentation in the gym reinforcing the importance of the Terry Fox walk. At this time, it looks we will be able to give the Terry

Fox organization \$244.79 . Thanks to Ms Schneider for the warm up exercises and to Mrs. Holloway who arranged this event for us.



Please note that we can not give any students medication at school unless we have a completed form from the doctor.



Pizza Days

Mrs. Vande Kraats is looking for some parent volunteers to help Mrs. Atkinson come into school on Pizza Days at 12:40pm to help divide and deliver pizza to the classrooms. It will only take 30 minutes of the day and is usually on a Friday. Anyone that can help out please call Mrs. Hayward.



Lunchroom Supervisor

We need a lunchroom supervisor every day from 12:50pm until 1:35pm. If you know anyone who would be interested in this paid position, please contact Mrs. Hayward.

Halloween events

On Monday October 31st, 2011 the students of Jacob Beam will enjoy a fun day of costumes, classroom parties, a parade and a dance for the grade 6,7 and 8 students. The staff and students will dress in costume for the afternoon only (morning kindergarten excluded). All primary students will parade through the school and out to the play-

ground for the parents to see. The grade 6, 7 and 8 students will dress up for their dance in the gymnasium in the afternoon. Stay tuned for further details about these events from homeroom teachers as we get closer to the big day.



Safe school

In accordance with the Safe School Act, all of the exterior doors except for the front door will be locked during the day. This is to ensure that we always know at the office who is in the building. Always check in at the office when entering the school. **This includes pick up at lunch time**

or after school. Please do not be offended if Jacob Beam staff ask you to go back and check in at the office if they do not see you with a visitor's badge. We do our best to keep disruptions to the classrooms at a minimum. Please help us to keep Jacob Beam and the students here safe. Thank you for

your cooperation in this matter!



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.

HEALTH NURSE



The health nurse assigned to our school is Mrs. Shelley Juskiw. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. If you have any questions about the services she offers, please contact the school.

"ME to We"

The lights, the guests and the high energy produced an amazing day in Toronto—"We Day"! The 20,000 people at "We Day" were inspired by many special guests, performers and speakers such as; Shawn Desman, Nina Dobrev, Nelly Furtado, Joe Jonas, The Kenyan Boys Choir, Patch Adams, Dalton Mcguinty and many More. "We Day" is a conference meeting held by Craig and marc Kielburger—the founders of free the children—for people across Canada to learn about the issues , such as; global poverty, child labour, droughts and unclean drinking water, children unable to go to school and much more.

From our experience at "We Day" we have been even more empowered to help our school, our community and our world. It's not about me, it's about WE!

By: Nicole and Cassie

Madame Rondeau and Mrs. Holloway would like to thank all the parents who woke up at 4:00 a.m. to get their child ready for WE DAY. A special thank-you to those parents who drove students to Lakeview School for 6: 00 a.m., as well. It was an amazing experience!

Our Group : - Cassie, Nicole, Rileigh, Lillian, Briar, Andie, Nick, Gabby and Grace.

LIBRARY NEWS!

We have updated our parent resource section. Come check out our fantastic selection of resources!

Mrs. Holloway is looking for parent volunteers to help shelve books. If you are interested, please call the school or send in a note with your child to be passed on to Mrs. Holloway.

Thank-you for making sure your child is returning their books on time. This ensures that they are able to check out a new book on their library day!!

Thank you to Mrs. Whitehead for all her help.



Intermediate and Junior Soccer

On Wednesday September 21st Jacob Beam's Intermediate Soccer Teams travelled to Smith School in Grimsby to participate in a full day tournament. Both Boys' and Girls' teams represented our school well, missing the quarter finals only by a few goals. A big thank you to all the parents who came out to support the teams and a special thanks to those who drove.

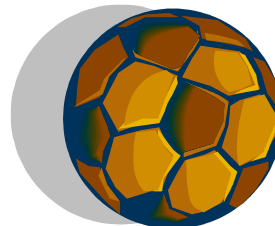
A big thank you to all our coaches Mr. Contonis and Mr. Woelk, for coaching the teams.

Intermediate Boys team:

Brendan, Josh, Griffin, Zac, Nathan, John, Justin, Riley, Phillip, Kris, Quinn, Nick, Robert, Josh and Isaiah

Intermediate Girls team:

Ryleigh, Alyson, Mackenzie, Cassie, Nicole, Julia, Reanna, Megan, Rileigh, Briar, Andie, Breanne, Sarah and Rachael



Please review with your child our school of conduct which is located in your child's agenda.



Halloween Safety

Some pointers to keep the trick or treaters safe.

- ☼ Children under nine years of age should go out with an adult or responsible older child.
- ☼ Be sure your child stops at all curbs, looks

left, right and left again to check for traffic. Remind children to cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections. It is important they walk on the sidewalk, or walk facing the traffic if there is no sidewalk.

☼ Bright coloured costumes make your child easier to see. You can use reflective tape on a costume to make your child more

visible. Face paint instead of a mask helps them to see well. Have your child carry a flashlight.

☼ When they get home, check all of their treats carefully. Throw out any treats that aren't wrapped, if the wrapping is torn or loose, or if the wrapper has a hole. Remember that small treats can cause your child to choke.

☼ You might want to offer an alternative to sugar based treats. Stickers or multicoloured pencils can be a nice surprise in place of, or in addition to, traditional treats.

Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

The primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning.

The following seven fundamental principles lay the foundation for rich and challenging practice. When these principles are fully understood and observed by all teachers, they will guide the collection of meaningful information that will help inform instructional decisions, promote student engagement, and improve student learning.

The Seven Fundamental Principles

To ensure that assessment, evaluation, and reporting are valid and reliable, and that they lead to the improvement of learning for all students, teacher use practices and procedures that:

- are fair, transparent, and equitable for all students;
- support all students, including those with special education needs, those who are learning the language of instruction (English or French), and those who are First Nation, Métis, or Inuit;
- are carefully planned to relate to the curriculum expectations and learning goals and, as much as possible, to the interests, learning styles and preferences, needs, and experiences of all students;
- are communicated clearly to students and parents at the beginning of the school year or course and at other appropriate points throughout the school year or course;
- are ongoing, varied in nature, and administered over a period of time to provide multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate the full range of their learning;
- provide ongoing descriptive feedback that is clear, specific, meaningful, and timely to support improved learning and achievement;

develop students' self-assessment skills to enable them to assess their own learning, set specific goals, and plan next steps for their learning.

(Ontario Ministry of Education, *Growing Success*, p. 6)

We know that parents have an important role to play in supporting student learning. Studies show that students perform better in school if their parents or guardians are involved in their education. This is the basis for the principle that students and parents should be kept fully informed about the student's progress. Our schools have procedures in place to ensure that parents are aware of the expectations for their child in the various grades.

2011-2012 School Year Reporting Timelines

November 15, 2011	Grades 1-8 Elementary Progress Report Senior Kindergarten Progress Report
November/December	Junior Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Observation and Follow-up
February 9, 2012	Grades 1-8 Term 1 Elementary Report Card Junior Kindergarten Progress Report Senior Kindergarten Term 1 Report Card
June 26th, 2012	Grades 1-8 Term 2 Elementary Report Card Junior Kindergarten Term 2 Report Card Senior Kindergarten Term 2 Report Card

At any time throughout the year, parents/guardians are invited to communicate with the school about their child's progress and achievement

September at Jacob Beam



MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Our Magazine Fundraiser will begin on **September 30th, 2011** There are a wide range of subscriptions available and savings for your family. What a great gift for the Christmas season!

All proceeds from this campaign will provide our school with funds for the playground and trips that support teaching and learning. The campaign finishes on **October 1st, 2011**.

Award winners for the month of September



On Friday, September 30th we held our first Recognition assembly of the school year. We recognized our student of the month winners. Congratulations to the following students:

Student of the month winners

Mrs Haney	Makenzie
Mr Fung	Jessica
Gr 1S	Brody
Gr 1/2	Trinity
Gr 2	Zachary
Gr 2/3	Ashley

Gr3	Madeline
Gr 4	Valerie
Gr 4/5	Madison
Gr 6/7	Joshua
Gr 7/8	Alyson
Gr 8	Briar
French	Aiden

Each month a student from each classroom will be chosen by the teacher to be the student of the month.

Our character trait for the month of October is Respect!

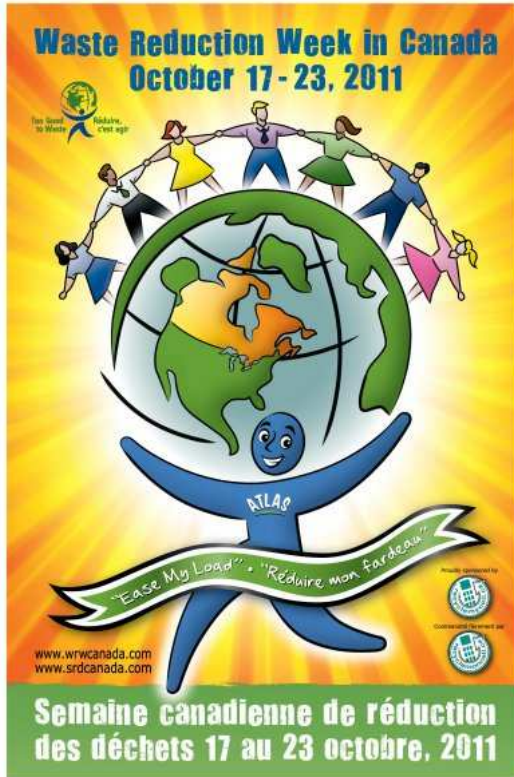


Mrs. Peters needs Help!

Would any of the Jacob Beam families be able to donate toys to the Kindergarten Outdoor Activity bin? Things like large trucks, balls, skipping activities, etc. Some of our things need to be replaced. Perhaps some of the older families have outgrown some of their items. Thanks!



ECO-School



LITTERLESS LUNCH TUESDAYS AT JACOB BEAM

Here is a website with some ideas for encouraging children to participate in the waste free lunch week in Oct
www.wastefreelunch.com

We have been asked once again to collect any clean soccer shirts for children living in Guatemala and Haiti. If you have any please drop off at the office and Mrs. Hayward will forward them on.



Eco-Tip of the Day

Refuse plastic bags! Bring your own bag to the store and help your parents to remember to bring a bag when they shop.

Why take two when one will do? Make sure you only take one paper towel to dry your hands: there's no need to waste trees!

Want to save a tree? Recycle paper... one tonne of recycled paper keeps 17 trees from being cut down.

Use a central bulletin board to post flyers, send e-mails about an upcoming event, or announce your event on the PA or local radio, rather than printing dozens of paper posters.

Use scrap paper that's only been used on one side to doodle, figure out math problems, draw, write notes to friends, or teachers, or write rough copies of assignments.

Plastic containers can be reused over and over again. Fill up a container with a snack rather than wrapping it in plastic wrap.

Things like cleaners, insect sprays, paint, batteries, motor oil, and old medicines should not go in the regular garbage. They should be taken separately to your local municipality's Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Centre. We will accept your dead batteries.

When you shop, look for products that can be recycled—or have been recycled already! Read the label and look for the recycle symbol.

