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Jacob Beam Bulletin

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Principal's Thoughts



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It is with a great deal of excitement that I welcome you back to the 2011-2012 school year. Many exciting things have been happening over the summer. Mrs. Creechan has worked continuously throughout the summer to clean the rooms. The entire ventilation system has been updated which will make for a healthier environment for staff and students. Our bus loop is still slated to be completed once we have approval from the town to proceed. The new section of playground has been well used this summer and we look forward to working with the community to fundraise for the 2nd phase.

Our first School Council

Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15th in the library at 6:00. The council meets approximately five times a year to discuss issues to do with the school. All parents are welcome to attend and to join the council at this time. The focus of the first meeting will be to elect the executive of the council, orient new members and to review the goals and action plan for the upcoming year. Keep the date of Wed. Sept 14th open so that you can come to our Meet the Teacher Open House. We will be serving pizza and drinks from 4:30-5:30 and then the classrooms will be open from 5:30-6:30. Please join us if you can!

The staff of Jacob Beam is confident that with your help and support, we will have a very successful school year. We look forward to Achieving Success Together!!

Mrs. T. Leemet

Jacob Beam Staff 11/12

Principal
Secretary
Grade 8
Grade 7/8
Grade 6/7
Grade 4/5
Grade 4
Grade 3

Grade 2/3
Grade 2
Grade 1/2
Grade 1
SK
SK
JK am/pm
French
Librarian

Mrs. T. Leemet
Mrs. P. Hayward
Mr. K. Millin
Mr. C. Sotola
Mr. T. Robinson
Mr. S. Contonis
Mr. D. Chuchman
Ms. A. Keir
Mrs. H. Holloway
Mrs. S. Vande Kraats
Mrs. E. Rehus
Mrs. M. Howe
Ms. J. Schneider
Mrs. S. Haney
Mr. K. Fung
Mrs. A. Peters
Mrs. J. Rondeau
Mrs. H. Holloway

ISP/ Music
LRT
Educational Assistants

Youth Counselor
Health Nurse
Caretaker

Mr Woelk
Mrs. K. Phillips
Mrs. M. Ryan
Mrs. B. Sommers
Mrs. D. Hannaway
Mrs. Juskiw
Mrs. P. Creechan



**JACOB
BEAM OPEN
HOUSE**

Wed. Sept 14th

4:30-6:30

*Please come
and join us if
you can!! Pizza
will be served
until 5:30 and
then you can
browse through
the classrooms!*

**Please contact
the school if
you are able
to help Mrs.
Holloway in
the library
during school
hours.**

Pick up and drop off

As many of you know, the parking lot at Jacob Beam can be a complex place to navigate your vehicle. Of particular concern is the congestion at morning entry and afternoon dismissal times.

Staff have been asked to park in the very back parking lot in order to leave open the front parking spots. There is no parking allowed against any wall of the building as that is our fire lane. The fire department will issue parking tickets to people parked in these spots at any given time. We ask that if you must pick up your child that you park in the front parking

spaces or on one of the closest side streets. Please do not park in people's driveways as the school has already received complaints about this issue.

We will be putting up pylons in the driveway at the back of the school to prevent people from parking in the back lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

If we all work together we can make Jacob Beam's parking lot a safer place. Thank you in advance!!

Jacob Beam Spirit Wear

During our open house on Wednesday September 14th, 2011 we will be offering for sell our Eco-Friendly 16oz stainless steel water bottle with clip and the Drawstring bags. The cost is \$6.00 per item. They will be available outside the office.



YMCA Daycare at Jacob Beam

At the present time, the YMCA offers daycare before and after school to Jacob Beam students. If you are interested in before school or after school daycare, please call Amanda Pole (905) 563-3918 . We believe that we have a number of parents who could benefit from this service!!

We also have room in the new afternoon program for junior kindergarten children. If you are interested in the YMCA please call.



Our Kindergarten Staff need big Tonka Trucks to use in their sandbox, if you have anything please drop off at the office.

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. We do our best to keep disruptions

to the classrooms at a minimum. The staff will know when you have a visitor's tag on that you have checked in at the office. Please help us to keep Jacob Beam and the students here safe. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!



Character Education at Jacob Beam

We will be continuing to focus on Character traits throughout the school year. Each classroom will take part in some activities or lessons that emphasize the character trait of the month. The following are the themes for this school year:

Oct Respect
 Nov Responsibility
 Dec Caring
 Jan Integrity

Feb Optimism
 Mar Perseverance
 Apr Courage
 May Cooperation

Thank you to the School Council who helps us in this endeavor.



Are you Fall Cleaning??

Used things we would love for our classroom:

- *lego
- *matchbox cars
- *sand toys
- *books
- *marble builds
- *plastic animals
- *games
- *puzzles
- *leap pads

Please send into MS. Schneider.

Thanks



SIGN UP AND GET

INVOLVED!

Cross Country and Soccer try-outs have

started. Get involved and sign-up.

Listen to the announcements for details.

Homework and Ketchup clubs

Homework club will take place after school on Monday; to Thursday; from 3:15–4:00pm to offer assistance to those students who need it. The students will be able to access the computer lab if necessary.

As well, we will be running a Ketchup club on Tuesday,

Wednesday; and Thursday; at 2nd break in order to provide assistance to those students who need some additional time to get their work done. Attendance will be determined by the student's teachers. If a student has unfinished school work, this will take precedent over any other

extra-curricular activities going on. Our goal is to ensure that all students have an opportunity to be successful and one way to achieve this is to provide time for students to complete unfinished work. Thanks to Mr Woelk, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Sommer; and Ms Howe for organizing this for our students.

Beamsville After school program

With the leadership of the United Way, an after school program for students in grades 5-8 will take place at BDSS from 3:30-5:30 for those students who live in the area. A homework centre, physical activities and special events will be offered during this time. All sessions are free but parents are responsible for transportation. Those that are interested can pick up a form from the office.

There is an Early Release Day on Friday September 23rd, 2011.

There will be no classes after 12:00 for students. Staff will be attending PD sessions at the school.

Balanced School Day

Entry	8:45
1st period	8:50-9:40
2nd period	9:40-10:30
Nutrition break	10:30-
Fitness break	11:10
3rd period	11:10-12:00
4th period	12:00-12:50
Nutrition break	12:50-
Fitness break	1:35
5th period	1:35-2:25
6th period	2:25-3:15
Dismissal time	3:15

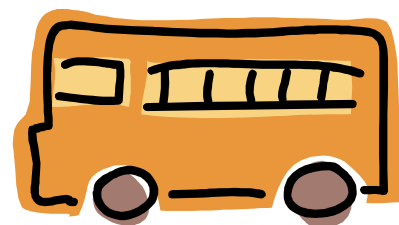
Please consider packing your child/ren a little more food than usual as typically children eat more when they are on the balanced school day schedule.

BEWARE!

Of any products containing peanuts or traces of peanuts. Please check granola bar ingredients before including them as a lunch item.

Jacob Beam School has a number of students that have a very SEVERE REACTION when they are exposed to nuts. Please help us by being diligent in what you send to school. Thank you.

Transportation 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 bussing. Please make sure you sign up to receive updates from transportation by completing your email address in the box provided on the site.

School supplies



Once again, all students will require a school AGENDA. Useful information is printed in this book to help students with their organizational skills as well as information pertaining to Jacob Beam. There is a cost of **\$6 per agenda, due the first week of school.**

Agendas are an important link between the teacher and student's daily progress.

The following is a list of supplies that we recommend students have with them when they start school in the fall. It may be a good

idea to keep this list in a safe place for future reference.

Primary: knapsack, crayons, glue sticks, pencils, pencil case, white glue, duotangs, eraser, Kleenex tissue, indoor shoes.

Junior: knapsack, pencil crayons, pencil case, pencils, eraser, glue sticks, highlighter, metric ruler, pens, calculator, water colour markers, Kleenex tissue, indoor shoes, lined paper, dividers geometry set, binder.

Intermediate: backpack, binders, pencil case, pencil crayons, pencils, pens, eraser, glue sticks, binder paper, metric ruler, highlighter, geometry set, calculator with square root feature, Kleenex tissue, water colour markers, indoor shoes.

Please refer to the in-depth lists sent home with the report cards.