



Jacob Beam Public School



SEPTEMBER 2017

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Bengal Sports
- PIC parent conference
- Learning Skills suggestions
- From Public Health
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Early Release 15

Terry Fox Walk 15

Open House & BBQ 19

School Council 6:30pm 28

From the desk of Mrs. Baggs

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. Wilson as our secretary in our office. Our new caretaker in Mrs. Madill. Mrs Schatz is our new Grade 1 teacher and Mrs. McDonough is

our new Grade 3 teacher. Mrs. Palmer as our Grade 6 homeroom teacher and the French teacher for grade 6 & 7. Mille Gemmel is our French teacher for grade 8. Ms. Gadzo is a new Educational Assistant in our school. Once the staffing process has been completed on Friday September 15th, 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. Madill for making our school sparkle

during the summer. It looks amazing!

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!

Mrs. Christine Baggs,

Principal



Early Release Day is Friday, Sept. 15th

Students will be released at noon.

There will be no afternoon classes.

Meet the Jacob Beam Staff

Tuesday, September 19th

4 - 6:30 p.m.

Cash BBQ dinner will be available—information and order form will come home soon!

Can't wait to see you!

Please be sure to return all verification forms to our school office by September 8th. It is imperative that we have up to date contact information for you.

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.

A FEW REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

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. Wilson will make sure items get to students at appropriate break times.

Bussing for 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.

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.

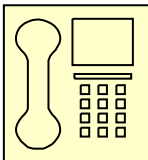


Photo Day

This year, Edge Imaging will be in the school to take individual and class photos on **October 12th**. Re-take day will be **November 8th**. Smile!



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

Thursday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m

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.

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 no sooner than 1:00 pm. 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.

School Cash Online

It's not too late!! We are up to 80% of our families registered online.

Please take a moment to register your child/ren. www.jacobbeam.dsbn.org Click the School Cash link on the right hand side and follow the 3 easy registration steps. You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal. If you require assistance or have questions, please contact the Office. We would like to use this method to ensure you receive notes. Thanks for your support.

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 intervention 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.**

Jacob Beam Staff, 2017 - 2018

Kindergarten Teams:

Mrs. Haney,
Mr. Chuchman, Mrs. Olsen

Homeroom Teachers:

Mrs. Schatz: Grade 1
Ms. Penley: Grade 2
Mrs. McDonough: Grade 3
Mr. Robinson: Grade 4
Ms. Gatt: Grade 5
Mrs. Palmer: Grade 6
Mr. Sotola: Grade 7
Mr. Murphy: Grade 8

Rotary Teachers:

French: Mlle Gemmel
Library/Music: Mr. Woelk
Primary Arts/Phys Ed.: Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Harley
Learning Resource: Mrs. Howe
Instructional Coach: Mrs. Nicitopoulos
Educational Assistants: Ms. Hersic, Mr. Balabanian, Ms Gadzo
Secretary: Mrs. Wilson
Caretaker: Mrs. Madill
Principal: Mrs. Baggs

Jacob Beam has a Facebook page. We post events, activities and school reminders here too! Please follow us Jacob Beam Public School. We are on Twitter too @jacobbeamps. We like to try to keep you in the loop!



Receive timely reminders about life at Jacob Beam by text or by email!

Text message: text@cbaggs to 289-271-0223

put your first and last name and your child(ren's) name(s) in brackets

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**Mobile App—download the app on your android or iphone.**

Create a parent account with your email address.

Search for @cbaggs to join