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# Jacob Beam Public School



APRIL 2022

## From the desk of Mrs. Mikolic

I have been so impressed with how our students have adjusted to so many changes throughout this school year and especially throughout the past month of March.

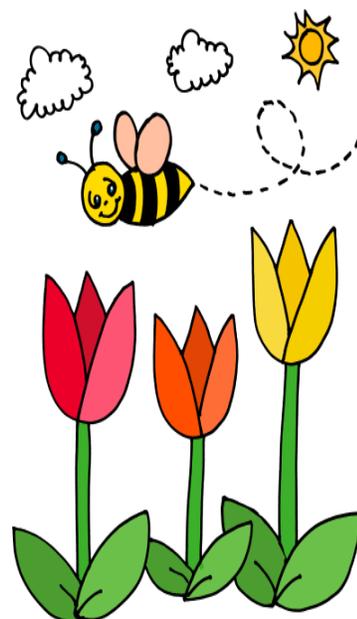
I am equally impressed with the staff and how hard they work to brighten our students' days. They do so much in supporting students and being there for them.

Lastly, thanks to our parents for continuing to support the staff and students. It is so nice to be a part of a warm and welcoming school community.

It is wonderful to feel the sunshine and warmer breezes. Please help us with the mud at our school by sending indoor shoes and a change of clothes in case students get wet or muddy.

We try to get outside every day, even if it is raining. Sending rain jackets/umbrellas helps with staying dry on these "April showers" days.

Thank you to families for helping us to stay healthy at Jacob Beam. We appreciate everyone who continues to do their "healthy screening" before coming to school.



### UPCOMING DATES

- Apr. 1      Sub Lunch
- Apr. 4      Virtual  
Primary  
Recognition  
Assembly
- Apr. 11     Virtual Junior  
Recognition  
Assembly
- Apr. 15      Good  
Friday—no  
School
- Apr. 18      Easter  
Monday—no  
School
- Apr. 22      Earth Day  
Sub Lunch
- Apr. 25      Virtual  
Intermediate  
Recognition  
Assembly
- Apr. 26      School  
Council—  
6:30pm

## DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP SAFETY

An important reminder - **there is no stopping and/or parking at any time, anywhere in front of the school on William Street** - this is causing traffic issues and dangerous crossing of the street. Parking enforcement will be ticketing cars that are illegally stopped and/or parked along William Street. We ask that you please use the kiss and ride, our visitor parking in the school parking lot, or the entrance/exit gate on Crescent Avenue as alternatives. As well, kindly remind your children to **ALWAYS USE THE CROSSING GUARDS TO CROSS KING AND WILLIAM Streets**. Finally, our bus zone at the front is not available for drop off and/or pick up between 8-9 am and 2-3 pm. Thank you for working with us to help keep everyone safe.

## PLANNING FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Jacob Beam Public School for the 2022/2023 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months. Providing us with this information in the spring will also facilitate transportation arrangements for September. We thank you in advance for keeping us informed! School and classroom organization begins at the end of April so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year!

We can assure you that safety protocols will be in place in September 2022 as directed by Niagara Region Public Health and the Ministry of Education.

The best place for students to learn is in-person, in their classrooms with their teachers and their peers. We look forward to sharing updates with you in the coming months.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. on MS Teams  
Please email [jac@dsbn.org](mailto:jac@dsbn.org) if you would like to join us!

## EARTH DAY—APRIL 22, 2022



## SPRING INTO SPRING—WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Leave your car at home and choose an active trip to school. If you ride a bus, take part by walking to your bus stop. If you must travel by car, consider parking a few blocks away so you can walk part of the trip.

Students can wear green to celebrate Spring. Don't forget to dig out your umbrella and rain boots so you can walk whatever the weather.

*Embrace the rain with us on your walk to school. ☐ Post a photo showing off your umbrella and tag your photo entry with #EmbraceRain #ActiveSchoolTravel*

Walking and rolling to school is a great way to be kind to the environment and our bodies and have fun. We hope you'll join us by walking, biking or bussing to school on <date>!

**If you combine your walk with Earth Day consider adding the following message:**

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22 by cleaning your commute.

Reducing vehicle use is one of the most important things you can do to reduce the risk of climate change. Pledge to make every day earth day and reduce your carbon footprint by walking, biking or taking your bus to school.



## SUB LUNCH

Our next sub lunch will be on Friday, April 22. Orders can be placed through School Cash Online by midnight on Sunday, April 17.



# Niagara Region Public Health

## School Health Newsletter



### April is Oral Health Month!

Drink water instead of sugary drinks, including pop, sports drinks and juice

Avoid sticky snacks like fruit gummies that can get stuck in the grooves of your teeth

Sweet snacks are best served at the end of a meal while there is plenty of saliva in your mouth to help wash sugars away

Public Health's dental clinics are open for in person appointments and [virtual dental services](#). Morning, afternoon and evening [appointments](#) are available.

If your child is in need of dental coverage, our dental staff can help families access [FREE dental care](#)

If your child is experiencing dental pain or discomfort, please call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or connect with our [Dental Team](#)

### Puberty Information – Parents of Grade 5 & 6 students

During the month of April and May, teachers may start addressing topics under Ontario's 'Human Development and Sexual Health' curriculum. To help support parents in answering questions around puberty, check out the Facebook [puberty information session](#) delivered by School Health Nurses Austin & Ashley.

### Head safety – for bikes and other wheels

With warmer weather around the corner, more students will be outdoors taking part in spring activities, such as biking, skate boarding or roller blading. A [properly fitted and correct helmet](#) can cut the risk of a serious head injury by up to 85%. This means four out of five brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

Bike [helmets](#) should be replaced after five years **or** a crash where the cyclist has hit their head

It's not safe to use a [second-hand helmet](#)

Baseball hats, big hair clips and headphones should never be worn under a helmet

The human skull is just approximately one centimeter thick, so it is important to remind children to always protect their head. To make sure a helmet fits right, follow the 2VI Rule (image courtesy of [Parachute Canada](#))



## COVID-19 Update

The COVID-19 vaccine is the best line of defense for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in schools and protecting our entire community. Children over the age of five can get vaccinated at any [Niagara Region Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic](#).

[Public Health clinics](#) are **currently accepting walk-ins** for first, second or third / [booster doses](#)

If you or your child are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have tested positive on a PCR or rapid antigen test, please review [guidance on self-isolation](#).

Helpful links and resources:

[Schools & Child Care During COVID-19](#)

[Frequently asked questions](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccination in children and youth](#)

Additional fact sheets in [multiple languages](#)

Public health professionals are available to answer any questions through the COVID-19 Info-line Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7

[Chat online](#) in 90 different languages with auto-translate

Information on COVID-19 and vaccine eligibility is available on Niagara Region Public Health's [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

## DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Although we love your dogs, we ask that they not be brought to our fence/gate/door entry areas as these are crowded areas and many children/adults have allergies and fears. Kindly wait for your child (ren) on the sidewalk if you are accompanied by your pet. Thank you for your understanding.

## IN-PERSON KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSES ARE ON!

**When: Thursday, May 12, 1:00 - 6:00 pm**

Yes, it's true! We are excited to welcome our newest little learners and their families back into our school to see everything in person. We are looking forward to opening our school doors to your family for a very important visit.

On **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, you and your child are invited to visit us between 1:00 - 6:00 pm to meet the Kindergarten team, take a peek at a Kindergarten classroom, and maybe even meet some future friends! School staff will be reaching out to set up a scheduled time for your visit in the coming weeks. If you haven't registered yet, please contact our office so we can be sure to arrange your visit.

