



Principal:

*Mrs. D. Mikolic*

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*Mrs. S. Bijakowski*



#### UPCOMING DATES

Return to School	Jan. 9
Sub Day	Jan. 13
Professional Activity Day	Jan. 20
School Council Meeting	Jan. 24 @6:00pm
Public Health Dental Screening (all grades)	Jan. 26 & Jan. 27
Sub Day	Jan. 27

# Jacob Beam Public School

JANUARY 2023

## From the desk of Mrs. Mikolic

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has enjoyed a restful holiday season and is feeling energized to move forward in 2023. It is a good time to reflect, celebrate our accomplishments, make resolutions and set goals for a great year ahead.

I would like to thank the Jacob Beam community for their generosity in supporting families in need throughout the month of December. Many of you donated some much-needed items to help others this holiday season. Your efforts and good citizenship are exemplary, and I am certain the receiving families were very appreciative.

January brings the end of term one and evaluations in all of our classes. Please contact your child/ren's teacher(s) if you would like to talk to them about the term 1 evaluation. Report cards are scheduled to come home on February 16th. All students in grade Junior Kindergarten to grade 8 will receive a report card.

A couple of areas that you can help us with at school. Please ensure that your child(ren) come dressed to be outside for extended periods of time. All students (even grade 7 & 8) need to wear boots, as our field is muddy and students need to be spread out while outside at break times. A change of shoes for in the class is needed to help keep the floors clean in classrooms (it is a slipping hazard when the floor is wet or muddy). Please do not send slippers or flipflops for inside shoes as these are not safe at school. As well, please ensure we have up to date emails and phone numbers in our school system. To make any changes, please contact the office.

Sincerely,  
Danielle Mikolic

Professional Activity Day  
Friday, January 20, 2023  
No school for students

## Kindergarten Registration for 2023-2024

Do you know a child who was born in 2019? If so, spread the word that Kindergarten registration is almost here! Our Kindergarten registration starts in January 2023. Please visit the [DSBN Kindergarten Registration link](#) for more details.

## Grade 1 French Immersion Program

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all Year 2 Kindergarten students. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

Registration will open January 9th, 2023 and will close Tuesday, February 21st, 2023. For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara, please visit this [link](#)

## School Council

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 24th at 6:00p.m., in the library.

Parents are always welcome to join our meetings!

## Upcoming PIC Speaker Series:

### Benefits of a Career in the Skilled Trades

A career in the skilled trades brings many high demand opportunities for students, and yet, many may not even be familiar with what the trades have to offer. This event may be of particular interest to families with students in grades seven to eleven, as their children are exploring course selections for the fall. Please click the link below for more information and to register for the January 18th event from 6:30pm-8:30pm

[Registration Information](#)

# DSBN Academy

Learn about the DSBN Academy at the House on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 from 6:00pm–8:00pm! Join us to find out:

- How this unique program prepares students to attend, and succeed at, college and university
- What extra opportunities are offered and how your child can benefit
- If the DSBN Academy is a good fit for your child



The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6-12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university. Staff and students are committed to the belief that, with hard

Online registration opens in January at [ACADEMY.DSBN.ORG/APPLY](https://ACADEMY.DSBN.ORG/APPLY). Registration will close on FEBRUARY 27, 2023. Limited spots available.

## WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY TO DSBN ACADEMY?

- □ Student must live within the Niagara Region
- Student must be entering grade 6, 7, or 8 in September. (Note: spaces are limited in grades 7 and 8)
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university. (If a sibling of the student has attended a post-secondary institution but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a first-generation student.)
- Student must be willing to attend a school location, the DSBN Academy site, which may be outside of their community. Transportation will be provided for these students.
- Student understands there is a mandatory after-school program that enhances the student experience beyond the classroom. These include enrichment opportunities and academic supports. After-school *ENCORE* enrichment opportunities include: Mixed sports, Chess, Karate, Dance, Zumba, Coding, Mad Science, Board games, Photography, Makerspace, Choir, Canvas painting, Crochet, Crafts, Podcasting, Baking, Debating, Drama and many more!

DSBN Academy Secondary programming is designed to prepare students for College and University.

If you have any questions, please contact: [Jennifer.Moore@dsbn.org](mailto:Jennifer.Moore@dsbn.org) - Elementary Principal

## Snow Time

At Jacob Beam, students are aware that snow must be enjoyed in a safe manner. **Snowballs and/or ice may not be thrown at any time.** Children may not slide on the ice, to avoid injuries. All snow forts and snow people are community structures and must be inclusive. Students are also aware that we build at Jacob Beam; we don't destroy. Snow forts and structures must be respected. Our progressive discipline policy is in effect for snow infractions. Students may lose recess time or may need to stay with staff during the break time for offences in throwing snow. We aim to keep everyone safe at school.

## Inclement Weather

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff.

The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbns.org/inclementweather>.

### Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, information is shared before 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

### School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, that information is shared before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

## Refillable Water Bottles

As part of our Eco Club's Green School initiative, starting January 9, 2023, the office will no longer be handing out plastic cups to students. Please send a refillable water bottle to school with your child(ren) for them to drink from. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

## Dental Screening

The Public Health Dental program will be offering dental screenings this school year. [Dental screenings](#) will be provided **Thursday, January 26, 2023 and Friday, January 27, 2023**, to students in all grades as required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

A registered dental hygienist will take a quick look in the child's mouth using a sterilized mirror and light. Staff will be wearing a mask, eye protection, gloves and performing hand hygiene between each student. Students will be asked to remove their masks for 20 - 30 seconds and will be distanced from other students.

Parents/guardians will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program may financially assist children who do not have access to dental care.

**Please contact the Dental Program if you DO NOT want your child(ren) to take part in the dental screening.**

For more information or to opt-out your child(ren), complete the online [School Dental Screening Nonparticipation Form](#) or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399

## From Public Health



Please click on the link below for important updates and information from Public Health

[January newsletter from Public Health](#)