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# Jacob Beam Public School



## MARCH 2023



### UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 3	Pizza Lunch
Mar. 10	Sub Lunch
Mar. 13-17	March Break
Mar. 24	Chicken Fingers and Potato Wedges Lunch
Mar. 29	Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic
Mar. 31	Pizza Lunch

## From the desk of Mrs. Mikolic

March is here and spring is just around the corner (hopefully!). We will be trying to get outside in all weather. Please ensure your children come with rain/snow gear and **BOOTS!**

It has been a wild winter and our field is often quite muddy or icy in spots. Although we remind students to stay away from the mud and wet snow/ice, accidents happen. **Please send an extra pair of pants and socks for your child in their back pack. This will avoid calls home for clothing. Also, all students need to have indoor shoes at school.** This avoids excess dirt in the classrooms. It also is a safety measure as the dirt makes the floor slippery. Ms. Isabel is amazing at sweeping the halls, but she can not sweep every classroom after every break and entry time throughout the day. Thank you for the help in this matter.

Finally, Term 1 report cards went home February 16th. As this reporting period does not provide an opportunity for formal parent/guardian/teacher/student conferences, as always, we encourage parents to reach out to the teaching staff to discuss any concerns and to engage in the learning plan we have for your child.



### September Registration

As we move into the spring we do start planning for September registration. If you have a child at home who is turning 4 or 5 this year they are eligible to start kindergarten in the fall. (If you are in our school, you do not need to register again).

If you are moving for the 2023/24 school year, we would appreciate knowing this information as we plan for the next school year.

## FROM ALL OF US...

We would like to take this time to give a shout out and a very big thank you to our valuable caretakers, Ms. Isabel, Ms. Ellie and Ms. Beverly. From cleaning the desks, emptying garbage cans, sweeping, mopping, shoveling, salting among many other daily tasks, they take very good care of, not only our school, but us as well. They work very hard at keeping our school clean, sanitized and safe for all of us here at Jacob Beam. We truly appreciate all they do for us, thank you!

## SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM

With **Safe Arrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

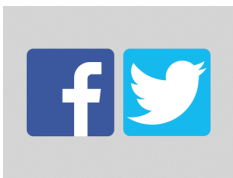
1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store . The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you select **Sign Up** to create your account. Then after you will select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-866-606-5567 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

**Thank you for helping us ensure your children are safe when they have not arrived at school.**

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

## FOLLOW JACOB BEAM ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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!



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

There will be no School Council Meeting in March.  
Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.  
Babysitting will be available.  
Please join us!

**Join US!**

## MARCH LUNCH DAYS

We are happy to be adding options for students! The following choices are available for the month of March:

Mar. 3—Pizza Lunch

Mar. 10—Sub Lunch

Mar. 24—Chicken Fingers and Potato Wedges

Mar. 31—Pizza Lunch

Please visit School Cash Online for further details and pricing. All orders must be placed through School Cash Online by 11:59pm the Sunday prior to the Friday lunch date. No late orders can be accepted, sorry!

## MARCH BREAK

A reminder that March Break is scheduled for Monday, March 13 — Friday, March 17. We will welcome the students back on Monday, March 20. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable week!

## SNOW POLICY AT JACOB BEAM

With the wintry weather that we continue to have, a reminder of our snow/ice policy seems fitting ; At Jacob Beam, students are aware that snow must be enjoyed in a safe manner. **“Please leave it on the ground”**. **To ensure the safety of students on our playground during the winter months, it is necessary for us to ban the throwing/kicking of snow/ice, sliding on ice, as well as the use of the playground equipment.** Children are also not permitted to slide on the ice for their safety.

**Students are also aware that we BUILD at Jacob Beam, we don’t destroy!** All snow forts and snow people are community structures and must be inclusive and respected.

We will follow our progressive discipline policy for any children who are unsafe with the snow and ice. First is a warning, second is being sent to the office for temporary removal from break, and if further infractions occur, that will result in a call home. The students are constantly reminded of our snow rules. We just want to make sure that everyone is safe. After school, kindly keep your children off of the equipment as well for their safety, as even if there is no snow on the equipment, the ground is frozen which no longer allows for the proper cushion should a child fall. Thank you.

# Niagara Region Public Health

## School Health Newsletter



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

[March Newsletter from Public Health](#)

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Wanted...Future Bengals born in 2019! Do you know a child who will be turning 4 before December 31, 2023? If so, spread the word that Kindergarten registration is continuing in the DSBN!

We are excited to welcome a new group of Junior Kindergarten students in September 2023, no experience necessary! [Click on the link here to ask a question or to register.](#)

## FREE DENTAL PROGRAM—HAPPY SMILES ONTARIO

Kids should grow up smiling! Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government-funded program that offers free regular dental visits and emergency services for eligible children and youth 17 years and under.

To learn more, please call Niagara Region Public Health, Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-5056074 ext. 7399.

Apply today by visiting:

[https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health\\_wellness/dental/treatment-options-for-children.aspx](https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/dental/treatment-options-for-children.aspx)

# Parking Lot Safety

In order to continue to keep our drop-off and pick-up times safe, we are asking parents to refrain from parking in the **Staff Only** designated area at the front of the school. This includes along the gym wall as this is clearly marked with NO PARKING signs. Also, please do not park in front of the dumpster as this is not a parking spot and blocks the flow of the kiss and ride. Please park in the spots that are clearly marked **Visitor Parking** only.

Also, if you do not have an accessible parking sticker, please do not park in the designated accessible parking spot. We have Jacob Beam community members who require the use of this spot.

We encourage our families to use the kiss and ride (if students are able to independently get themselves in and out of the car), and/or the Crescent Ave. gate for pick-up and drop-off.

We understand that we have limited parking at Jacob Beam, and we know this can be a source of frustration, however, safety for our Jacob Beam community is always our number one priority.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

## EXTRA CURRICULARS AT JACOB BEAM

Staff and students are busy running/coaching and participating in Extra-Curricular activities at Jacob Beam. Some of the clubs/teams that are being offered include:

Boys' and Girls' Junior Basketball—grades 4-6  
Gymnastics Club -grades 3-8 (after school)  
Forest of Reading Club - grades 5-8  
Eco Club — grades 4-8  
Chess, Checkers and Rubik's Cube Club -grades 3-6  
Choir— grades 4-8  
Band Club - grades 7&8  
Lego Robotics Club—grades 7&8