



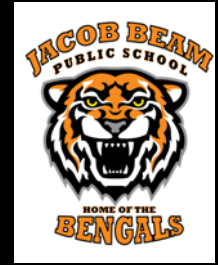
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Jacob Beam Public School



MAY 2023



From the desk of Mrs. Mikolic

We are entering the last 2 months of school, students are working to consolidate learning and teachers are working to challenge and evaluate their students.

As we approach the home stretch, many significant events will appear on your calendars, including graduation, EQAO, and end-of-year field trips. When schedules get busy, it becomes even more important for students to remain focused and stay the course when learning in the classroom. Now is a good time for students to review their goals and make a sincere effort to finish the year strong.

As our fields begin to dry out, students will find themselves playing more outdoor sports and activities again. Students are reminded to demonstrate good sportsmanship and a sense of fair play when engaging in outdoor activities, particularly when the games have a competitive nature.

Danielle Mikolic



UPCOMING DATES

- May 5 Pizza Lunch
- May 12 *Muffins with Mom—
7:30am—8:30am
*Sub Lunch
- May 17 Jacob Beam Track and Field at BDSS
- May 19 PA Day
- May 22 Victoria Day
- May 23 School Council meeting
- May 26 Chicken Fingers and Potatoe Wedges lunch

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.

CLASS PLACEMENTS—SEPTEMBER 2023

We are in the beginning stages of planning the next school year. As a staff, we meet together to place students in situations that are best for them academically. A great deal of time is invested to provide the best placement for each and every student. Every effort is made to balance classes when they are created. There are many factors that are considered, including:

- A sense of balance
- Students that should be separated from each other for various reasons
- Grouping of students that will be able to work at various ability levels
- Individual work habits
- Whether the student is in a split grade this year, if possible
- Treating students fairly and equitably

We strive to create the best learning environment possible for every child. If you have specific educational concerns regarding your child that you wish the school to consider in class placement, please email Mrs. Mikolic (danielle.mikoic@dsbn.org) by **May 12th**. Please be aware that we are not able to create classes based on student friendships or teacher requests. We appreciate your understanding as we look ahead to next year.

MOVING BEFORE SEPTEMBER?

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 2023/2024 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know (905-563-8209 or jac@dsbn.org) 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. Thank you!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Parent council is excited to announce coming in early June , a staff and family appreciation BBQ! We will be having games, a magician, free food and more ! Stay tuned for details .

Our council's Green Committee is starting yard cleanup with the help of our students . A big thank you to members Sarah and Katie, for volunteering to fix up and paint the kinder shed . We appreciate our council members and school families for their continued support!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:00pm, in the library. Babysitting is available. Please join us!

EQAO

Between May 10 and June 14, our Grade 3 and 6 students will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 & 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario.

This assessment includes a language and mathematics component, along with a student questionnaire and an introductory session with a sample test for students. The purpose of the introductory session is to familiarize students with the e-assessment platform and the types of assessment questions. During the assessment, students will complete four language sessions that range from 15 to 35 minutes each, and three mathematics stages that each take about 30 minutes to complete. The administration of the stages and sessions may be spread out in the assessment window.

Parents/Guardians of students in Grade 3 and 6 will be provided with more information before the administration of the assessment.

MAY LUNCH SCHEDULE

May 5 — Pizza Day

May 12 — Sub Day

May 26 — Chicken Fingers and Potatoe Wedges

**Please remember that orders for hot lunches are made through School Cash Online and must be completed on the Sunday before by 11:59pm. **

BENGALS' GOT TALENT!

Talent Show Auditions will happen over the first 2 weeks of May. Please help your kiddos prepare for their auditions. These performances need to be well planned and rehearsed on their own time. Practice time is not being provided at school. There are many acts signed up and not all performances will make it to the final show, which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2023—time to be determined!

Niagara Region Public Health

School Health Newsletter



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

[May Newsletter from Public Health](#)

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.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Our Grade 8 Graduation is scheduled for **Monday, June 26th at 6:30pm**. Our Graduation Committee is hard at work and more information will be shared with our families as the date approaches.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

Now that the warmer weather is hopefully on the way, we ask that parents help students make appropriate choices in their clothing to ensure that they are dressed for a school environment. Clothing should always cover underclothes (even when bending and stretching in gym and outside), shirts should modestly cover from shoulders to hips and pants, skirts, shorts or dresses should be appropriate and modest. As well, since children are outside at play daily and in the gym often, we require footwear that is safe to run and play. Flip flops often cause injury at school and are not recommended. Closed toe sandals with ankle straps or running shoes are best for at school. Thank you!

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING



It's Hearing and Vision Screening time!!!

Your Clinic Date is Monday, June 12, 2023/

School Screening Association will be visiting our school this year to conduct their clinic.

Your child's Hearing and Vision should be screened every year

Growing children are very susceptible to middle ear problems and one of the best ways to prevent hearing loss is early detection of middle ear function issues.

Our screening program will help identify possible hearing or vision issues. As part of the program we will refer any results that are not deemed normal to the parents for further testing.

To have further testing done, you can talk to your child's optometrist for vision or doctor for hearing to ask for a referral to a Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist (Otolaryngologist) – this service is covered by OHIP.

Note: For hearing, if you prefer you can make an appointment with an Audiologist – referral by your family physician is not required. However, if the Audiologist is not in a hospital clinic, the visit may not be covered by OHIP and a fee upwards of \$50 maybe charged.

Your child's hearing is not being monitored unless they are being seen by an Audiologist or and E.N.T.

Free vision screening is included with the Hearing Clinic. Eye examinations are covered by OHIP.

A fee of \$20.00 is collected to help offset the cost of bringing this clinic to our school. Please complete registration for this clinic with School Cash Online.

Good Grades start with Good Hearing and Vision

JACOB BEAM ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Jacob Beam has a Facebook page. We post events, activities and school reminders here, too! Please follow us at Jacob Beam Public School.

We are also on Twitter @jacobbeamps

We like to try to keep you in the loop!