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Jacob Beam Bulletin

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Principal's Thoughts



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It is with a great deal of excitement that I welcome you back to the 2009-2010 school year. Many exciting things have been happening over the summer. Mrs. Creechan has worked continuously throughout the summer to clean the rooms and two classrooms received new flooring and paint. A steady stream of new books and resources has been arriving at the school over the past week. The staff is eager to use all of these wonderful, new resources with the students.

Our first School Council

Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17th in the library at 6:00. The council meets approximately once a month to discuss issues to do with the school. All parents are welcome to attend and to join the council at this time. The focus of the first meeting will be to elect the executive of the council, orient new members and to review the goals and action plan for the upcoming year.

Keep the date of Wed. Sept 16th open so that you can come to our Meet the Teacher Open

House. We will be serving pizza and drinks from 4:30-5:30 and then the classrooms will be open from 5:30-6:30. Please join us if you can!

The staff of Jacob Beam is confident that with your help and support, we will have a very successful school year. We look forward to Achieving Success Together!!

Mrs. T. Leemet

Jacob Beam Staff 09/10

Principal
Secretary
Grade 8
Grade 7/8
Grade 6/7
Grade 6
Grade 5
Grade 4/5
Grade 3

Grade 2/3
Grade 1/2
Grade 1
SK
JK
JK/SK
French
Librarian

Mrs. T. Leemet
Mrs. P. Hayward
Mr. K. Millin
Mr. C. Sotola
Mr. R. Kitcher
Mr. S. Contonis
Mr. T. Robinson
Mr. D. Chuchman
Mr. E. Woelk
Ms .A. Keir
Mrs. H. Holloway
Ms. R. Behnke
Ms. J. Schneider
Mrs. S. Haney
Mrs. A. Peters
Mrs. M. Howe
Mrs. J. Rondeau
Mrs. A. Peters

ISP/ LRT
Music
LRT/Literacy Coach
Educational Assistants

Youth Counselor
Health Nurse

Mr. T. Hannahson
Mr Woelk
Mrs. K. Phillips
Mrs. C. Put
Mrs. J. Klompaker
Mr C Walton
Mrs. D. Hannaway
Mrs. Juskiw



**JACOB
BEAM OPEN
HOUSE**

Wed. Sept 16th

4:30-6:30

*Please come
and join us if
you can!! Pizza
will be served
until 5:30 and
then you can
browse through
the classrooms!*

**Please contact
the school if
you are able
to help Mrs.
Peters in the
library during
school hours.**

Pick up and drop off

As many of you know, the parking lot at Jacob Beam can be a complex place to navigate your vehicle. Of particular concern is the congestion at morning entry and afternoon dismissal times.

Staff have been asked to park in the very back parking lot in order to leave open the front parking spots. There is no parking allowed against any wall of the building as that is our fire lane. The fire department will issue parking tickets

to people parked in these spots at any given time. We ask that if you must pick up your child that you park in the front parking spaces or on one of the closest side streets. Please do not park in people's driveways as the school has already received complaints about this issue.

We will be putting up pylons in the driveway at the back of the school to prevent people from parking in the back lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

If we all work together we can make Jacob Beam's parking lot a safer place. Thank you in advance!!

YMCA Daycare at Jacob Beam

At the present time, the YMCA offers daycare after school to Jacob Beam students. If there are a couple of students who would be interested, the YMCA will offer a morning before school program as well. If you are interested in before school or after school daycare, please call Lori

Brady (905)646-9622 Extension 334 YMCA . We believe that we have a number of parents who could benefit from this service!!



A very big thank you to the Arsenault family who kept our front gardens looking wonderful through the Summer!

Safe school

In accordance with the Safe School Act, all of the exterior doors except for the front door will be locked during the day. This is to ensure that we always know at the office who is in the building. Always check in at the office when entering the school. We do our best to keep disruptions

to the classrooms at a minimum. The staff will know when you have a visitor's tag on that you have checked in at the office. Please help us to keep Jacob Beam and the students here safe. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!



Character Education at Jacob Beam



We will be continuing to focus on Character traits throughout the school year. Each classroom will take part in some activities or lessons that emphasize the character trait of the month. The following are the themes for this school year:

- Oct Respect
- Nov Responsibility

- Dec Caring
- Jan Integrity
- Feb Optimism
- Mar Perseverance
- Apr Courage

May Cooperation
Thank you to the School Council who helps us in this endeavour.



SIGN UP AND GET INVOLVED!
Cross Country and Soccer try-outs will be held soon. Get involved and sign-up. Listen to the announcements for details.

Homework and Ketchup clubs

Homework club will take place after school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15- 4:00pm to offer assistance to those students who need it. The students will be able to access the computer lab if necessary.

As well, we will be running a Ketchup club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at

2nd break in order to provide assistance to those students who need some additional time to get their work done. Attendance will be determined by the student's teachers. If a student has unfinished school work, this will take precedent over any other extra-curricular activities going on. Our goal is to ensure that all students have an opportunity to

be successful and one way to achieve this is to provide time for students to complete unfinished work. Thanks to Mr Hanahson and to Mrs Phillips for organizing this for our students.

Lunchroom Supervisor

Jacob Beam is in need of another lunchroom supervisor. This is a paid position for our kindergarten rooms only. The times are Monday to Friday 12:50pm until 1:35 pm.

If you are interested please call Mrs. Hayward as soon as possible.

Coming soon After school program

With the leadership of the United Way, an after school program for students in grades 5-8 will take place at BDSS from 3:30-5:30 for those students who live in the area. We are hoping to have everything ready to go by Sept. 21st. A homework centre, physical activities and special events will be offered during this time. All sessions are free but parents are responsible for transportation. We will send out more details shortly!!

There is an Early Release Day on Friday September 25th, 2009.

There will be no classes after 12:00 for students. Staff will be attending PD sessions at the school.

Balanced School Day

Entry	8:45
1st period	8:50-9:40
2nd period	9:40-10:30
Nutrition break	10:30-10:50
Fitness break	10:50-11:10
3rd period	11:10-12:00
4th period	12:00-12:50
Nutrition break	12:50-1:10
Fitness break	1:10-1:35
5th period	1:35-2:25
6th period	2:25-3:15
Dismissal time	3:15

Please consider packing your child/ren a little more food than usual as typically children eat more when they are on the balanced school day schedule.

BEWARE!

Of any products containing peanuts or traces of peanuts. Please check granola bar ingredients before including them as a lunch item.

Jacob Beam School has a number of students that have a very SEVERE REACTION when they are exposed to nuts. Please help us by being diligent in what you send to school. Thank you.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Each year a Student Accident Insurance Plan is made available for all students on a voluntary basis. The plan provides protection for **DENTAL DAMAGE DUE TO ACCIDENTS, FRACTURE BENEFITS AND OTHER IMPORTANT COVERAGES**, which are **NOT** covered under the Provincial Health Plan. Some parents may have Dental Plan coverage through their work but many of these plans are limited in one way or another, while this accident coverage is not. You should compare to make sure you have the coverage you need or desire.

UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT THE BOARD IS NOT PERMITTED TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ACCIDENTS TO PUPILS, THEREFORE, the Board recommends consideration of this plan to any parent who wishes to obtain this kind of insurance. Although the policy has all the advantages of a group plan, it is essentially a direct contract between the parent and the insurance company.

Details of these plans are described on the enclosed application form. If you require further information, you may contact **Reliable Life at Box 2046, Hamilton, L8N 9Z9 or call toll free at 1-800-465-0661**. If you wish to subscribe to this insurance, please complete the form and mail it *directly* to Reliable Life Insurance Company in the enclosed stamped envelope immediately, but preferably before **September 30th, 2008**. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**

You may also enroll online at www.insuremykids.com (for all plans except the \$3.50 basic plan).

If the enrolment form for the Student Accident Insurance Plan has not been received or it has been misplaced, please contact your school office.

School supplies



Once again, all students will require a school AGENDA. Useful information is printed in this book to help students with their organizational skills as well as information pertaining to Jacob Beam. There is a cost of **\$6 per agenda, due the first week of school.**

Agendas are an important link between the teacher and student's daily progress.

The following is a list of supplies that we recommend students have with them when they start school in the fall. It may be a good

idea to keep this list in a safe place for future reference.

Primary: knapsack, crayons, glue sticks, pencils, pencil case, white glue, duotangs, eraser, Kleenex tissue, indoor shoes.

Junior: knapsack, pencil crayons, pencil case, pencils, eraser, glue sticks, highlighter, metric ruler, pens, calculator, water colour markers, Kleenex tissue, indoor shoes, lined paper, dividers geometry set, binder.

Intermediate: backpack, binders, pencil case, pencil crayons, pencils, pens, eraser, glue sticks, binder paper, metric ruler, highlighter, geometry set, calculator with square root feature, Kleenex tissue, water colour markers, indoor shoes.

Please refer to the in-depth lists sent home with the report cards.