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****WINTER IS HERE****

Cold weather is upon us and with that comes the need for appropriate clothing EACH DAY. Please send your child with a warm jacket, hat, mittens / gloves, snow boots, and a full change of clothes. Students WILL go outside every single day unless it is raining or below 10° F. If a student is not dressed appropriately, they will be asked to remain on the pavement during recess times. We appreciate you keeping our kids warm and dry!

RSU 18 is focused on offering opportunities for more family and community engagement with the schools. The James H. Bean School staff, along with the PTO, are striving to offer more student led and student involved activities where parents and/or community members are invited to participate and be actively present in our students' learning. Decades of research studies on the effect of meaningful parent involvement programs in schools have found that:

- when parents are involved, students achieve more, regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnic/racial background, or the parents' education level.
- when parents are involved, students exhibit more positive attitudes and behavior.
- to have long-lasting gains for students, parent involvement activities must be well planned, inclusive, and comprehensive.
- children from diverse cultural backgrounds tend to do better when parents and professionals collaborate to bridge the gap between the culture at home and the learning institution.
- schools that work well with families have better teacher morale and higher ratings of teachers by parents.
- school programs that involve parents outperform identical programs without parent and family involvement.
- effective programs are led by a team of administrators, educators, and parents and have access to financial resources.
- when they are treated as partners and given relevant information by people with whom they are comfortable, parents put into practice the involvement strategies they already know are effective but have been hesitant to contribute.
- collaboration with families is an essential component of a reform strategy, but it is not a substitute for high-quality education programs or comprehensive school improvement.

We have started the 2018-2019 school year off on a good note. We had 89% of families attend the annual Ice Cream Social, and an astounding 93% of families attend Fall Conferences. The PTO reported great turnouts at the Grandparent Breakfast, as well as the Fall Carnival.

Be on the lookout for other ways you can get involved in your child's education... Coming soon to a school near you will be Family Math Night, Music Concerts, Book Fairs, Learning Celebrations, Author Visits, along with many more opportunities for parents and/or community members to support our children's learning.

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

-Jane D. Hull

MORNING DROP OFF

If you are dropping your children off in the morning, please be cognizant of other vehicles in the drop off circle. If you need to get out of your vehicle to assist your child, please do so quickly or park in a spot to ensure that everyone is able to move through the line easily. Being mindful of other parents and their students will help keep our kids safer and our parking lot less congested. We understand it is a very busy time of day and want to provide the smoothest and safest drop off experience for students and parents alike.

FALL FUNDRAISER

The Square 1 Artwork will be sent home by December 17th for you all to enjoy! We did a fantastic job fundraising and we are looking forward to challenging our students to raise even more this spring.



How to Support Us:

1. Go to our Storefront JHB.ShutterflyStorefront.com
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Feel free to share this with all your friends and family, the more people who purchase, the more our school earns.



DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4th – Early Release: NOON DISMISSAL
- 4th – Chorus Concert 7:00pm
- 6th – PTO Meeting JHB Library
- 7th – Dental Clinic
- 7th – Report Cards go home with students
- 7th – Chorus Field Trip (5th Grade)
- 8th – Fun Night Grades 3-5
- 14th – Field Trip to PAC – Holiday Concert
- 15th – PTO Breakfast with Santa
- 20th – Kindergarten at MMS – Winter Wonderland
- 24th – 31ST – **NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK**

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1ST – **NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK**
- 10th – PTO Meeting JHB Library
- 12TH – Fun Night Grades 3-5
- 17th – Grade 4 Concert 6:30pm
- 21st – **NO SCHOOL** MLK Jr Day
- 22nd – **NO SCHOOL** Teacher Inservice

PTO UPDATE

Silent Auction items are still needed for the Breakfast with Santa Event on 12/15. Please contact the PTO if you have any questions or would like to donate.

Here are the grade level themes for the Breakfast with Santa baskets:

- PK Family Movie Night
- K Puzzles/Books
- 1 Arts /Crafts
- 2 Chocolate and more chocolate
- 3 Sports
- 4 Cooking/Baking
- 5 Car Care

As always, Vanessa Doyon can be reached via email at JHBPTO@gmail.com.

Looking to support the James H. Bean School PTO? Simply drop your returnables off at Trafton Road Redemption Center in Oakland. Just tell them to credit the James H. Bean School PTO! Thank you in advance.