



James H. Bean School

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Happy New Year!

It's that time of year... as we open the book of 2019, we begin to ponder all of the opportunities that lie ahead of us in this new year. It's also a time to reflect back upon 2018 and assess our progress and/or success with last year's resolutions. Let's take a look at James H. Bean school's progress toward this year's district's goals...

Goal #1: Increase the attendance rate.

This year we have been paying close attention to students who are absent from school. Our goal focuses on decreasing the number of students who are chronically absent or truant. The truancy law states that any elementary school aged child missing 5 unexcused, consecutive days or 7 unexcused absences total is considered to be truant. Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% of the days that school has been in session, excused and/or unexcused. At this point in the school year, about 6% of our students are considered chronically absent. So far this year, we do not have any students who are considered truant. **Keep up with the great work, parents!**

Goal #2 Increase student achievement on both the local assessment, NWEA, and state assessment.

As teachers, we work hard to analyze the data that we are provided by the local and state assessments and use it to identify areas of strengths and areas of weaknesses for our students. Thus far, we have examined the DRA results to help us group students based on needs for reading instruction, fall NWEA results, and last year's eMPowerME (state testing) to help us craft our instruction. We are in hopes that when we compare this year's scores to this past fall or last year's scores, we will be able to move many students from the "Does Not Meet" and "Partially Meets" categories to the "Meets" or "Exceeds" categories.

Goal #3 To research and implement a formal Response to Intervention (RTI) process across all disciplines.

The staff at JHB has worked incredibly hard to implement a thorough and consistent RTI model. FIT, focused instructional time, is a daily, school-wide intervention time. At-risk students are identified through analyzing assessment results. Personal learning plans that include content specific interventions are created for these students. Teachers work with small groups of students and monitor their progress on a weekly basis. At the end of the eight weeks, teachers collaborate to review students' progress and to determine next steps in supporting our striving students.

Goal #4 Increase family and community engagement by offering more student led and student involved activities.

JHB offers families several ways to be involved in their children's learning. Families are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom, chaperoning a field trip, or helping with special, school-wide events. We begin every year with our highest attended event, "The Ice Cream Social". Students in grades 1-4 perform in a grade level music concert choreographed by Mrs. Paradis, and Mrs. Roberts hosts an annual "Art Show" exhibiting student work. Classroom teachers invite parents in for two conferences, and several teachers end the year with a Learning Celebration. Additionally, this year we will host a Family Math event, as well as bring back an all-time favorite, the Scholastic Book Fair.

Throughout the remaining months of the school year, please join in our efforts as we work toward meeting all four of the district's goals.

TARDY STUDENTS

Beginning Monday, February 4th ALL PARENTS dropping a child off after 8:00am will be REQUIRED to come into the office to sign their child(ren) in. This is part of our continued effort to maximize the amount of time your child spends in the classroom.

YOUNG WRITERS OF JHB

JHB Librarian, Mrs. Dugal, chose Mrs. Bailey's 3rd grade class to participate in the Young Writers Spooky Sagas contest. Ten students were chosen to have their work published in the Spooky Sagas Maine edition! The library will receive a free copy of the book and it will also be sent to the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. Congratulations to our winners!

Breydon Taylor
Nicholas Wing
Cayden Jacques
Ajah Cole
Einin Riddle
Shawn Higgins
Treyson Ieng
Jonas Lourens
Ethan Buck
Anthony Farnsworth

<https://youngwritersusa.com/>



Thank you so much for being so supportive of the James Bean School! The last collection period brought in \$876.00! Funding of this kind helps support events like our author visits, Waterville Opera House shows, and learning tools for our students. Keep up the great work!

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

10th – PTO Meeting JHB Library
12th – Fun Night Grades 3-5
17th – Grade 4 Concert 6:30pm
18th – PTO Dress Clothes Sale
21st – **NO SCHOOL** MLK Jr Day
22nd – **NO SCHOOL** Teacher Inservice
31st – Grade 4 NAEP Assessment

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

5th – PTO Meeting 6pm
8th – Family Math Event 8am
9th – Snowball Dessert and Dance
14th – Grade 3 Concert 6:30pm
18th – 22nd – **NO SCHOOL** Winter Break

Be on the lookout for the JHB Book Fair flyer!
Dates will be March 4th through March 7th

PTO UPDATE

Please donate your new or gently used dress clothing and accessories (girls AND boys) to benefit the Clothing Sale. This is the perfect time to shop for your new dress or tie before the family Snowball Dessert and Dance night! Nothing will cost more than \$10! So, dig out those outgrown dresses, button down shirts, and ties and drop them in the box in the lobby!

Please remember to fill out and return your form for the Snowball Dessert and Dance no later than February 4th. 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.

WINTER PARKING BAN

We just wanted to remind everyone that there is a winter parking ban at ALL RSU18 facilities until April 1st, 2019. This means NO overnight parking at any time. Please be cognizant of our crews that are out salting, sanding, and plowing. We appreciate your cooperation.