



James H. Bean School

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It's almost that time of year again!

Standardized testing is right around the corner. We will be administering the eMPowerME state test to all third, fourth and fifth graders beginning March 18. Parents play an important part in helping students give their best performance on this important test. As you know, we have been busy preparing and reinforcing the skills necessary for students to demonstrate their learning. Even though this assessment is a snapshot, one single perspective, it is important that our students have every advantage to do their very best.

We don't want to cause test anxiety, rather we want our students to be as prepared as possible. There are many ways in which you can help your child put his/her best foot forward. The following guidelines can help set our students up for success:

Throughout the year:

1. Read to/with your child and make time to discuss what you've read.
2. Encourage reading for pleasure regularly.
3. Know what kind of homework teachers expect and make sure your child completes it.
4. Provide a regular, quiet place for your child to read or complete homework.
5. Set high expectations for grades and attendance.
6. Take an active interest in what your child is doing in school. What is he or she learning? Parents who communicate daily about what their children are learning build a strong foundation to demonstrate that learning on tests.
7. During the weeks leading up to the test, begin to talk with your child about doing his or her best. You know your child better than anyone. Emphasize the importance of the test, but remember to build confidence, not anxiety.

The night before the test:

1. Make sure your child goes to bed on time so he or she is well rested.
2. Keep your routine as normal as possible. Upsetting natural routines may make children feel insecure.
3. Be positive and confident in the fact that you know your child will do his/her best.
4. Plan ahead to avoid conflicts on the morning of the test.

The morning of the test:

1. Get up a few minutes early to avoid rushing and make sure your child arrives at school on time.
2. Have your child eat a nutritious breakfast. There is a strong correlation between eating breakfast and memory and cognitive functioning.
3. Have your child dress comfortably.
4. Be positive and communicate that this is your child's chance to show what he/she knows. The most important thing you can do right before the test is to build confidence about doing his/her very best.

After the test:

1. Talk to your child about his/her feelings about the test.
2. Discuss what was easy and what was hard; discuss what your child learned from the test.
3. Explain that performance on a test does not define him or her as a person. It is just one opportunity to demonstrate learning.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. Together we can make a difference!

TARDY STUDENTS

ALL PARENTS dropping a child off after 8:00am are REQUIRED to come into the office to sign their child(ren) in. Please park in the side parking lot and come in to the main office with your child(ren). We appreciate your support in keeping our students' schedules as routine as possible!

INTRAMURALS

Please return your permission slips as soon as possible if you would like your child to participate. Intramurals are Wednesdays from 2:30 – 3:30 and run from February 13th through March 27th (excluding Feb break). Parents are responsible for transportation and must pick their child up PROMPTLY at 3:30 pm.

LOST AND FOUND

Please be aware that ALL lost and found that remains at JHB at the start of February break will be donated. Please have your child check for any items that they may have left. Also, parents can stop in before or after school to look for items.

FAMILY MATH MORNING

Please join us for our Family math Morning on February 8th from 8:00 am until 9:00 am. You and your child will engage in problem solving, communication, and mathematical application through play during this fun-filled hour. Help support your child's mathematical growth through your participation.

PRE K REGISTRATION

Registration packets are now available for 2019-20 Pre K student enrollment. Please stop by the main office between 7:00 am and 3:00 pm to pick up the packets. Please return your packets as soon as possible to reserve your child's spot!

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

8th – Family Math Event 8am
9th – Snowball Dessert and Dance
11th – Fundraiser Due and last Coop Coupon Day
14th – Grade 3 Concert 6:30pm
18th – 22nd – **NO SCHOOL** Winter Break

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

1ST – 7TH – Scholastic Book Fair
7th – Parent Teacher Conferences
8th – **NO SCHOOL** Inservice Day
9th – Fun Night Grades 3-5
10th – Spring Forward – Daylight Savings Begins
14th – PTO Meeting 6pm
22nd – Report Cards go home
23rd – PTO JHB Talent Show
26th – Wtvl Opera House Grades K-2
26th – **EARLY RELEASE** – Noon Dismissal

PTO UPDATE

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. Our next event will be the JHB Talent Show on March 23rd. Keep your eyes peeled for more information!

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

FUNDRAISER

Spring Fundraiser packets were sent home with all students on Monday January 28th. We are off to a great start with the support of our fantastic parents! Please have all orders and monies collected returned to Danielle Mann by Monday February 11th. The remaining Coop's Coupon Chicken Day is Monday February 11th. The kids are having a blast collecting and trading their Coop Squad animals! Any questions or concerns can be directed to dmann@rsu18.org or by calling 547-3395.