



# James H. Bean School

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## March 2019

All students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will complete MEA testing during the months of March and April. Grade 5 students will complete their testing during the week of March 18. Grade 4 will follow by testing during the week of March 25. Third graders will test during the week of April 1. Additionally, grade 5 students will complete one of their tests on Monday, April 8. It is imperative that all students attend school and be on time for school each day. Please do all you can do to ensure that your child is well rested, and well-nourished each day. If a student misses a test, he or she will have to make the test up during the make-up days on April 9 and 10.

Standardized testing provides parents and educators with valuable information regarding student achievement. Using this data, we are able to make informed decisions. As we prepare for this state assessment, let's keep in mind that although these tests are important, they are only one piece of your child's learning puzzle.

A school principal in Singapore sent this letter to the parents before the exams. I couldn't agree more with the message the principal is emphasizing, so thought I would share it with you all.

*"Dear Parents,*

*The exams of your children are to start soon. I know you are all really anxious for your child to do well.*

*But, please do remember, amongst the students who will be sitting for the exams there is an artist, who doesn't need to understand math...There is an entrepreneur, who doesn't care about history or English literature...There is a musician, whose chemistry marks won't matter...There's an athlete...whose physical fitness is more important than physics...If your child does get top marks, that's great! But if he or she doesn't...please don't take away their self-confidence and dignity from them. Tell them it's OK, it's just an exam! They are cut out for much bigger things in life. Tell them, no matter what they score...you love them and will not judge them.*

*Please do this, and while you do...watch your children conquer the world. One exam or a low mark won't take away their dreams and talents. And please, do not think that doctors and engineers are the only happy people in the world."*

**PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN**  
**REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!**

Registration packets are now available for 2019-20 student enrollment. Please stop by the main office between 7:00 am and 3:00 pm to pick up the packets or call 547-3395 to have one mailed to you. Please return your PRE-K packets by Friday, April 12th to reserve your child's spot! Kindergarten packets should be turned in as soon as possible but will be accepted until the start of the 19-20 school year.

**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!

**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 April 6th. If your student is interested in participating, please return the sign-up sheet as soon as possible!

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

**MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER**

1<sup>ST</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair  
7<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences  
8<sup>th</sup> – **NO SCHOOL** Inservice Day  
9<sup>th</sup> – Fun Night Grades 3-5  
10<sup>th</sup> – Spring Forward – Daylight Savings Begins  
14<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting 6pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Report Cards go home  
26<sup>th</sup> – Wtvl Opera House Grades K-2  
26<sup>th</sup> – **EARLY RELEASE** – Noon Dismissal  
29<sup>th</sup> – Paint Nite – 5th Grade Fundraiser  
30<sup>th</sup> – Sidney Town Meeting



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR AHEAD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

**APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER**

4<sup>th</sup> – 5th Grade Wax Museum  
6<sup>th</sup> – PTO Talent Show  
11<sup>th</sup> – Spring Picture Day  
11<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting 6pm  
12<sup>th</sup> – Pre K Registration Packets Due  
12<sup>th</sup> – **NO SCHOOL** – COMP DAY  
15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – **NO SCHOOL** - SPRING BREAK  
25<sup>th</sup> – Grade 2 Concert 6:30pm

**FUNDRAISER**

Spring Fundraiser items will be arriving the week of March 11th. Students orders will be sorted and sent home between the 12th and 15th. Please note, if an order is too large to send on the bus with your child, we will call you to come pick it up at school.