



James H. Bean School

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WELCOME!

The wind is blowing, temperatures are dropping, and leaves are turning colors. There is no doubt we are into fall. Staff have worked with students to set expectations and routines, and we're diving into deeper learning experiences.

A great big THANK YOU to all the parents and volunteers who put together an amazing Grandparents' Breakfast for our students! We also appreciate all who have donated candy and/or prizes for our Fall Carnival. The funds raised are inching us closer to a new playground and are frequently used to provide enrichment experiences for the Bean School students. If you'd like to support the PTO in their work, the next meeting is Thursday, November 14th at 6:00 pm in the JHB library. We hope to see you there.

Are you on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter? Follow us on any of these sites to stay abreast of all of the happenings at James H. Bean. Stay informed by liking the James H Bean School page on Facebook, following us at [jameshbean2019](https://www.facebook.com/jameshbean2019) on Instagram and [JamesHBeanScho1](https://twitter.com/JamesHBeanScho1) on Twitter.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to partner with you in your student's education. We're grateful for that partnership!

WHO IS NEW AT JHB?

Kyleigh Roberts has joined us in second grade fresh out of the University of Maine Farmington. She completed her student teaching at the Belgrade Central School in first grade. She graduated in May 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Additionally, she has a certification in ELL. We are excited to have her bring her talents to Bean!

Katie Dutil spends her days working with our third-grade students. She comes to us from the Augusta School District where she taught for 10 years. She is a graduate of the University of Maine Farmington with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, and Thomas College with a master's degree in Elementary Education. She earned her National Board Certification in 2018.

Be sure to give both Ms. Roberts and Mrs. Dutil a special Bean School "Welcome!" the next time you see them!

LOOKING FOR TUTORING?

A retired, RSU 18 teacher is hoping to continue her work with children by offering in home tutoring services. Jean Frechette worked in the classroom for RSU 18 for 34 years. She is hoping to work with students in grades 3-5 in any content area. If you are looking for some extra support for your child, please contact the school at 547-3395 for more information.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS...EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY!

RSU 18 is committed to improving attendance each and every year. Good attendance helps kids succeed in school and bolster their self-esteem. This year, we will continue to track attendance for all students. Specifically, we will track chronically absent and truancy data. Students are considered chronically absent if they miss more than 10% of the days that school is in session. This includes both excused and unexcused absences. Truancy is when a student has 5 consecutive, unexcused absences or 7 unexcused absences. Let's work together to be sure that our students are here all day, every day!

Facts About School Attendance

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school. Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent.

Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.

By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

Here is some of JHB's data from the first full month of school...

Percentage of students who were present during the whole month of September:

PK-91%	3-53%
K-62%	4-57%
1-68%	5-74%
2-56%	

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 19th – PTO Fall Carnival
- 21st – MYBA Basketball Sign Ups 6-7:30pm
- 21st – Flu Clinic
- 25th – Superhero T-shirt Day for BBCH
- 31st – HALLOWEEN – Costume Parade

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1st - Fun Night Grades 3-5
- 3rd - Daylight Saving Time Ends – FALL Back!
- 7th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 8th - **NO SCHOOL** – Inservice Day
- 8th - PTO Movie Night
- 11th - **NO SCHOOL** – Veteran's Day
- 14th – PTO Meeting 6pm
- 27th – **NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Break
- 28th – **NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Break
- 29th – **NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Break

MORNING DROP-OFF REMINDERS

Now that a new year is underway, I wanted to take a moment to remind you of our morning drop-off procedures. Beginning at 7:15, students may be dropped off at JHB. Parents should **only** use the northernmost parking lot. Please form a single line of cars and wait patiently to pull up the drop off spot. With this being said, when your child is exiting your car, please encourage them to hop out quickly. It is preferred that they exit your car on the right side, but if they exit on the left side, please have them cross in front of your car. If your child exits your vehicle before getting to the front of the line, please remain in line. Do not pull out and pass cars that are waiting in line. This is a very serious safety issue. Additionally, please exit the school parking lot slowly, keeping mind that in the school zone the speed limit is 15 miles per hour once out on the Middle Road. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep all of our students safe!