



**James S. Bell Junior Middle Sports and Wellness Academy
Principal's Newsletter
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School Community Building

May was the month to celebrate integrity across the TDSB. Integrity is defined as 'the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness'. Our students and staff demonstrate tremendous integrity on a daily basis here at James S. Bell. We have so many wonderful role models that work, learn and contribute to our school community! Thank-you!

June is all about the character trait of 'perseverance' and we hope that you'll help us encourage your child(ren) to continue to do their very best and persevere through the last month of school! We hope you have enjoyed many meaningful discussions around our various character traits we've recognized and celebrated this year.

Integrity
is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gain

No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are, how you treat people ultimately tells all. Integrity is everything.

Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other.
Walter Elliot

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Terrific Tigers (Student Recognition Presentations)

Our monthly Terrific Tigers Assemblies are a chance for students to be recognized for demonstrating our important character traits with their classmates, school mates and caring adults in the school. We hope all of our students will remember to strive for excellence not only in academic achievement, sports and the arts but also in positive leadership and responsible

citizenship at JSB. Each student selected by their teacher received a certificate and JSB pencil! Congratulations to the following students:

<u>Room</u>	<u>Name</u>
101	Sebastian M.
102	Nessa C.
103	Isla A.
104	Landon L.
105	Grace K.
107	Jake S.
108	Finn T.
110	Moises C.
112	Maddalena G.
203	Anderson D.
201	Evan F.
202	Molly F.
208	Julia B.
210	Aiden G.
206	Annabelle T.
213	Ryan P.
211	Genevieve A.
214	Natasa O.
215	Isaak H.
207	Eleni M.

Parents will be invited by the classroom teacher to join the assembly presentations when their child is nominated for a certificate.



Eco-School News

Eco-schools Certification-Gold Certification

Our annual audit took place on Monday, June 11. We hope to continue to maintain our Eco-schools Gold Certification. We have had many amazing initiatives at JSB throughout the years! Every school community member has done their part to ensure a greener school community. Way to go everyone! As you know May 28-June 1 was 'Bike Week'. We hope you will encourage your child(ren) to continue to bike/walk/scooter to their destinations as much as possible. This will not only help our environment by reducing emissions and promoting eco-friendly transportation but will promote healthy and active living! Also a special congratulations to Julija Vukcevic (in room 202 grade 5) for receiving the 2018 Pamela Gough Ward 3 Environment Award! She received this award for her hard work and commitment to saving our precious environment.



Music News

The Senior Spring Concert

The grades 6-8 concert was held on Tuesday, May 15 and it was a great success! Thank-you to all the friends and family members who joined us! Thanks to Mr. Makowiecki, Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Armin and Ms. Bellehumeur for all their hard work organizing and preparing the students for the evening. Thank-you especially to Natalie Barnes and Georgia Kane for doing superb jobs as MCs! Congratulations to all the talented participants who performed wonderfully.



The Pollinator Garden Project

The Primary Science classes and the Eco Club have started work on the Pollinator Garden project donated by Landscape Plus. The students have been busy planting and are looking forward to learning about pollinator gardens through the expertise of Miss Marshall from Landscape Plus. Below is an excerpt from Miss. Marshall:

'Bee-lieving in a sustainable future

Did you know that loss of natural habitat and pesticide use are leading causes to the decline in bee populations over recent years? Without bees and other pollinators, we would not have the fruits, vegetables, nuts and berries that we love to eat every day! But how can we help?

We are proud to present our new Pollinator Garden project between James S. Bell Junior Middle Sports and Wellness Academy and Landscape Plus!

Our pollinator garden will contribute habitat and food resources to support local bee populations and it will be an integrated outdoor learning space for classes at the school. Even better, it will grow curiosity and respect for nature in our students and community! Students will be able to get outside and learn about

our local plants and animals, grow them a healthy habitat and be inspired to find ways to care for the environment. Every effort helps respond to the global issue of bee population decline. Local solutions are where it all starts. If we keep the green spaces of our community healthy and diverse, we can inspire others to take the same pride and grow towards a sustainable future.

With hopes to create more awareness about bees and the resources they rely on we have also integrated an article series called The Buzz, from Landscape Plus, into our newsletter. The Buzz is all about the importance of biodiversity in our gardens and city landscapes, and the pollinators living around us. We hope you enjoy and are as inspired as we are to get our hands dirty making a difference!



Ms. Min and Ms. Youngs



Community Garden

On June 23 from 11am-3pm Long Branch Garden Walks Tour will be visiting our school's community garden .

Come celebrate our wonderful edible garden and take part in a fun craft.

We will be using recycled materials as growing mediums and mounting the plants on the fence surrounding the garden.

Thank you!



Rebecca Nicandro



Toronto Inner City Rugby

Toronto Inner City Rugby Foundation is a registered non-profit community development organization teaching students the fundamentals of sports. We are excited to share that they will be coming in and teaching non-contact rugby at JSB from K-8. This is a relatively new sport for most students and we hope that they will enjoy learning new skills!



2018 JSB T&F WEST QUALIFIERS – JUNE 5th

Congratulations to all the following qualifiers who participated at the June 5th Track and Field meet:

Honour S., Tristan L., Kain M., Miguel S., Anderson D., Rachel K., Yaisa S., Stefan O., Jada L., Sheala L., Trinity S., Breanna G., Gracie J., Paige J., Julia B., Dominykas P., George S., Ryan B., Ellie S., Abigail S., Natalie B., Gage L., Megan R., Jack K., Daniel S., Anthony D., Gabriel R., Syenna S., Eleni M., Madison W., Heather C., Shannon C., Faith R., Avery D., Mira B., Sunny G., Stefan L., Bennett L., Eric R., Nathan J., Eric J., Ethan M.

Of the above athletes, the following students placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in their events and will be heading to Cities on Tuesday, June 12! Good luck to all the athletes. Go Tigers Go!

Honour S., Jada L., Sheala L., Dominykas P., Jack K., Syenna S., Eleni M., Breanna G., Trinity S., and Gage L.

(Below: Left- javelin event and Right- Grade 6 Girls Relay team placed 1st!)





Panoramic Photo orders

On May 8th, the whole school called for a collective "Cheese!" as we smiled for the camera and took our first ever panoramic photo. There is a copy hanging on the wall in the main entrance if you'd like to see it. Thanks to everyone who ordered a photo. They will be delivered in the next several weeks.



Yard and Student Safety:

Please make sure your child wears the appropriate safety guards and helmet when using their bicycles, scooters, skateboards or inline skates at all times. Please remind your children that no one is permitted to ride or glide on school property at entry and dismissal times, at lunch or during recesses.



Warmer Weather

With the warmer weather, we ask that you send your child with a hat, sunscreen which can be applied throughout the day, and a water bottle. It is important for the students to be protected from the sun and to be hydrated during the day.



Dogs on Property

This is a reminder that dogs are not permitted on school property. Please see TDSB policy statement below:

"TDSB No Dogs on School Property will be strictly enforced. Children are at risk of being bitten by any dog that is on school property, or is tied up on or near school property, in an area where children pass by and are vulnerable. Keep our children safe."



Calendar of Events

June 12-Track & Field City Finals

June 13-15-Albion Hills trip for grade 7 students

June 14-Parent Council Meeting 7pm

June 15-Subway Lunch

June 18-22- Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation will teacher Rugby K-8

June 20-9:15 a.m. Singing In the Round – Primary Spring Concert

June 20-Staff Luncheon hosted by School Council and JSB parents
June 22-Pizza Lunch
June 22-Play Day for K-5 (senior students to assist)
June 25-Grade 4, 4/5, 5 – The Incredibles Movie trip to Queensway Theatre
June 26-Grade 4, 4/5, 5 – Picnic at Marie Curtis Park
June 27-Grade 8 Graduation 10:00am and Graduation Lunch @ Mandarin
June 28-Terrific Tigers Assembly
June 28-Last Day of School-report cards to go home
June 29-PA day no school
July 2-Sept. 3-Summer holidays
Sept. 4-First day of school



Principal's Message

It is hard to imagine that we have just 14 days of school until summer holidays! To all those who have been observing Ramadan from May 15 through June 14 with a celebration of the end of the fasting with Eid Al-Fitr, 'Happy Ramadan and Ramadan Kareem' to you and your families!

We have just wrapped up EQAO and the students completed the series of tests administered by teachers. Thank-you for your support of this provincial endeavour. Results will be shared with you at next year's fall council meetings.

At this time, I'd like to send a heartfelt thank-you to all those parents, family members and friends who have contributed their time, talents and energy in support of our school endeavours and initiatives! We would not be able to do what we do without you! On that note, a huge thank-you to all those who organized and assisted with our Bellapalooza this year. A special thank-you to Mark McKeon, Veronica Zeballos, and Lola Marcocchio for all of their tremendous efforts on this event! It was a phenomenal success!

I also wanted to mention that we have several teachers leaving our school as of June 28 due to the transfer and surplus process. We wish Ms. Loughnane, Ms. Taylor and Mr. Martell all the best at their new schools and wish them much success in future endeavours. Thank-you to each of you for all your hard work and contributions to JSB!

As you continue supporting your child in math this month and into the summer, I'd like to direct you to one final resource: The following is a website with various interesting and accessible modules that you may work through! Happy Math Learning! http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/parent_engagement-math/en/

We look forward to seeing many of you at our primary spring concert on June 20, our Grade 8 graduation on June 27 and our final Terrific Tigers Awards Assembly on June 28.

We hope students will continue to strive to do their very best right to the end of the school year.

Warmest Regards,
J. Petko

School Council News

Bellapalooza - THANK YOU!

We had an amazing Bellapalooza this year! Thanks to everyone who volunteered, baked, donated and showed up to support our school. We have an incredible school community!

There are lots of photos of all the fun, food and games on the JSB Twitter account: https://twitter.com/TDSB_JS2

As we start thinking towards next year's Bellapalooza (yes, already!), we're interested in your feedback. Please let us know what you liked, what you think could be improved and any other suggestions you have by replying to jsb.schoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon - Contributions & Volunteers Needed

As we near the end of another great year, the School Council would like to thank our amazing JSB teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication to our children. In appreciation, we are hosting a potluck luncheon for staff on Wednesday, June 20th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

We are looking for potluck contributions from parents/guardians. Items such as beverages, appetizers, salads, desserts, hot and cold dishes are welcome!

Please let us know which of the times indicated below you're able to help and/or what you can contribute:

- available from 11 am-11:30 am to help SET UP
- available from 12:30 pm-1 pm to help CLEAN UP
- will contribute to the potluck (please indicate what you will contribute)

If you can contribute an item or help out at the luncheon please let us know by replying to jsb.schoolcouncil@gmail.com.

School Council Meeting – THURSDAY June 14th

Our last school council meeting for this year is on June 14th. We would love to meet new parents!

Advantages of attending meetings:

- contributing to the shared goal of improving student achievement and well-being
- having a vehicle through which to express opinions
- keeping informed about what is happening at the school

FREE child care is provided! If you would like to attend and need child care, please phone the school office at 416-394-7680.

STAY CONNECTED!

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Morgen and Tara
(Council Co-Chairs)