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# Cootes Paradise Elementary School Home & School and School Council September 2016

## Welcome Back!

**New and Returning Families -- Welcome to the 2016-17 school year!**

We are looking forward to another exciting term at Cootes Paradise. We have lots of great events and activities planned for the kids and their families – in this newsletter you'll see some of what's in the works! We'd like to take this opportunity to ask you to please consider joining our team of volunteers - You can help with just one event, participate with a short program, join a committee such as the Arts Council, School Council or Home & School, or just bake a batch of your famous (or not-so-famous – all's good) cupcakes for the Meet the Teacher night cupcake sale! Come talk to us at the Parent Meeting or at the Meet the Teacher Night, or email Kristen at [kristenboulard@yahoo.com](mailto:kristenboulard@yahoo.com) to learn more about how you can get involved!

We hope you have an awesome year!  
Kristen West and Heather Hurst  
Co-chairs, Cootes Paradise Home & School

## Upcoming Events

### September 28 @ 7pm: Parent Meeting

Includes School Council elections and discussions regarding how to spend the Home & School budget surplus from last year.

### October 4, 5-7pm: Meet the Teacher

We'll be holding a cupcake sale, as well as our annual Membership Drive. You're more than welcome to talk to us about any of our programs and events, and to learn more about volunteering!

### Friday, October 7: Pizza and Pita lunches begin

Be sure to send in your forms before Friday, September 23.

### Friday, October 28: After school Pumpkin Carve

We need parents to join us after school to carve the pumpkins for the night hike – the kids design 'em, we carve 'em! If you'd like more information or to offer your knife skills, please email Kristen at [kristenboulard@yahoo.com](mailto:kristenboulard@yahoo.com).

### Friday, October 28: It's the Night Hike!

The woods will be lined with jack-o-lanterns glowing in the dark – come join the Night Hike through the trails, then enjoy kids activities at the Churchill Park Clubhouse. Volunteers are needed for the Hike – please email [kristenboulard@yahoo.com](mailto:kristenboulard@yahoo.com) if you're interested.



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**Pizza / Pita forms due**  
- September 22

**PA Day**  
- September 23

**Parent Meeting**  
- September 28

**Meet the Teacher Night**  
- October 4

**Pita/Pizza lunches begin**  
- October 7

**Lunch Clubs begin**  
- October 11

**Pumpkin Carve and Night Hike**  
- October 28

**Nutritious Snack Program**  
- Begins soon

**Keep an eye on your inbox – there will be a survey coming out soon to parents asking for their input about how to spend last year's remaining budget surplus.**

## Magazine Fundraiser

If you would be interested in a **once a year volunteer job** that has a big impact for our fundraising, please consider helping with the magazine fundraiser. This is a great way to be involved without a huge time commitment! Please email

[kristenboulard@yahoo.com](mailto:kristenboulard@yahoo.com)  
for more information.

### *The Blank Canvas*



*The playground received some welcome and useful decorating thanks to the former Prince Philip Parent Council!*



## Arts Council

The Cootes Paradise Arts Council is a wonderful committee that provides art-centred programming and events for the kids throughout the school year. For example, see below a photo of “The Blank Canvas” Gallery (aka the wall of art fun!) that the Arts Council coordinates.

This year, the Arts Council's very talented co-chairs are Lara Borys and Marleen Van den Broek. They've got lots of great plans and they'd love it if you would like to help! Just drop Lara an email at [larko@sympatico.ca](mailto:larko@sympatico.ca) to learn more!

## Lunch Clubs

Lunch Clubs start up again after Thanksgiving!

These are activity clubs run by parents or staff once a week during the 20 minute recess part of a nutrition break. We have seen some super creative Lunch Clubs over the years – science, theatre, art, crafts, knitting, cooking, floorball, basketball, language classes, you name it and some Cootes Paradise parent has done it. There are also the (always popular) lunch clubs like Lego or colouring that really just need someone there helping out!

If you are interested in running a lunch club please email Haley at [shaunandhaley@yahoo.com](mailto:shaunandhaley@yahoo.com). These clubs are lots of fun for the kids and really rewarding for the parents who run them – and it's only one short lunch period a week for six weeks!

## Nutritious Snack Program

The Nutritious Snack Program is seeking volunteers to shop and / or distribute healthy snacks on Mondays and Wednesdays for about 20 minutes in the morning and 10 minutes at pick up time.

This is a very important program, doesn't take a ton of volunteer time and is a great way to be involved. Please email Ewa at [ewaole73@gmail.com](mailto:ewaole73@gmail.com) if you would like more information or to help!

***REMINDER! Please send in your Main Street West Fortinos receipts! Fortinos donates 1% of every dollar spent at their store towards our Healthy Snack Program!***