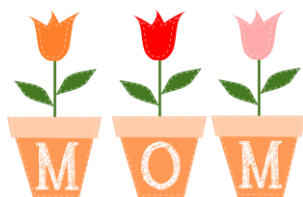


The Paradise Chronicle

May Edition



On May 13th we celebrate Mother's Day!
On behalf of the Cootes Paradise Staff we would like to wish all the Mothers in our community a wonderful day filled with much love, joy and laughter!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration began on **Monday, February 5, 2018**, for the 2018- 2019 school year!

Please complete your registration on-line at hwdsb.on.ca or come into the office and see Mrs. Taylor or Mrs. Baines to fill out a registration package.

Only parents or legal guardians can register their children for school. The following documents are required:

- **Proof of age (child's birth certificate or passport);**
- **Proof of address (identification that shows parent/guardian's current home address);**
- **Proof of immunization;**
- **Verification of date of arrival/immigration documents (if the child was not born in Canada).**
- **Completed Student Registration Form - available at the school or online at www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten**



Dates to Remember:

- May 4 – Pita Day
- May 7 – Music Monday
- May 7 – Grade 3 & 4 Trip to Dalewood
- May 7-11 Education Week
Presentation from 6-8pm
- May 10 – Evacuation Drill @ 10:25 AM
- May 11- Bake Sale for Lupus
- May 11 – Pizza Day
- May 13 – Mother's Day
- May 15 – Open House & Book Fair from 5-7
- May 16 – JR Choir @ Choirfest
- May 17 – Fire Drill @ 1:00 PM
- May 17 – JK Orientation from 4-5
- May 18 – Pita Day
- May 21 – Victoria Day
- May 22 – June 4 EQAO
- May 24 – Volunteer Tea @ 11:00 AM
- May 25 – Pizza Day
- May 30 – Home & School & School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- May 31 – Grade 4 Trip to Hamilton Children's Water Festival
- June 1 – Pizza Day
June 8 – PA Day





Please Join Us For Our
OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, May 15th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This is your chance to explore with your child all the wonderful things they are doing in their classrooms. Also, don't forget:

- Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the gym
- Food provided by The Greenville Optimist Club

We hope to see you there!

♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten

Please Join Us!

Thursday, May 17th from 4-5

JK Orientation for students

Coming to Cootes Paradise in

September 2018!

CRAM-A-CRUISER FOOD DRIVE! – We Need Your Help!

Cram-A-Cruiser is a great display of students helping other students. Hamilton Food Share gathers food to supply 11 food banks serving 12,580 people per month in Hamilton.

LET'S COLLECT ENOUGH NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO CRAM AN ENTIRE POLICE CRUISER!

The class that brings in the most food items will win a PIZZA PARTY!

PLEASE SEND non-perishable food items to school.

The police cruiser will arrive at Cootes Paradise on May 16th and will then deliver the donations to the food banks.

All Food Donations are due on May 14th.



Are You Moving?

To help us with our planning for the September 2018-19 school year, it would be appreciated if you could notify the office if you will be moving from our area between now and September.



Visitors Please Report to the Office

All visitors must first check in at the office. If you need to see or pick up your child, Mrs. Baines or Mrs. Taylor will page the classroom and have the student meet you at the office. If you are dropping something off, please label the item and leave it at the office to avoid disruptions in the classrooms. For safety reasons, we are asking that parents do not visit classrooms on their own during the instructional day.



Fire Drills and Lockdown Drill

During the spring term, each school is required to conduct at least 3 Fire Drills and 1 Lockdown Drill so that students are prepared in the event of a real emergency. Please do not be alarmed if your child tells you that the alarm went off at school. This is all part of the Cootes Paradise Emergency Plan of Action.



Parent Parking

Just a friendly reminder that when you are dropping off or picking up your child at school, please do not use the Cootes Paradise Parking Lot. To ensure the safety of all our students we are asking for your cooperation in this matter.

THANK
YOU!

Cootes After Dark Silent Auction

With all your help a total of \$9000 was raised!
The evening was a great success!

Thank you to Home and School and the Cootes After Dark committee for organizing this amazing event!

Funds raised will go towards enrichment programming for Cootes Paradise School!

EQAO

Between May 23rd and June 4th, our Grade 3 students will be participating in the Education Quality and Accountability Office's (EQAO's) Assessment of Reading, Writing and Math. Students have been preparing for this assessment throughout the year and we are proud of all their efforts and wish them all the best!

If possible, we ask that you please avoid booking any appointments for your child during this time.



Pathways to Success for Your Child: Exploring HWDSB Education Opportunities Together

URGENT!!!
Time Sensitive

It's never too early to investigate education pathways that develop your child's interests. Become familiar with HWDSB programs available with a focus in SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) and OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) in addition to exploring learning opportunities that develop your child's interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Hands-on activities will be available for grades 3-5 students who attend this evening session with their parents. Childminding will be available for children ages 2 – 8.

Date: Wednesday May 9, 2018

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: Cootes Paradise Library Learning Commons

If you plan on attending, **please call the school office at 905-522-0601 to RSVP by May 4th** to indicate the number of:

- Adults who plan to attend
- Students who will participate in the hands-on portion of the evening
- Children ages 2-8 who require childminding.



To support the parent presentation, the HWDSB Transitions Trailer will be on school property all day May 9th, where Grade 5 students will be able to explore various HWDSB Pathways. The trailer will then be open for parents to explore with their child from 3:20 to 4:00 pm.

This Education Week parent information session has been made possible through a Parents Reaching Out grant from the Ministry of Education.

School Newsletters

Newsletters will be posted on our school website at the beginning of each month.

Our School Website is also always up-dated with new information. Once there, you can **subscribe** to have an email sent to your in-box whenever new information is posted to the website. Please visit our website at:<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cootesparadise/>

Indoor Running Shoes Reminder

Running shoes/boots that are worn outside bring mud and dust into the school. For P.E. & classroom activities students need to wear **INDOOR** running shoes to help keep the school safe and clean.



Class Placements 2018/19

With a new school year approaching, many parents wonder about who their child's teacher will be. This process for organizing classes is now underway. When creating classes, teachers meet with each other and school administration to discuss the needs of each student. Some of the issues that are discussed are:

- Balance of ability, interests, and talents
- Balance of males/females
- Learning styles of students
- Teaching styles of teachers
- Resources and remedial needs, enrichment needs
- Students to be kept together or separated because of the positive/negative influence on each other's learning.



We appreciate your trust in our professional judgement in balancing the considerations mentioned above. The final decision for class placements is the responsibility of the principal. If you have further information regarding your child's learning needs that we should consider, please send me an email or note with the specifics. We will not entertain requests for specific teachers. Please consider the bullets listed above. We will do our best to accommodate your child so that we can maximize their learning opportunities and be successful. Please note that all class placements are tentative until the end of September.

Bake Sale

Room 216 will be hosting their annual Bake Sale on Thursday May 11th. This year the students have decided to fundraise and spread awareness for Lupus Canada. Please visit the site for more information on Lupus www.lupuscanada.org/.

All treats will be nut free with the ingredients listed.



Talent Show



Our Annual Talent Show was held on Thursday, April 12th and it was an amazing show. Congratulations to all our participants who demonstrated a great deal of energy and talent!

Thank you to all the parents and friends who came out to support this wonderful talent. A total of \$310 was raised and all money will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

A big thank you also to our Stage Crew, Masters of Ceremony, and Door Greeters.

A very special thank you to Mrs. Rudzroga who worked so hard to make this happen!

remind is a fantastic App to keep you notified of important events and reminders in our school!

Join our Cootes Paradise School Parent Community! Download the Remind App to receive school reminders directly to your phone. To join, simply go to:

<https://www.remind.com/join/cootes>



HWDSB Launches Parent Voice Survey to Gather Input for Improvement

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) invites parents, guardians and caregivers to participate in a Parent Voice Survey to share what you think HWDSB is doing well, and how might HWDSB improve its education services.

Parents, guardians and caregivers play an important role in HWDSB and we value your opinion.

Your feedback helps us make decisions about how we deliver school services for students.

HWDSB has made a commitment to partner with its parent/guardian and caregiver communities, and to work together to help students learn and grow to their full potential.

This survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers. All data collected in this survey is anonymous and combined as a group.

You can find the survey online at <http://bit.ly/HWDSBParentVoice>

Thank you for taking the time for this survey and helping HWDSB with your feedback.

Volunteers

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers! We couldn't do what we do without your help!

Please join us on **Thursday May 24th** from 11:00 -12:00 for Tea and Treats.



Oral Communication Festival & Concours Oratoire

As part of our Language curriculum, over the last few weeks, each grade 4 and 5 student prepared for and participated in the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's Oral Communication Festival or the Concours Oratoire. For this Festival, which is a public speaking contest, the students were responsible for the writing and delivery of short, researched speeches. The first stage was the competition at the classroom level where students presented their speeches to classmates.

Congratulations to all our grade 4 and 5 students who did an amazing job!

Special congratulations go out to Rakshan S. who placed 3rd overall for the Oral Communication Festival at the Board level and Mae M. who also placed 3rd overall for the Concours Oratoire at the Board level.

They represented Cootes Paradise well and we are very proud of them!



Try This At Home...

Are you having a hard time getting information from your child about their school day? Instead of asking "How was your day?" consider asking your child one of the following:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Tell me about what you read in class.
- Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
- What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
- Who made you smile today?
- What new fact did you learn today?
- Who brought the best food in their lunch today? What was it?
- What challenged you today?
- If school were a ride at the fair, which ride would it be? Why?
- If one of your classmates could be the teacher for the day who would you want it to be? Why?
- If you had the chance to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?
- What is your teacher's most important rule?
- What is the most popular thing to do at recess?
- Does your teacher remind you of anyone else you know? How?





As you are our partner in your child's learning, we have put together some math resources to help you support your child.

These resources:

- Highlight student learning in each grade through the Ontario Curriculum
- Show an example of a math lesson in a classroom in Student Learning
- Hear from children about why they are learning math this way in Change in Teaching
- Link to resources for parents to support their child at home in Helping Your Child
- Explain HWDSB's Renewed Math Strategy and how we are supporting students and staff

To view and use these resources, please visit:

www.hwdsb.on.ca/mathhelp

With all of us working together toward shared goals, we can ensure that students make progress each year and graduate prepared to build a strong future for themselves.

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