

# The Paradise Chronicle



As we head into the final weeks of school it is time to reflect on the amazing school year we had. As a school community we have accomplished so many great things and we have many people to thank.

## Thank you to:

- Our trustee Christine Bingham and Superintendent Sue Dunlop for their support throughout the school year,
- The parents and caregivers of Cootes Paradise for their ongoing support and assistance,
- Our Home and School, School Council and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our school community,
- Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Baines for all their help and constant support,
- Our custodians for keeping our school and the yard safe and clean for all of our students,
- All of our wonderful teachers for making a difference in the lives of their students, and
- All our Cootes Paradise students who always put so much into everything they do and set out to accomplish!

**We hope that everyone has a safe and exciting summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.**

*Mr. D. Fede & Ms. L. vanderPUT*



## Dates to Remember:

- June 1 – Pizza Day
- June 4 – Cootes Draws
- June 5 – Cootes Draws (Raindate)
- June 6 – Special Olympics at Saltfleet
- June 7 – Math League Test (Gr 4 & 5)
- June 8 – P.A. Day
- June 12 – Gr. 5 Orientation at Dalewood
- June 12 – Gr 1 FI Class Field Trip
- June 13 – Gr. 5 McMaster Altitude Trip
- June 15 – Pita Day
- June 16 – Spring Clean Up from 10-1pm
- June 21- HWDSB Track & Field Meet @ Mohawk Sports Complex
- June 22 – Indigenous Learning Showcase
- June 22 – Pizza Day
- June 25 – Report Cards Sent Home
- June 25 – Kindy Fun Run!
- June 27 – Grade 5 Farewell @ 9:15 am @ Westdale. Reception provided by Grade 4's at Churchill Clubhouse following.
- June 28 – School's Out!!!
- June 29 – PA Day
- July 1 – Canada Day



### To our Grade 5 Students!

Best wishes as you leave us for Grade 6. Your many accomplishments and contributions to our school will be fondly remembered. Continue to be the best that you can be and influence one another in the most positive way. Congratulations from the staff and students of Cootes Paradise. Parents are invited to join us at Westdale for our Graduation Farewell ceremony on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. after dropping off your child at Cootes Paradise at regular time. Students and families are then welcome to the reception at Churchhill Clubhouse.



### Clap out

Parents are strongly encouraged to be at the school on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm on the black top.

### Report Cards

Report cards will be distributed on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions and/or would like to discuss the report card, please contact your child's teacher by the last day of classes. Please note that the next school year's teacher will be posted on the report card.



### Volunteers Make a Difference

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the many parents and members of our school community who have given generously of their time, energy and talents to benefit the students of Cootes Paradise. Volunteer contributions have made a positive difference in the lives of our students. Together we make our school a success.



### EQAO

Congratulations to all students on the completion of EQAO.

Thank you very much to our Grade 3 teachers, support staff, and all our Grade 3 students for their hard work during the recent EQAO testing.

Thank you also to our parents for their efforts in ensuring their child's attendance at school during the assessment period.

Student results will become available in the fall.

### MEDICAL ALERT

**Just a reminder that Cootes Paradise is a NUT FREE School. We have both staff and students with severe life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Do not send any nut products to school with your child.**



## Before and After-School Program

Our school has a Before and After-School program for children in Kindergarten to Grade 5. If you completed the Before and After-School survey earlier this year, and you provided consent to release your information, we will be providing your contact information to our existing child care operator. For more information on the Before and After-School Program you can reach the program at **YMCA**. If you require information on the City of Hamilton's child care subsidy program you can call 905-546-4870 or check their website

<https://www.hamilton.ca/social-services/early-years-and-child-care-services/financial-support-child-care> .



Looking Ahead...

### Projected Organization For September 2018:

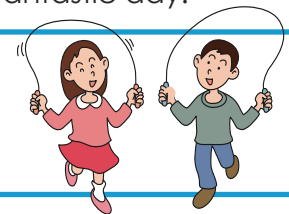
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FDK E	GRADE 5	POC GRADE 3/4/5
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*Please note that all class assignments are tentative. Re-Organization if needed will occur toward the end of September.*

### Jump Rope for Heart

Congratulations to our Cootes community! We raised \$4334.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We also met our fitness goal, so students will enjoy a double recess day one beautiful day in June.

Thank you to Mrs. Mackenzie for organizing this fantastic day!



### Design the Agenda Cover

Thank you to all the Grade 4 students who submitted their art work for the Agenda Cover contest for the 2018-19 school year. All entries will be voted upon by Cootes students and the winner will be announced sometime in June.

## Outdoor Activities

The wonderful weather brings the opportunity to take our learning outside. Students are reminded to stay hydrated, wear a hat and use sunscreen. Tick checks will be done after returning from Churchill Park. Parents are advised to do a more in-depth check during the daily bath/shower routine. The following link provides more information on ticks: [http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Lyme-Disease-Letter-to-parents\\_March-28.pdf](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Lyme-Disease-Letter-to-parents_March-28.pdf) Students participating in DPA and Physical Education must have running shoes. *Sandals do not protect the feet from injury or ticks.*

**BEYOND  
THE  
CLASSROOM!**

## After School Dismissal

With the warm weather finally here, we understand that some students wish to stay back and play on the school grounds. Please note that supervision ends at 3:35 pm and a teacher will no longer be on duty after that time.

On behalf of the  
Cootes Paradise Staff  
we would like to wish all  
the Fathers out there  
a wonderful day on  
June 17th!



## 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.



## Bake Sale Update!

Thank you Cootes Paradise families for making our bake sale for Lupus a success! We raised \$ 426.00! A big thank you to Mme Titian and her class for organizing this amazing cause!



## Cram-A-Cruiser Food Drive Update

The Hamilton Police Service has sent a Thank You after overwhelming success for this years Cram-A-Cruiser Food Drive. Cootes Paradise raised 195 lbs of food!

Congratulations to Ms. Young's grade 4/5 class for winning the pizza party and thank you to Mrs. Henkel for organizing this great event!

## School Messenger Calls

HWDSB strives for effective communications with all families. One way that we communicate is through an automated phone service, as you will know from days when school is cancelled due to inclement weather or for attendance calls.

This is a useful service when making large volumes of calls. However, we need to inform you that the company that provides this service is making changes that you may notice.

As of May 29, 2018, HWDSB is being moved to a new phone platform that will make calls to all non-emergency contact numbers listed for a family. In the past, the service would stop making calls if it reached one parent for that student, for example.

This means that you may receive duplicate calls from this automated system. This is something that HWDSB cannot resolve in the short-term but is working with the vendor on for a long-term solution.

We understand that this may be a nuisance, but we do not recommend that families contact their school to remove phone numbers from their students' information sheet. Doing this will make it more difficult to reach all HWDSB families in case of emergency.

Thank you for your understanding.



## Bus Information

Please note: The school office is closed at 4pm and therefore there is no one to answer inquiries regarding late buses. Parents please contact Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) at 905-523-2318 regarding any busing issues and to check on arrival status. HWSTS regularly updates its website <https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/index.aspx> for parents to check on the status of their child's bus. Parents can also visit the website to access the Parent Portal, an information tool to provide parents / guardians of students enhanced information and features regarding their student transportation services.



## Attendance Letters

You may have noticed attendance letters going home to some families. At Cootes Paradise we want every child to have the best possible experience at school to enable them to reach their full potential. There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results for children. We at Cootes want to support all our students in the best possible way. Please continue to call the office if you are aware that your child will be absent.

**905-522-0601**







Mrs. Kehoe has been at George R. Allan / Cootes Paradise School for more than twenty years as a Learning Resource, Grade 1 and literacy teacher. She has always been a team member supporting our school community with various extra-curricular activities in Phys. Ed., Music and the Arts. She has always put the students first and has provided many, many children the foundation and nurturing they needed to be their best. On behalf of staff and students at Cootes Paradise, we wish her well in this new chapter of her life!

## FAREWELL

This June brings farewells to our school community as several staff and students leave us. As another year draws to a close we must say good-bye to staff members who are moving on to other school communities.

I would like to thank these staff members for the many contributions they have made to our school:

- Ms. McLaren
- Ms. Clark
- Miss Ostrom
- Miss Frenkel
- Mme Cyr
- Ms. Thompson
- Miss Moscoe
- Ms. Schmelzle
- Ms. Kalifa
- Ms. Bradt
- Mrs. Campello
- Ms. Young
- Mrs. Boehme
- Mrs. Howell
- Ms. Desourdy
- Ms. Raynham
- Mrs. L'Abbe
- Mr. Leanage
- Mr. Allen

We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!



## Heat Events

The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. **A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40°C or higher humidex reading.** Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- Limit physical outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes and blinds
- Move students through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress



## News from our Cootes Paradise Arts Council

Please pass by and join the students, staff and Arts Council on June 4th for the annual Cootes Draws!

Grade 1 to 5 students will get the opportunity to sketch their school and community in this wonderful outdoor event. Their artistic endeavors will be guided by local visual artists and inspired by music performed by members of the Bel Canto Strings Academy.

Please find the schedule per grade as follows:

9.40 am -10.40 am: Grade 4 (still life art)

10.40 am -11.20 am break

11.20 am -12.20 pm: Grade 3 (portraits)

12.20 pm-1.20 pm: Grade 1 and 2 (architectural art)

1.30 pm-2 pm: break, potluck for school staff, artists and volunteers

2.00pm-3.00pm: Grade 5 (landscape art)

3.00pm: end of activities

Activities will take place in the front garden of the school. Rain date will be on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you have some time and interest to help in this event: please contact Marleen at [leenbroek@gmail.com](mailto:leenbroek@gmail.com) or Lara at [larko@sympatico.ca](mailto:larko@sympatico.ca).

Thanks,

The Cootes Paradise Arts Council

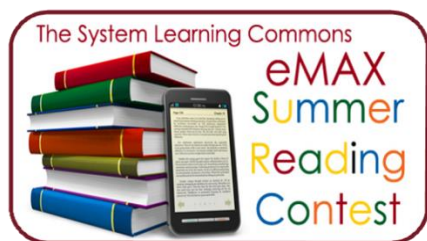


## Outdoor Playground Clean Up Day!

Outdoor playground Clean up day! **Saturday June 16, 10-1.** Calling all Cootes Paradise Elementary parents. We're looking for volunteers to help clean up our outdoor natural playground. We will need help with trimming and pruning, sweeping the pathways and general cleanup- don't worry if you have no gardening experience, there's something for everyone! To sign up, please contact Isabelle at [iekoko5@gmail.com](mailto:iekoko5@gmail.com) by Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>. If you can only come for an hour or two that is great!

If you have any landscape or arborist experience, please contact Isabelle- even if you can't make it to the Clean up day we would appreciate your input on how to maintain our trees and shrubs!

The System Learning Commons of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board is pleased to once again offer the **eMAX Summer Reading Contest!**



**WIN!** One of four \$25 Chapters/Indigo Gift Cards by borrowing and reading books from the eMAX eBook collection over the summer.

(1 winner randomly selected from: Primary, Junior/Intermediate, Secondary, and Staff)

**WHEN?** June 29 – August 31, 2018

**HOW?** You are **automatically entered** when you borrow an eMAX ebook or eAudio book over the summer

**WHERE?** Log in to eMAX (OverDrive) via TheHUB or using the OverDrive app

Students use their OEN, staff use StaffID to log in

See eMAX Instruction Sheet on reverse for details

**WHO?** Contest is open to HWDSB students and staff

#### The Fine Print

1. The contest is open to HWDSB students and staff only. Contest runs from June 29 to August 31, 2018.
2. Each participant must login with their 9 digit OEN number or 7 digit employee ID to check out eBooks and / or eAudio books from eMAX. (OENs are on report cards or available from your school's teacher librarian.)
3. Find eMAX via TheHUB, using the OverDrive app or go to *hwdsb.lib.overdrive.com*.
4. Parents/legal guardians of participating students are responsible for ensuring the reading / listening material selected by your student for the contest is appropriate.
5. Names of the students and staff who borrow ebooks / e audio books during the contest will be entered into a random draw.
6. One winner from each of the four categories (Primary, Junior/Intermediate, Senior and HWDSB Staff) will be randomly drawn and will receive a \$25 Chapters/Indigo gift card. Winners will be notified at their school or work location by September 30, 2018.



## Try This at Home:

### 'What brought you joy,' and other questions to ask your child as the school year ends!

1. What is something you did well this year? What are you most proud of yourself for?
2. What brought you joy?
3. What was your biggest struggle?
4. Do you think there are things you could do next year to make this better?
5. What have you learned about yourself?
6. How do you think you do at reaching out to other people?
7. If your peers were honest, would they describe you as a person who is nice to everyone?
8. What is your best quality as a friend?
9. How could you improve the way you interact with others?
10. Do you think you were respectful to your teachers?
11. Do you think your teachers thought you were respectful?
12. How can you improve the way you interact with your teachers?
13. When you think about the things you want to do and become, did your choices this year help you get closer to those goals?
14. What could you do next year to make more progress toward these goals?
15. If you were only graded on your attitude, what would that grade be?

*\*\*\*Taken from the Spectator May 25, 2018*

# Have a GREAT



# Cootes!