



# PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



**2015 - 2016**

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**OCTOBER**

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER - Colin Hazell**

Well the month of September has flown by for all of us here at Pauline Johnson. I can't believe it is over and that it is time to share another Newsletter with you.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL ... 2015 - 2016**

Elections were held on Thursday, Oct 1st, 2015 ... below are the members of this years School Council.

**Laurie Walowina** - Chair of School Council ...

**Candice Campbell** and **Sarah Warry-Poljanski** - Vice Chairs of School Council.

Please note our School Council is always looking for additional parents to help out, if you are interested in helping, contact the school to become a volunteer.

## **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Our Grab and Go Breakfast Program is up and running. It has been in operation since Tuesday, Sep 15th. All students can enjoy a morning snack such as cereal, cheese, yogurt, granola bars and a fresh fruit such as apples and bananas. The Breakfast Program is partially funded through **"Tastebuds"**. The additional funds need are met through school fundraising events and donations from the Pauline Johnson community.

The success of our breakfast program is due in part by the support of several of our students, who show up early, prepare and deliver the snacks and help keep the Nutrition room clean.

## **PIZZA FRIDAYS**

Our Pizza Fridays have been going fairly well. We started Friday, Sep 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Our pizza is supplied by Limeridge Pizza and it conforms to the HWDSB nutrition policy. Again in terms of the logistics of Pizza Fridays we couldn't do it without the assistance of several of our senior students. If you are interested in helping us on Friday's with the pizza distribution, please contact Mrs Busse at Pauline Johnson North ... 905-385-5344.

## **MILK PROGRAM**

We are currently looking for Parent Volunteers to help us get this program up and running this year. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Mrs Busse at Pauline Johnson North ... 905-385-5344.

## **PHOTO DAYS**

Picture day for our JK - Gr 6 students will take place on ... Wed, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

Retake Photos for Grade 7 & 8 is ... Thurs, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>

Retakes for JK - Gr 6 is ... Tuesday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Pauline Johnson South and North are looking for volunteers to help with the Nutrition Program and Pizza Sales at both schools. Anyone interested in helping should contact Mrs. Busse at Pauline Johnson North.

## **LAMONTAGNE FUNDRAISING**

**We have postponed this fundraising program at this time.** We will let you when we are able to proceed with this annual fundraiser.

Thanks for continuing to support Pauline Johnson School

Colin Hazell - Principal



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## **TERRY FOX RUN**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Terry Fox National School Run Day. Special thanks to Mr Downey and Mr Blunsdon's classes for acting as partners for the JK/SK students. We have already raised \$130.00! Please send any additional pledge forms and donations to the office by Friday October 4. The final acceptance of donations will be Monday, October 5. Thank you for your support.

## **SPORTS / PE**



Cross Country, Swimming, and Interscholastic Volleyball will be beginning in October, Schedules and forms will be sent home in the coming weeks



Grade 4 and 5 students will have the opportunity to compete in a volleyball league during the months of October and November.



## **NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY!**

**Wear Yellow and Walk to School**

The next City of Hamilton Wear Yellow day is - **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

On Wear Yellow and Walk to School day, schools and parents across the city are encouraged to allow children to wear yellow clothing and support students and staff using active transportation (walking, cycling, rolling, bus) to get to school. Parents that must drive can park 1 km away and let students walk in to join in on the fun. Remember to "turn it off" when parked as Hamilton has a no-idling by-law.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Physical Education program at **Pauline Johnson South** for Grades 1-6 will be undergoing some changes this year due to our school expansion.

The Grade 5 and 6 classes at **Pauline Johnson North** (previously Cardinal Heights) have been timetabled into the gymnasium at that site.

Classes at the **Pauline Johnson South** campus will use the existing gym until the renovations begin. At that point, classes will be going outside as much as possible to participate in Physical Education.

Students should make every effort to dress appropriately based on the weather conditions (hats for sunny weather, jackets and sweaters for colder days).

In the event of rain, or if the weather conditions dictate that we must stay indoors for safety, Physical Education will take place in our Fitness Room.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.



Mr McLean



## **Pauline Johnson Recycle program**

Please help the school by sending in the following items for collection and recycling. There are bags in each of our classroom for collection of the following items.

Drink Pouch Brigade: Accepted items: Aluminum drinking pouches. Eg: Kool-Aid Jammer pouches.

## **CROWDED HALLWAYS**

The amount of hallway traffic has increased significantly over the past month. It has now reached the point where it is becoming a safety concern. **We are requesting that parents do not accompany their students into the school at entry or dismissal times as the increased congestion in the hallways makes it unsafe for our children.**

As there is no supervision in the hallways before the 8:15 am bell, students should not be at their lockers prior to 8:15 am. The school grounds are supervised 15 minutes before school begins and 15 minutes after school ends.

Staff escort the children into the building at entry time and out of the building at dismissal and will assist them with their clothing if needed. Your co-operation with this concern is appreciated.

## **VISITORS**

Just a reminder to visitors to our school to report to the office and sign in. Safety for all students in our school is a concern for all of us. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Parents are also asked not to enter a classroom unless they have made an appointment with the classroom teacher. Please arrange an appointment to speak with a staff member when necessary. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

## **REMINDERS — “NO SMOKING POLICY”**

Just a reminder to Parents & Guardians that it is illegal to smoke on school property.

## **DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND**

We appreciate the fact that some parents have made a conscious effort to walk their dogs at a time other than when escorting their children to and from school., especially since time is tight for all of us these days. We realize that the dogs being brought onto our playground are on a leash and that all of our parents are responsible people. However; children and animals, are both unpredictable and excitable. Some children are afraid of dogs even when the dogs are on a leash. Some children have allergies to dogs. Therefore, in an attempt to keep our playground safe and enjoyable for all children, I am asking you to **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING DOGS ONTO OUR PLAYGROUND DURING SCHOOL HOURS.**

## **NEWS FROM OUR P.J. LIBRARY - Miss A Guidotto**

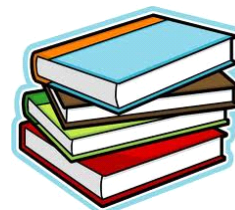
Lost books must be replaced. Generally, the fees for lost books are:

Fiction ... \$15  
Non-Fiction ... \$30

Instead of paying the lost fee, books can be replaced with a book from the same collection.

For instance, a fiction book can be replaced with a fiction book, a non-fiction book with a non-fiction book and a graphic novel with a graphic novel.

Additionally, if a hard cover is lost, it must be replaced with another hard cover and soft cover with a soft cover.



## **MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT**

Still no word on when we will be able to hold a meet the teacher night.

## **THE SPANISH and ARABIC CLASSES ARE CANCELLED**

Don't forget to share your email address with us to ensure that you get important Pauline Johnson information as it happens.

Make sure you visit our school website regularly to view our New Calendar page, the current Newsletter and for numerous other important tidbits of information about what is happening in and around Pauline Johnson North & South.

## **PARKING SAFETY**

We would like to remind our parents not to drop off or pick up students directly in front of our school. This is a no parking / no stopping zone that is enforced regularly by the By-Law Officers with the City of Hamilton-Wentworth.

We have appreciated the concerted effort of some parents to park away from the school when dropping off and picking up students. However, there are still a number of cars entering and backing up in this area. This congestion is not only against the law, but is very dangerous both to students and drivers. Due to the serious nature of this situation, the City of Hamilton By-Law Officers will continue to monitor the situation and enforce the By-Law. The staff and administration have a serious concern for the safety of all our students. Your assistance in this important safety issue will help to eliminate the chance of a serious accident. We ask parents not to use the staff parking lots to drop off or pick up students. We also ask that parents not block the entrance to the lots or block our neighbours' driveways.

Students are not to walk / run through the staff parking lot at any time. This is a serious safety concern, and we ask that parents reinforce with their child(ren) that the parking lots are for staff use only. Thank you.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

There are students in our building who have allergies to nuts and nut products.

It would be appreciated if you would avoid sending peanut butter or foods that contain nut products in your child's lunch. This would include Nutella, Wow Butter and other similar spreads. Please remind your children to wash their hands carefully after lunch and to make sure they put all their lunch garbage and food waste in the garbage containers provided in the lunch rooms. This will help prevent accidental contact with these products by our students with allergies.



## **VOLUNTEERS IN THE SCHOOL**

It is the policy of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board to support and encourage the participation of volunteers in Board activities.

### **Role of the Volunteer**

- ⇒ Volunteers will perform their assigned duties as directed by Board staff
- ⇒ Volunteers will neither be responsible for the discipline or evaluation of students, nor for the identification or diagnosis of their learning strengths or difficulties
- ⇒ The participation of Volunteers will be respective of any Collective Agreement requirements.
- ⇒ Volunteers will maintain in confidence any personal information, which shared with them in the performance of their duties, in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and protection of Privacy Act.
- ⇒ Volunteers will follow dress and behavioural codes as established by the school. Volunteers will report to the school office on arrival, and, if applicable, will wear an identification badge at all times while in the school.
- ⇒ Volunteers will notify their supervising teacher/staff member of any expected absence, as far in advance as possible.

We at Pauline Johnson are delighted to have a large number of parent volunteers who are a tremendous help to our students as they support the learning activities in the classroom. We also have a large number of volunteers who organize fundraising activities to support many school related learning experiences for our students.

**Volunteers must provide a Vulnerable Sector Screening (police check) confirmation prior to being assigned duties.**

**Pauline Johnson School, with support of the School council, asks all volunteers to provide a Vulnerable Sector Screening for the safety of our students. Anyone intending to volunteer is asked to come to the office to obtain a volunteer letter to take to the Central Police Station when he/she goes for the screening check.**

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## **PERCH STORE located in Pauline Johnson North**

The Perch Store at Pauline Johnson North is now open! Tuesday and Thursday at 2nd Nutrition Break from 12:55 pm to 1:15 pm

### **Items for sale include:**

Frozen Yogurt AND Popcorn - \$2.00 each ... Apple or Orange juice - \$.075 (cents) each

More exciting items to follow!