



PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



2015 - 2016

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SEPTEMBER

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to the start of the 2015-2016 school year. Many of our staff members have been here preparing their classrooms and lessons for the new school year which started on Tuesday September 8, 2015 at 8:15 am. Our Partners in Nutrition Program will be available every Tuesday and Thursday morning starting September 15th. All are welcome to participate.

A Warm Welcome to all our new staff members:

Mr Gord Cook - Vice Principal
Mrs Mishell Llewellyn - Office Administrator (Pauline Johnson - South)
Mrs Sandy Paterson - Administrative Assistant (Pauline Johnson - North)
Ms Anna Busse - Mentoring Educational Assistant
Ms Christina Dockrill - Learning Resource Teacher
Mr Andrew Downey - Grade 5
Deb Garrett - Grade 3
Ms Leigh Labre - Educational Assistant
Ms Hollie McMurray - FDK Prep Teacher
Ms Breanne Oullette - DECE
Mr Jeff Parker - Grade 7 & 8 Mathematics & Science
Ms Terri Damico - Character Networks Teacher
Mr Dale Duncan - CN Educational Assistant
Mr Steven Horvath - CN Educational Assistant

A special thanks goes out to our Caretaking South Staff, Mrs Sims, Ms Bortelho and Mr Zenteno and our Caretaking North Staff: Mr Fuentes, Ms Milanovich, Ms Paulin who did a wonderful job of cleaning both of our schools and of getting our classrooms ready for you. Well done! Our caretakers do an excellent job all year long of keeping Pauline Johnson School's learning environment in tip top shape.

Please keep these things in mind:

There will not be any **EQAO** results this year. However; we anticipate that our students will continue to exceed the averages of many other schools in HWDSB due to the collaborative team work our staff does in teaching Reading, Writing & Mathematics to our students.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Details will be sent home later.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2015 - 2016

Please let us know if you would like to participate in our school council. School Council meets on the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting is Thursday, Oct 1st, 2015 at 6:15 pm in the Pauline Johnson South Learning Commons room.

Important Information

If you would like to receive important information from Pauline Johnson School, please email me at chazell@hwdsb.on.ca Please be sure to indicate your child's first and last name in the email.

Please be sure to visit our school website regularly for up-to-date information about what is happening at Pauline Johnson North & South. In the future, we will only be posting our Newsletters on-line, in an effort to be more environmentally friend and to get the information to you in a more timely manner.

Many thanks for your continued support of Pauline Johnson School,

Colin Hazell - Principal



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SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

This new school year brings some changes in organization at Pauline Johnson. Pauline Johnson is now a JK – Grade 8 school and is housed in 2 campus' ... Pauline South campus is the 25 Hummingbird Lane location, is Gr 1 - 4 and our Pauline North campus is located at 70 Bobolink Rd formerly known as Cardinal Heights, JK/SK, Gr 5 - 8

Below is a listing of the staff at both locations for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

Pauline Johnson School ... 25 Humminbird Lane Phone: 905-388-1761 ... Fax: 905-388-4447			Pauline North campus... 70 Bobolink Rd Phone: 905-385-5344 ... Fax: 905-385-7322		
Site	Staff Member	Position	Site	Staff Member	Position
	Colin Hazell	Principal		Gord Cook	Vice-Principal
S	Mishell Llewellyn	Office Administrator	N	Sandy Paterson	Admin Assistant
N	Steve Begley ... Rm 1 xx	81 - Teacher Advisor	S	Amie Baniield ... Rm 130 / 5	Gr 1 Teacher
N	Robert Blunsdon ... Rm 143	Gr 6 Teacher	S	Marcia Brazel ... Rm 212	Gr 2 Teacher
N	Lynda Bucciero ... Rm 141	FDK Teacher		Janine Carey	EA
N	Anna Busse ... Rm 110	EA Mentor		Shelagh Clarke	EA
N	Terrilyn DÁmico ... Rm 109	CN Teacher		Angela Crook	EA
N	Deb Deans ... Rm 114	73 - Teacher Advisor, Art	S	Irene Dewar ... Rm 125 / 8	Gr 4 Teacher
N	Nicki Difrancesco ... Rm 104	71 - Teacher Advisor	S	Deb Garrett ... Rm 211 /	Gr 3 Teacher
N	Christina Dockrill ... Rm 109	LRT	S	Alyssa Guidotto ... Rm 107	French / Learning Commons
N	Andrew Downey ... Rm 144	Gr 5 Teacher	S	Melanie Hogleund ... Rm 130	Gr 1 Teacher
N	Dale Duncan ... Rm 109	EA - CN class	S	Marj Howden ... Nutrition Rm / 3	LRT
N	Leslie Ferguson ... Rm 140	FDK Teacher	S	Dan Hughes ... Rm 131 / 4	Gr 4/5 Teacher
N	Simon Frank ... Rm 110	83 – Teacher Advisor	S	Jamie McLean ..Gym / Rm 124 / 6	PE
N	Brooke Greenwood ... Rm 141	FDK DECE	S	Denise Ordowich-Rivera Rm 213 / 1'2	Gr 1/2 Teacher
N	Lara Hamilton ... Rm 128	82 - Teacher Advisor		Barb Penny	EA
N	Michele Hau ... Rm 125	AM - Music Teacher		Leanne Roussell	EA
N	Steven Horvath ... Rm 109	EA - CN class	S	Janelle Sullivan ... Rm 205	Gr 3 Teacher
	Leigh Labre	EA	S	Hali Tsui ... Rm 206 /	Gr 2 Teacher
N	Sophia Maleki-Raei ... Rm 145	FDK DECE	S	Shirley Sims	Caretaking
N	Hollie McMurray	FDK Prep Teacher	S	Lorna Botelho	Caretaking
N	Breanne Ouellette ... Rm 140	FDK DECE	S	Bento Zenteno	Caretaking
N	Jeff Parker (for Mr Walters) Rm 118	72 - Teacher Advisor	N	Raul Fuentes	Caretaking
N	Yvonne Watson ... Rm 145	FDK Teacher	N	Elaine Paulin	Caretaking
N	Connie Wilson ... Rm 120		N	Lillian Milanovich	Caretaking

Pauline Johnson's Bell Times

8:15 am - Entry
 8:15 am - 8:55 am 1st Period
 8:55 am - 9:35 am 2nd Period
 9:35 am - 10:15 am 3rd Period
10:15 am - 10:55 First Nutrition Break
 (first 20 minutes is spent outside, and
 the next 20 minutes is inside eating)

10:55 am - 11:45 am 4th Period
 11:45 am - 12:35 pm 5th Period
12:35 pm - 1:15 pm Second Nutrition
Break
 (first 20 minutes is outside, the next 20 is inside eating)
 1:15 pm - 1:55 pm 6th Period
 1:55 pm - 2:35 pm 7th Period
2:35 pm - Dismissal



PIZZA FRIDAY

We will be selling Pizza for \$1.00 a slice on Fridays during 2nd nutrition break. Please be sure to place your order by in advance to ensure that your student(s) don't miss out.

KEEP VALUABLES AT HOME

We ask that our students do not bring toys, video games, cards, jewelry or other items of value to school. It is better to be safe by keeping them at home than to be sorry if something happens to them at school. The school takes no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items that should be left at home.



Picture day for our JK - Gr 6 students will take place on ... Wed, Oct 7th
 Retake Photos for Grade 7 & 8 is ... Thurs, Oct 29th
 Retakes for JK - Gr 6 is ... Tuesday, Nov 10th

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.

Thank you,

Mr. McLean, Physical Education



School commences Tuesday, Sep 8, 2015 and ends Wednesday, June 29, 2016

School Holidays

Professional Activity Days

Monday, October 12th – Thanksgiving
 Saturday Dec 19 – Sunday Jan 3rd
Winter Break
 Monday, February 15th – Family Day
 Saturday, Mar 12th – Sunday, Mar 20th
March Break
 Friday, March 25th - Good Friday
 Monday, March 28th - Easter Monday
 Monday, May 23rd – Victoria Day

Friday, November 27th
 Friday, January 29th
 Friday, February 26th
 Friday, June 10th
 Friday June 29th

ATTENDANCE, ABSENCES AND LATES

We encourage regular attendance for all students to ensure that classroom work is kept up to date and fresh in everyone’s mind.

Should a student need to stay home, it is the **Parent’s responsibility** to call the school at 905-388-1761 (PJ South) ... or ... 905-385-5344 (PJ North) to report all student absences on a daily basis. (Voicemail is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

When leaving a message, please be sure to give the student’s name, the reason for the absence, and their class / teacher.

All notes for early dismissal must be brought to the office first thing in the morning. Adults picking up their child must report to the office.

Once morning announcements have started, you must check into the office to obtain a late slip.

ILLNESS

It is advised that children who are sick or are recovering from an illness remain at home until they are well enough to participate in recess and classroom activities. In this way, the children will not spread germs to other students and will be able to participate fully in the school program.

Pauline Johnson is a **PEANUT / NUT SAFE SCHOOL** as we have several students with life threatening allergies to peanuts and/or nuts. **Please do not send your child with any peanut or nut products (including WOW butter) for lunch, snacks or special occasion treats.** By working together we can ensure the safety of all of our children.

ALLERGIES

We are constantly updating our records so that all of us at Pauline Johnson are aware of students who have medical problems. Please help us by telling your child’s teacher about any allergies or medical conditions your child may have.

We now have at least seven children with severe, life-threatening allergies to peanut products.. Teachers of these children will be asking you to limit snacks containing peanut products. We appreciate your help so that we may help these children at P.J.



SAFETY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Roller Blades, Skateboards and Scooters and Heeleys:

As a safety precaution for everyone, roller blades, skateboards, scooters and heeleys are not allowed to be used on school property and should NOT be brought to school. Should any of these items be brought to school, it will be necessary to require that they be stored at the office for the day.

Bicycles:

With their parents’ permission, some students like to ride bicycles to school. We do not encourage students to bring bicycles to school both for personal safety reasons and the possibility of damage or theft.

Please note that THE SCHOOL TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED BICYCLES.

1. Bicycles must be walked on school property for the safety of our pedestrians of all ages.
2. The locking of bicycles is the responsibility of the student.
3. Please ensure that your child wears a helmet as required by the law.

PARKING REGULATIONS

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

Parents please remember to NOT drop off or pick up students directly in front of the school. This is a no parking / no stopping zone that is enforced regularly by the By-Law Officers with the City of Hamilton-Wentworth.

Congestion in this area isn’t only against the law, it is also very dangerous both to students and drivers. Your assistance in this important safety issue will help to eliminate the chance of a serious accident.

We also ask parents not to block the entrance to the staff parking lots or to use it to drop-off or pick-up students ... in the morning, after school, at lunchtime or for Kindergarten pick-up and drop-off. Thank you.

YMCA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The YMCA After school program is for children ages 4 - 12 years old.
Information about the program or calls regarding children in the program should be directed to the Y.M.C.A. at **905 317-4916**.
The After School Program Supervisor is Mrs Lynn Froud. If you are unable to reach Lynn, you can leave her a message on her cell phone **905 973-8712**.

Tobacco Control Act

A reminder to parents and guardians that it is illegal to smoke on school property. 'No Smoking' signs are posted at all entrances to the school.



Calling all Volunteers !!

Mlle Guidotto (our librarian) is always looking for parent volunteers to assist in the library (mornings or afternoons). Please contact her if you are interested in helping out.

Reminder that all PJ volunteers must have a police check completed before volunteering. These forms are available in the school office.

Thank you.

Use of Personal Electronic Devices

The HWDSB is currently developing a policy for use of personal electronic devices in school.

Electronic devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, video-recording devices, iPods, MP3 Players, text messaging devices.

Use of electronic devices that are used in a manner that negatively impacts the moral tone of the school may result in consequences under Part XIII (Behaviour, Discipline and Safety) of the Education Act.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT GROUP

Pauline Johnson School is very fortunate to have the PJ School Council parent group, which supports our programs and, in turn, our students.

Several studies have confirmed that parental interest and involvement in a child's school increases their chances of that child achieving success in her / his academic career. One way of doing this is regular contact with your child's teacher. Another way is by joining the PJ School Council.

The School Council meets on a Wednesday of each month. This year, our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 14 at 6:15 p.m. in the Staffroom.

Council members analyze and provide input into the organization and implementation of school programs. They monitor issues developed by the Ministry and local Board as to the impact of them on our school.

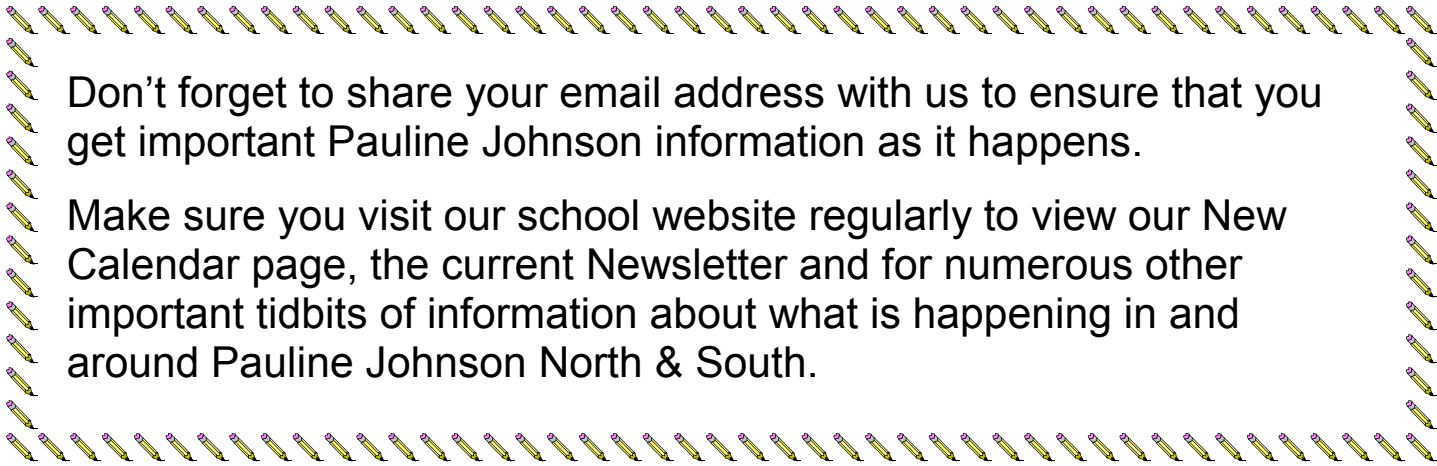
*****This group is recruiting new members this month for the upcoming school year. *****

Nomination forms are available in the office. You may nominate yourself or another candidate for a membership position on the Council.

Please call the school if you would like more information. (905 388-1761)

Families — Please save your kool-aid jammers and Delmonte tetra bags and send to school at any time. This is a fundraiser for Council this year.

Thank you for supporting Pauline Johnson students !!



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.