



January

PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS

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Principal's Corner - Colin Hazell

2016



HAPPY NEW YEAR !!



Our Staff and School Council wish you happiness and health in 2016. We look forward to continually working with all members of our school community to make Pauline Johnson a great place to learn.

WELCOME OUR NEW VP MRS J LINDSAY:

Mrs Lindsay started Monday, January 4th and is looking forward to working with you. Please feel free to stop by and say hello to her.

LOST AND FOUND:

There are many clothing items that were left at the school before the break. If your child is missing something, please have them take a look in Room 7. We will display the lost items in this room until Wednesday, January 13th, 2016.

WINTER MUSIC CONCERTS

On behalf of our Students and Staff, I want to thank Ms Hau and Mr Blunsdon for preparing our Winter Music Concerts during the week of December 15-19. Music is a terrific way for students to learn to work together as a community.

HOLIDAY ASSEMBLY

A big thank you goes out to Mrs Høglund and Ms Guidotto for taking the lead in preparing our Holiday Assembly which was held on December 17th. Thank you also to all of the teachers and students who participated, it was an overwhelming success with the family members who attended.

VISION CLINIC

A Special Thank You to Dr J Hepburn and his staff for holding a free vision clinic for our students between Wednesday, December 2nd and Tuesday, December 8th, 2015. It was a resounding success with approximately 150 free eye examinations given, prescriptions for approx 30 students were forwarded along with the offer for \$10 glasses to those who need them. Many Thanks!



LABOUR UPDATE

Thank you to our families for their patience during our recent job action. We know it was a challenging time in our schools and we appreciated your support as we worked through the process. We are slowly returning to business as usual in our schools.

We have now reached local agreements with many of our groups such as elementary teachers, secondary teachers and caretakers. Discussions continue with our office staff, educational assistants and social workers and we are hopeful that we will reach local agreements with these groups soon.

Updates will continue to be provided through the school and board websites.

AFTER SCHOOL SCHOLARS

Our After School Scholars Program will begin again this spring. We will be reaching out to parents of our Grade 3 students to have their children participate in the preparatory activities for the Grade 3 EQAO.

NUTRITION PROGRAM SPONSORS:

A Special Thank You goes out to the Hamilton Bulldogs and Tastebuds, Hamilton's Student Nutrition Collaborative as without them we could not run our daily nutrition program.

Please donate a box of Kleenex to your child's classroom during cold & flu season!

WINTER IS COLD AND FLU SEASON

Please keep in mind that winter is also cold and flu season and that it would be appreciated if parents would consider donating a box of tissue to their child's classroom during this time to help cut down on the spread of germs.

Children who are sick and those recovering from an illness should remain at home until they are well enough to participate in recess and classroom activities.

In this way, the children will not spread their germs to other students and they will be able to participate fully in their school program.

REPORT CARDS ...

Friday, January 29th is a PA Day when report cards will be prepared.

Report Cards will be sent home with your student on Thursday, February 18th, 2016

Food Drive -

Thanks to all those who donated food to our annual food drive which was held just before the holidays. You will be happy to know that it was a huge success.

Neighbour-to-Neighbour has asked that we extend a big thank you to all of our families for their generosity at this very needy time of year..

HAMILTON BULLDOGS GAME FEB 10TH, 2016

HWDSB has once again partnered with the Hamilton Bulldogs to offer **students in Grade 4 to 6** the opportunity to attend a school day game with a literacy theme based on the book THE MAGIC HOCKEY STICK by Peter Maloney.

This amazing opportunity takes place on February 10th, 2016 when the Hamilton Bulldogs will be facing the Niagara Icedogs. These school games have become a very popular event at HWDSB.

We are excited as this year The Hamilton Bulldogs are a Junior League team in the OHL (Ontario Hockey League) and many of their players are students in HWDSB.

The game takes place on Wednesday, February 10th, 2016 starting at 10:30 am at FirstOntario Centre (formally Copps Coliseum).

The cost to participate in this game is \$15.00 per student and includes transportation.

More information to follow. Plan to participate!

DENTAL SCREENING

Thursday January 28 is Dental Screening Day for our **FDK and Gr 2**.

MADD ASSEMBLY

Thursday, January 21st is our MADD assembly for Grade 7 & 8
This assembly will be held in the PJ North Gymnasium

CUPCAKE DAY ...

We are planning another cupcake day in January.

Cupcakes will be sold for \$1.00 each and will be delivered to the classrooms.

Monies raised will support our grade 7 cooking clubs!

So please help support these groups by enjoying a delicious cupcake. Forms and additional info regarding dates and details will be sent home with your student.

PERCH STORE

The Perch Store is open Tuesday and Thursday each week at 2nd Nutrition Break.

Items available are:

Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00 each
Popcorn	\$2.00 each
Baked Lays Chips	\$2.00 each
Cookies	\$1.00 each
Juice	\$0.75 each

Run4Change => Monday, May 16, 2016

This year the Run4Change is at the Tim Horton's Field with a closed road run through the surrounding neighbourhood and should be very exciting!

HWDSB's goal is to have every school participate in this incredible event that can make a difference in the lives of Hamilton children and youth.

CALLING ALL PARENTS !!

Do you have an hour or two to spare at 8:15 am any day?

We are looking for volunteers to listen to students access the RAZ Program online.

RAZ is an online Reading Program where students access reading assignments including:

Read to, read into, and quizzes.

Come be a **RAZ-A-TEER !**

See Mrs. Howden or Mrs. Banfield if you are interested.

Please note, a valid police vulnerable sector check is required.

Forms are available in the school office.

COLD WEATHER ALERT

A Cold Weather Alert is issued when current or anticipated weather conditions are at or below minus 15° Celsius or minus 20 with the wind chill.

The City of Hamilton has notified community agencies who work with vulnerable and homeless people.

Each of those agencies, including Salvation Army, will implement their policies and procedures with regards to cold weather.

Members of the public can report the location of a person in need of shelter to the local Salvation Army by calling 905-527-1444 Ext: 0

MEDIA CONTACTS

For information regarding cold weather alerts and related health risks:

Matt Lawson 905-546-2424 Ext: 5823

Manager, Health Protection **After hours 905-546-3570**

For information regarding community agency response and shelter availability:

Salvation Army Booth Centre 905-527-1444 Ext: 0

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.

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES ACT

Beginning January 1, 2016, the Act makes it illegal to use e-cigarettes (vapes) in non-smoking areas including:

- ⇒ A school (including school property)
- ⇒ An enclosed public place
- ⇒ A day nursery within the meaning of the Day Nurseries Act (including outdoor area used by the children)
- ⇒ Child care centre within the meaning of the Child Care and Early Years Act (including outdoor area used by the children)
- ⇒ An enclosed workplace
- ⇒ Within 20 metres of any point of the perimeter of a children's playground where the public is permitted
- ⇒ Within 20 metres of any point of the perimeter of a sporting area where the public is permitted

As with tobacco, supplying or selling e-cigarettes and component parts (e.g. battery, atomizer, liquid) to anyone under the age of 19 is illegal.

The Act and Regulation is available at <http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/15e07> and is enforced by Tobacco Enforcement Officers. Public Health Services offers more information at ...

<https://www.hamilton.ca/public-health/health-topics/smoke-free-vape-free-school-property> .

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Grade 8 Grad Photos will be taken on
Wednesday, February 10th ...
 Please mark this date on your calendar.
 More information to follow!

SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM (GR 8)

"Version 1" of the basketball schedule is now available online. Check hwdsb.on.ca/athletics.
 A hard copy has been given to all team members but please understand that the schedule is subject to change ... from Coach Wilson

**A MESSAGE FROM Ms KEFEL**

As I get ready to embark on my new journey in the US and start on the wedding preparations, I cannot help but think of how much I am going to miss everyone at Pauline Johnson. I was lucky enough to have met so many wonderful people here, and it saddens me that I won't be teaching my students Arabic and Spanish anymore.

What I am going to miss the most about my lovely students is all their smart fun talks, creative ideas, and the joy and excitement they brought to my classes each week. Not to mention all the love and innocence. I have been truly blessed to experience all that with these sweet kids for the past few years. I wish them all the success in the world and I will always love to hear great news about them.

A special thank you to our principal, Mr Hazell, for having made these programmes possible, and for always engaging parents in their children's learning. And thank you, to you parents for enrolling your kids in language classes. I hope they keep the interest for learning new languages going and keep on embracing new cultures and cuisines. (They loved making tabbouleh, zoodles and "booza", and some of the kids got introduced to new snacks such as zaatar pies, guacamole, and hummus, amongst other foods). It was a great pleasure to see that.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday, and a bright, prosperous New Year! Feliz Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo!

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Much love, Ms Kefel
yusrakefel@gmail.com

WINTER CLOTHING AT RECESS:

Please remind your children that it is our expectation (the school's and yours) and it is their responsibility to get dressed properly before going outside.

With up to 25 children in a class, teachers do not have the time to check each child individually. Dressing properly is part of teaching our children independence and responsibility.

Students should have ready to wear clothing that includes: a winter coat, boots, hat and mitts.

A double layer of pants or snow pants are also a good idea, especially for our younger students.

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

IEPs went home with Progress Reports on December 11th.
 Please review the IEP, sign the last page and return it to the school.

If there is anything you would like to discuss further in any area of the IEP, please feel free to contact the Learning Resource teachers listed below.

Pauline Johnson South
 Ms M Howden
 Phone: 905-388-1761
mhowden@hwdsb.on.ca

Pauline Johnson North
 Ms C Dockrill
 Phone: 905-385-5344
cdockrill@hwdsb.on.ca

20/20 CHALLENGE:

Students at Pauline Johnson are invited to participate in the 20/20 Challenge. The plan is to be active for 20 minutes each day, during second nutrition break, for 20 weeks. Stay tuned for more information.

START2FINISH

HWDSB is fortunate to once again partner up with [Start2Finish](#), a not for profit group whose mandate is to break the cycle of child poverty and improve students' lives through mind, body and social development.

Start2Finish donates significant time and resources to students in HWDSB schools. They emphasize physical activity and fitness and its power to make change.

The 20/20 Challenge is tailored for daily physical activity, whether in elementary or secondary. For 20 weeks, for 20 minutes a day, participate in the activities for all ages that can be done anywhere. Research has proven that in this short time period, physical fitness increases.

It's a great way to have fun and *to meet the requirements for daily physical activity.*

GRADE 8 INFORMATION**MACNAB SECONDARY**

At MacNab, we're looking forward to connecting with our feeder schools during the following upcoming events:

Option Sheet Presentations - January 11th - 15th

Grade 8 Parents Option Sheet Information Night - January 19th

Slice of Life - Friday, February 12th (all day at MacNab)

Option Sheet Inputting - Feb 28th - March 4th (taking place at feeder schools with MacNab counsellors on site)

Please feel free to contact Tom Fisher at tfisher@hwdsb.on.ca or Lisa Farrugia at lfarrugi@hwdsb.on.ca if you would like more information about MacNab Secondary School

LAMONTAGNE CHOCOLATE CAMPAIGN

Begins Monday February 1st... and runs for 2 weeks ... **ending on Tuesday February 16th**

We will be offering the **Queen Special Assortment** ... each box contains **30 bars** and the bars sell for **\$2.00 each**

The assortment contains ; 8 Crisp Rice Bars, 8 Caramel Bars, 5 Sea Salt Bars, 4 Bite-Size Mints and 5 Bite-Size Caramel

Monday February 1st...Kick Off Assembly 8:30am North and 9:30am South

Prize Incentive Package ... Up Everyone who participates can earn up to 4 Free Prizes

Selling 1st carrier ... you will receive a Glow in the Dark "It's Cool – Be Kind" Bracelet

Selling a 2nd Carrier ... you will receive the bracelet from above and a Flashing Smile Face Stick-On

Selling a 3rd Carrier ... will get you the bracelet and smile face from above and a Bug Eye Centipede

Selling a 4th Carrier ... will get you the bracelet, smile face + the Bug Eye Centipede from above and a Stuffed Baby Gooney Bird (16")

TOP SELLERS

1st Top Seller...Best Buy \$75.00 Gift Card (North & South)

2nd Runner Up ...Bluetooth Tower Speaker (North) and Bluetooth Tube Speaker (South)

3rd Place...Bluetooth Tube Speaker (North) and Remote Control Drone (South)

Please plan to participate ... more info will be sent home with your student(s).