



# PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



**2016 - 2017**



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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 and the construction on Pauline Johnson South is moving along nicely. I can't believe that September is over and that it's time to share another Newsletter with you.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ... 2016 - 2017

Elections were held right after our Meet the Teacher event on Thursday, Sep 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ... below are the members of this years School Council.

**Candice Campbell** - Chair of School Council ...

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

Please get involved as we are still look for more School Council members and additional parent volunteers to help with the many projects needed to make Pauline Johnson the best possible school for your children.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs Gates at PJ North (905-385-5344) to get the necessary forms to enable you to become a PJ volunteer.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING

We have not yet confirmed our big fundraising events for this year. This will be discussed at our next School Council meeting on Thursday, October 6th, 2016 at 6 pm in the PJ Learning Commons. Plan to join us.

## PHOTO DAYS - EDGE IMAGING

Picture day will take place on ... **Wed, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**

Retake Photos will take place on ... **Tues, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 8 Grad Photos will be taken on **February 9th**



## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our Grab and Go Breakfast Program is up and running. This program allows all students to enjoy a morning snack which could include one of the following, crackers, cheese, yogurt, cereal or granola bars and a fresh fruit or vegetable such as apples, pears or bananas, carrots.

The success of our breakfast program is due in part by the support of several students, who show up early, prepare and deliver the snacks and help keep the Nutrition room clean. A big thank you also goes out to Mrs Busse who organizes and co-ordinates the food orders and the training of our volunteers.

In the past the majority of the Breakfast Program has been funded through "**Tastebuds**" and **The Bulldogs** as well as receiving a few **parent / grandparent donations**.

Additional funds are needed to meet the needs of our school and we are hopeful that we will be able to do this through various fundraising events and additional donations from our generous Pauline Johnson community.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pauline Johnson is always looking for volunteers to help with the many events / projects that take place at PJ throughout the year. Anyone interested in helping us should contact Mrs Gates at Pauline Johnson North (905-388-5344) to arrange to complete the necessary forms to become a valuable PJ Volunteer.

Thanks for continuing to support Pauline Johnson School

Colin Hazell, Principal



curiosity.

creativity.

possibility.

**HWDSB**

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be sent home with your student on **Tuesday, November 1st, 2016.**

## PIZZA FRIDAYS

Our pizza supplier is once again Limeridge Pizza. Their pizzas conform to the HWDSB nutrition policy. Pizza Fridays have been going fairly well, however we would not be able to have these days without the assistance of several of our senior students as we do not have enough parent volunteers.

If you are interested in helping us on Friday's with the pizza distribution, please contact Mrs Gates in our office at Pauline Johnson North ... 905-385-5344.

## MILK PROGRAM

Milk (chocolate and white) are sold for \$1.00 cash during 2<sup>nd</sup> nutrition break. Again we are only able to offer this program with the help of some of our senior students.

## HOMEWORK HELP

Homework help information for grades 7 to 10 was sent home in September. This online math tutoring initiative is available to all students in grades 7 to 10. Please encourage your children to sign-up and become familiar with this online program. By the time these students are in grade 10, the chat line should be available for all students up to grade 12. The chat room is current open Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

## LEAVING SCHOOL FOR LUNCH

A reminder to our grade 5 - 8 students that to ensure student safety, the school requires a signed and dated note from one of their parents giving them permission to leave the school grounds on that day.

- ⇒ Students with a note may leave the school during 2nd nutrition break only
- ⇒ Students must be back on time, by 1:15 pm.
- ⇒ Students must be finished eating when they return as food is not to be brought into the classrooms.
- ⇒ Parents please talk to your child about planning these outings ahead as **they must bring a note** from you on the day to be able to leave our school grounds.

## TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Terry Fox National School Run Day on Friday, Sep 30th. Special thanks to Mrs Banfield and Mrs Garrett for organizing the event. We have already raised \$282.00! Please send any additional donations to the office before Friday, Oct 7th. Thank you for your support.

## DRESS CODE REMINDER

Just a reminder that we expect students to dress in a manner that is appropriate for learning and is non-offensive to others. *"The bottoms of tops must meet the tops of bottoms."*

We appreciate the continued support of our parents in this matter.

## BACKPACKS AVAILABLE

We have a few backpacks, that were donated to the school last year, that are still available to any student in need of a new backpack.

Stop by the South Office and see Mrs Lindsay and she will be happy to give you one.



## CITY OF HAMILTON SMART COMMUTE - YELLOW WALK TO WORK / SCHOOL DAY!

Hamilton Smart Commute Wear Yellow and Walk to school day is - **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

On Wear Yellow and Walk Day students, parents and staff are encouraged to wear yellow clothing and use active transportation (walking, cycling, rolling, bus) to and from school.

Parents that must drive can park 1 km away from the school and let students walk that distance to school to join in on the fun. Remember to "turn it off" when parked as **Hamilton has a no-idling by-law.**



**Don't forget to share your email address with us** to ensure that you get important Pauline Johnson information as it happens. Be sure to visit our school website regularly to view our Calendar page, the current Newsletter and numerous other important tidbits of information about what is happening in and around Pauline Johnson School.

## SPORTS TEAMS / PE PROGRAM NEWS

**CROSS COUNTRY** has started and the students meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:45 am ...

The coach is Lori Colasanzio

Their meet is planned for Tues, Oct 18th from 9 am - 1 pm at Christie Conservation Area ...

Rain date is



### VOLLEYBALL

**Jr Girls Volleyball** Team Coaches are ... Mrs M Hoglund and Mrs L Colasanzio

**Boys Volleyball** Team Coach is ... Mr N Kirk

These teams will enjoy opportunities to compete during the months of October and November ... more details will be shared with the team as they develop.

### VOLLEYBALL GAME DAYS:

Jr Girls - Mondays

Jr Boys - Tuesdays

Sr Girls - Wednesdays

Sr Boys - Thursdays



The Senior Girls' volleyball team have been feverishly practicing for the past 2 weeks in anticipation of the official start of the season. This year the team will be competing in the Ryerson Classic Volleyball tournament.

The date of the tournament is Thursday, October 27th, and the event takes place at the Dofasco Sport Park.

### Team members are :

Paulean A

Nyela B-P

Brianne G

Chantel L

Alecea M

Reema M

Tasfia U

CJ W

Michelle Y

**Coach:** Mrs C Wilson

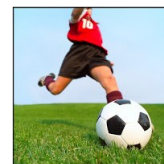
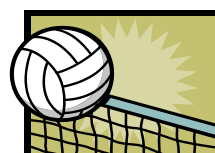
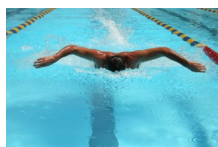


## PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The Physical Education program at **Pauline Johnson** will be undergoing some changes this year due to our school expansion. All of our PE classes will take place in our PJ North Gym until we are all together at Pauline Johnson South with a big, new gym.

Students should make every effort to ensure that they have appropriate gym clothing available in their lockers ready for their scheduled gym classes.

If you have any additional questions, please call PJ North 905-385-5344 and one of our PE Teachers will be happy to get back to you.



## 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
- ⇒ Volunteers will not be responsible nor for the identification or diagnosis learning strengths or difficulties
- ⇒ The participation of Volunteers will be respective of any Collective Agreement requirements.
- ⇒ Volunteers will maintain in confidence any personal information, 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, to sign-in 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.

At Pauline Johnson we are delighted to have parent volunteers. Volunteers are a tremendous help to our students as they support the learning activities in the classroom.

We also need volunteers who can organize the fundraising activities that support many of our school related experiences that enhance the learning of our students.

**Pauline Johnson School, with the support of our School Council, asks all volunteers to provide a Vulnerable Sector Screening (police check) for the safety of our students.** Anyone intending to volunteer is asked to come to the office to obtain a volunteer letter that they need to take to the Central Police Station when they go for the screening check. This check must be done prior to being assigned any duties.

### CROWDED HALLWAYS

The amount of hallway traffic has increased significantly over the past month. It has reached the point where it is becoming a safety concern.

- ⇒ **We are requesting that parents 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.**
- ⇒ The school grounds are supervised 15 minutes before school begins and 15 minutes after school ends.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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 in our school that you need to report to the office immediately upon arrival to sign in. The safety of all the students in our school is a concern for all of us, so 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 before or after class, when necessary. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.



### REMINDERS — “NO SMOKING POLICY”

Just a reminder to parents and guardians that it is illegal to smoke anywhere 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, we are asking you to **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING DOGS ONTO OUR PLAYGROUND DURING SCHOOL HOURS.**





## NEWS FROM OUR PJ LIBRARY / LEARNING COMMONS



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.



### **NO NUT SCHOOL!**

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

It is important that you avoid sending peanut butter or any foods that contain nut products in your child's lunch. This includes Nutella, Wow Butter and other similar spreads.

Please remind your child to wash their hands carefully before school and 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 those with Nut allergies.



### **EPI PENS AND INHALERS**

Does your student have allergies that require them to carry an Epi-pen, or do they carry a puffer for asthma.

If so, please make sure that you complete a new set of forms every year to ensure that we have the most up to date information, so that we are able to effectively help your child should they require adult assistance.

### **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 appreciate 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 it is very dangerous to both 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 would also like to ask parents not to use the staff parking lots to drop off or pick up students and to not block the entrance to the staff parking lots or to 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.

### **HEAT ADVISORY**

It may be fall, but the temperature can still reach that uncomfortable range. When ever the temperature does rise to those levels, please make sure that you send your child to school with a hat and sunscreen. Also ensure that they have sufficient water or a refillable water bottle so that they can stay adequately hydrated.

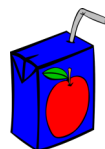


### **PERCH STORE LOCATED IN PAULINE JOHNSON NORTH**

The Perch Store at Pauline Johnson North is now open! They are open daily during 2nd Nutrition Break from 12:55 pm to 1:15 pm ... however; on Pizza Days they only sell milk.

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

Milk (white & chocolate) \$1.00 each ... Frozen Yogurt \$2.00 ... Apple or Orange juice - \$.0 75 (cents) each ... Popcorn - \$2.00 each ... More exciting items to follow!



## Healthy Kids Feedback Survey



Did you participate in the Passport to Health Program? We want to hear from you.

If so, [please take our survey](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/passport/survey/long/). Your feedback will help inform upcoming HKCC actions.



## 2016 PASSPORT TO HEALTH ... Healthy Kids

The Healthy Kids Community Challenge workgroup is seeking assistance in obtaining feedback from parents/caregivers in regards to the Passports to Health that were distributed in the Spring.

This feedback is essential to the Ministry's evaluation of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge project. Please take the time to complete this quick survey so that more programs like this will be offered in the future.

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/passport/survey/long/>



### Pauline Johnson Recycle program

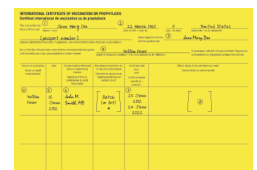
Please help the school by sending in the following items for collection and recycling. There are bags in each of our classroom for collection of the following items.

Cereal Bag Brigade: Accepted Items: All brands and sizes of cereal bags and cereal bag liners.



The **ANNUAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK** is occurring across Canada this year from Oct 17-21.

**School Bus Driver Appreciation Day** will be October 19th.



### REMINDER TO REPORT VACCINES TO PUBLIC HEALTH

This is a reminder for parents and guardians to review their child's vaccines with their doctor.

This fall, Public Health will begin to screen records to ensure children are up to date.

Please report all vaccines and vaccination dates to **Public Health at 905-540-5250**.

Visit [hamilton.ca/vaccines](http://hamilton.ca/vaccines) for more information.

## SUPPORT THE HAMILTON HELMET INITIATIVE

Helmets can prevent brain injuries, which are the leading cause of serious injury and death in children. Children have thinner skulls. Their brains are more fragile.

A fall from as little as two feet can cause a skull fracture or brain injury in a child.

The Hamilton Helmet Initiative (HHI) promotes access to helmets.

Since 2013, 12,096 helmets have been purchased through Hamilton schools and early learning settings.

A total of 3111 free helmets have been given to children in need.

You can support the HHI. When you buy a helmet from the HHI you help provide free helmets for children in need.

The next helmet campaign is coming in January.

You can also buy a helmet anytime by visiting [www.canadahi.ca](http://www.canadahi.ca).

Parents, you are the most important role model for your child. Always wear a helmet yourself. Your brain needs protection too.

**Make helmets a habit in your family!**

For more information visit: [www.mcmasterchildrenshospital.ca/hhi](http://www.mcmasterchildrenshospital.ca/hhi)

