



PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



2016 - 2017



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NOVEMBER

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER - Colin Hazell

November is upon us and the weather is wet and getting colder, so please be sure to dress appropriately.

Many thanks to our Caretaking staff who despite all of the construction challenges, keep our schools in great shape.

Sadly we had to say Good Bye to Mrs Gates, when she accepted a Full-time position with another school. We wish her well in her future endeavours. We would like to welcome Mrs L Walowina as our new Office Assistant in PJ North.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS THIS WEEKEND:

Just a reminder that you will need to **turn your clocks back one hour** at 2 am on Sun, Nov 6th ... or before you go to bed on Saturday night, Nov 5th. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

PHOTO DAYS - EDGE IMAGING

Retake Photos will take place on ... **Tues, Nov 15th**

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



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our Grab and Go Breakfast Program continues to allow our students to enjoy a morning snack.

Additional funds are needed to meet the needs of our school and have a couple of fundraising events planned to assist us with that. We have also received a couple of donations from some generous PJ grandparents.

A special thanks goes out to our School Council who donated \$1,000 from their 2015-16 fundraising efforts.

"Tastebuds" and **The Bulldogs** also continue to support this program for our students.

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 contact the office to ensure that you receive a new set of forms to complete.

It is important that this is done every year as having the most up to date information, will able us to effectively help your child should they require emergency assistance.

ECO TEAM:

A big thank you goes out to Mrs H Tsui for her continued leadership and motivation with our Eco team and for their efforts in becoming student leaders in Reducing, Reusing and Recycling here at Pauline Johnson.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Our next School Council meeting is Thursday, Dec 4th at 6 pm. Please plan to join us as we need your help and your input on how to ensure our students are getting the most from their learning experience.

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 our PJ North Admin, Mrs Walowina at (905-385-5344) to arrange to complete the documents necessary to become a valuable PJ Volunteer.

Thanks for continuing to support Pauline Johnson School

Colin Hazell, Principal



curiosity.

creativity.

possibility.

HWDSB

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.

PROGRESS REPORTS
Progress reports will be sent home with your student on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016.
Parent Teacher Interviews are ... Nov 3rd after school and Nov 4th during the day.

PARKING REGULATIONS
Please remember not to 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, but 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 that parents not block the entrances to the staff parking lots, or our neighbours driveways with their vehicles when picking up their children in the morning, after school day or at lunchtime.
Students are not to walk or run through the staff parking lots at any time. This is a very serious safety concern, and we ask that parents reinforce with their child/children that the parking lot is for staff use only.
Parents we also ask that you not use the staff parking lots to drop-off or pick up students as this also proposes safety issues.



VISITORS
Just a reminder to our school visitors that they need to report to the office upon arrival.
All school doors are kept locked during the instructional day for the safety of our children.
Visitors to PJ need to use the buzzer at the front doors in order to gain access to the school.
Please be patient when you buzz, as our Office Admin are not always sitting at their desk.
Parents are also asked not to enter any classroom unless they have made an appointment with the classroom teacher in advance.
Staff will be happy to speak with you at a time that is convenient for everyone.
Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

"A SLICE OF LIFE AT MACNAB" - Gr 8's
Wednesday, Nov 2, 2016 from 10 am - 2 pm
This day will focus on familiarizing and making connections with the Grade 8's to "SAM" through participation in classroom activities.
The students will attend workshops in an area of their choice and take part in activities led by peer mentors.
As well, students will be provided with a FREE PIZZA LUNCH this year!

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.
Please see Mrs Lindsay in the PJ South Office and she will be happy to give you one.

VALUABLES AT HOME !!
Reminder to keep all valuables at home!
This includes but is not limited to ... Hand-held electronic devices and collectible cards!
Pauline Johnson School will not be responsible for any lost or stolen articles brought to school



NOVEMBER SPORTS TEAMS / PE PROGRAM NEWS



Just a reminder that 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.

Many thanks to all of our coaching staff who have done a terrific job with our student athletes.

Our **CROSS COUNTRY** meet was on Tues, **Oct 18th** at Christie Conservation Area ... Grace Purdy came in first for the Gr 4 Jr division ... Thanks once again to Mrs L Colasanzio and Mrs L Sousa for working with this great team.

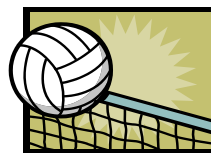
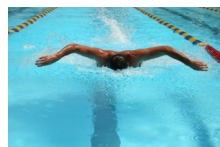


VOLLEYBALL COACHES

Girls Volleyball - Mrs M Hoglund, Mrs L Colasanzio, Mrs C Wilson ... **Boys Volleyball** - Mr N Kirk, Mr J Parker

VOLLEYBALL GAME DAYS:

Jr Boys - Tuesdays ... Sr Girls - Wednesdays ... Sr Boys - Thursdays



SWIM TEAM UPDATE ...

Our Gr 3, 4 & 5 Swim Team have been working very hard on Tuesdays from 3 pm - 4 pm at Hill Park Rec Centre in preparation for the annual HWDSB Swim Meet on Monday, Nov 21, 2016 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am.

Thanks to our Swim Team coaches - Mr R Blunsdon and Ms D Deans.

Please try to be there to support our team

SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM UPDATE

| GAMES REMAINING: | LOCATION | TIME | AGAINST | 2nd GAME | AGAINST |
|------------------|-----------------|---------|------------|----------|--------------|
| Thurs, Nov 3rd | Pauline Johnson | 3:45 pm | Queensdale | 4:45 pm | Gordon Price |
| Thurs, Nov 10th | Pauline Johnson | 3:45 pm | Ridgemount | | |

PLAYOFFS: *No games rescheduled after November 17th
First Round: Thursday, November 24th ... **Quarter-Final:** Thursday, December 1st
Semi-Final: Thursday, December 8th ... **Championship:** Tuesday, December 13th

SENIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM UPDATE

The Senior Girls' volleyball team competed in the Ryerson Classic Volleyball tournament on Oct 27th, at the Dofasco Sports Park and .

| GAMES REMAINING: | LOCATION | TIME | AGAINST |
|------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| Wed, Nov 2nd | GL Armstrong | 3:45 pm | GL Armstrong |
| Wed, Nov 9th | Pauline Johnson | 3:45 pm | Norwood Park |
| Wed, Nov 16th | Pauline Johnson | 3:45 pm | Queensdale |

PLAYOFFS: *No games rescheduled after November 16th
First Round: Wednesday, November 23rd ... **Quarter-Final:** Wednesday, November 30th
Semi-Final: Wednesday, December 7th ... **Championship:** Monday, December 12th

PAULINE JOHNSON IS AN EDUCATION PLACE FOR MANY ...

Every year we help educate many other people as well as our own students.

Here are just some examples:

McMaster University Nursing students, who are supervised by a nurse from McMaster University.

- ⇒ Taylor Spencer who is working with our Kinder classes
- ⇒ Angela is working with Mrs Tsui
- ⇒ Andy is working with Mr Parker

Teacher Candidates ...

- ⇒ Jessica Troop working with Mr Kirk
- ⇒ Meghan Arbuckle with Mrs Ordowich Rivera
- ⇒ Sarah Noorduyn working with Mrs Tsui
- ⇒ Chloe Salvo working with Mrs Watson

Classroom Volunteers:

- ⇒ Marian Aldred who has volunteered in our Library for many years
- ⇒ Erin McEnry volunteering in PJ South
- ⇒ Holly DiFrancesco who is working with the Gr 1's

**JESSICA TROOP INTRODU-
TION:**

Hello students, families, and members of the Pauline Johnson community. My name is Jessica Troop and I am a teacher candidate from Brock University who will be volunteering within your school from September until December. Specifically, I will be joining Mr. Kirk's Grade 2 class.

I was especially excited to begin this teaching block at Pauline Johnson because I grew up in this community; I previously attended Cardinal Heights Middle school (now known as Pauline Johnson North) and graduated from Hill Park Secondary School (Class of 2011).

I'm looking forward to gaining more experience in the teaching profession while engaging in a community that has helped shape who I am in many ways. I am grateful for this learning opportunity and hope I get the chance to meet some of you during my time here.

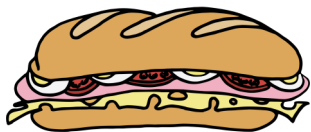
Sincerely, Jessica Troop

LUNCHROOM ABSENCES

Students are expected to be in their assigned lunchroom every break, unless, they are ill and absent from school.

Lunchroom students are not allowed to leave the school property at lunch for any reason unless they have handed in a SIGNED AND DATED NOTE from a parent to their classroom teacher in the morning and then the note is brought to the office.

Students are to return to school before 1:15 pm.



SUBWAY FOOD DAY ...

For all Students ... **Tues, Nov 8th** at 2nd Nutrition break ... Subs are \$4.00 each ...

Orders must be in by Thurs, Nov 3rd ...
NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT

The Bulldogs will be here on **Tues, Nov 8th** from 11 am - 11:45 am to visit our Grade 4 - 6 students in the PJ North Gym who will be attending a game on Nov 16th. Show your spirit by wearing **Black & Gold** on both of these dates.

LUNCHROOM RULES - A REMINDER

- ◆ Remain seated in your own seats at all times
- ◆ Ask permission to leave seat if needed
- ◆ Eat and converse quietly
- ◆ Clean up your own eating areas
- ◆ Follow the Code of Conduct and demonstrate courtesy, respect, etiquette and safety
- ◆ Follow playground rules when outside
- ◆ Eat your own lunches — **DO NOT SHARE FOOD ...** we have several students with severe food allergies and would like to ensure their safety



**2016 PUBLIC HEALTH
COMMUNITY FLU CLINICS**

Face the flu. Get your shot.

Protect yourself and the ones you care about.

For more information call 905-546-CITY (2489).



INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS (IEP)

Parents / Guardians....for those student on IEPs, these documents were sent home this month.

Please review, sign and return the IEP as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like any changes made to the IEP, please contact us.

Thank you, M. Howden (PJ South 905-388-1761) and C. Dockrill (PJ North 905-385-5344)

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ASD

Parent Support Groups are an opportunity for you to connect with other parents who have a child / children with ASD and see that you are not alone in the everyday challenges you face.

Parent support groups (Family Nights) are available in the Hamilton area in partnership with McMaster Children's Hospital ABA Services every Fourth Wednesday from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

Support Groups are held at The Ron Joyce Children's Centre located at 325 Wellington St W, Hamilton, ON.

To REGISTER you need to call Amy Phillips, Program Coordinator, ABA Services and Supports ...
905.521.2100 Ext 74136

Group Meeting Dates: September 28, October 26, November 30,
January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26

Questions? Contact our Family Support Coordinator LB Brown at lb@autismontario.com

PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

Children at Pauline Johnson School are at times checked by Bayshore personnel to alleviate any problems with pediculosis.

Please note it is the responsibility of the parent to check their child's hair.

If head lice are detected, please call the school. We ask that parents co-operate by administering effective treatments recommended by a pharmacist or medical practitioner when needed.

If a form is sent home with a student it is to be completed and returned to the school office.

There are two steps to be followed.

Your child may return to school after the first step is completed and the form is returned.

Parents, however must follow through with the second steps. This 2nd treatment is critical for a successful treatment.



PAULINE JOHNSON IS HAVING A PENNY SALE!

Thursday, December 8th, 2016

Pauline Johnson is having a Penny Sale TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES!

We are asking for donations of new items for this event from staff and families of the school.

We are hoping to have at least 200 items ... The items can be big or small.

Some suggestions: Jewellery, figurines, cups, games, hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, pet items, coffee, teas, boxed food goods, candy, foods, baby items ... also needed are baskets, basket wrap, ribbon and bows to help with combining items into larger gift baskets to make things look special.

We will also be accepting cash donation to help purchase items to complete our gift baskets. This is a great way to get rid of those gifts or items that you have received or bought but didn't use!

We are also hoping to get some gift cards donated ... IE: pizzeria, restaurants, bowling...anywhere you can arrange to get a donation from. A letter will be available for to assist you with this if needed.

Students can bring their donations to the Student Center at PJ North ... or they can be dropped off at the office (PJ South or PJ North) Items will be picked up from PJ South daily.

Thank you, The Penny Sale Committee

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



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 as soon as you arrive 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.

REMINDER ... "NO SMOKING POLICY"

Just a reminder to parents and guardians that it is illegal to smoke anywhere on school property.



DENTAL SCREENING ... December 9th, 2016

Dental screening for JK, SK, and Grade 2 will take place on December 9th in our North building.

Watch for forms to come home in the next few weeks.

Forms will be sent home to the entire school so that any students who wants a dental checkup can get one.



PJ NORTH Gr 6 & 8 BAKE SALE - also on Nov 8th during 1st & 2nd Nutrition Break in the PJ North Lobby



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 book fee, you can replace it 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.



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.



The EcoTeam has started working hard at our school.

We are making sure the recycling is done properly and that we are saving energy at our school.

The Eco Team hopes that everyone at Pauline Johnson is recycling and saving energy at home!

REMINDER TO REPORT VACCINES TO PUBLIC HEALTH

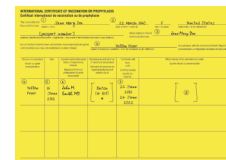
Reminder to parents and guardians to review your child's vaccines with your doctor.

In the fall, Public Health begin screening their records to ensure immunizations for children in Hamilton are up to date.

Please be sure to report all vaccines and vaccination dates to

Public Health at 905-540-5250.

Visit hamilton.ca/vaccines for more information.

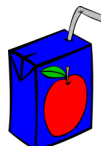


PERCH STORE LOCATED IN PAULINE JOHNSON NORTH

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 each ... Apple or Orange juice - \$.075 (cents) each
Large Chocolate Chip Cookies \$1.00 each ... Popcorn - \$2.00 each ... More exciting items to follow!



FUNDRAISING DISCOUNT COUPON WHEEL

With the help of School Council, staff and students, we are kicking off our first **Fundraising Campaign** of the year on Nov 17th ... 'Hammer Sports' **Coupon Disk**.

Any money raised will go toward the purchase of items that will benefit all students (such as books for the learning commons, additional PE equipment, musical instruments, technology to support classroom instruction and possibly other items that the school might identify to address specific school needs).

The 'coupon disks' contain 32 individual savings coupons for a variety of local businesses and **sell for \$10**.

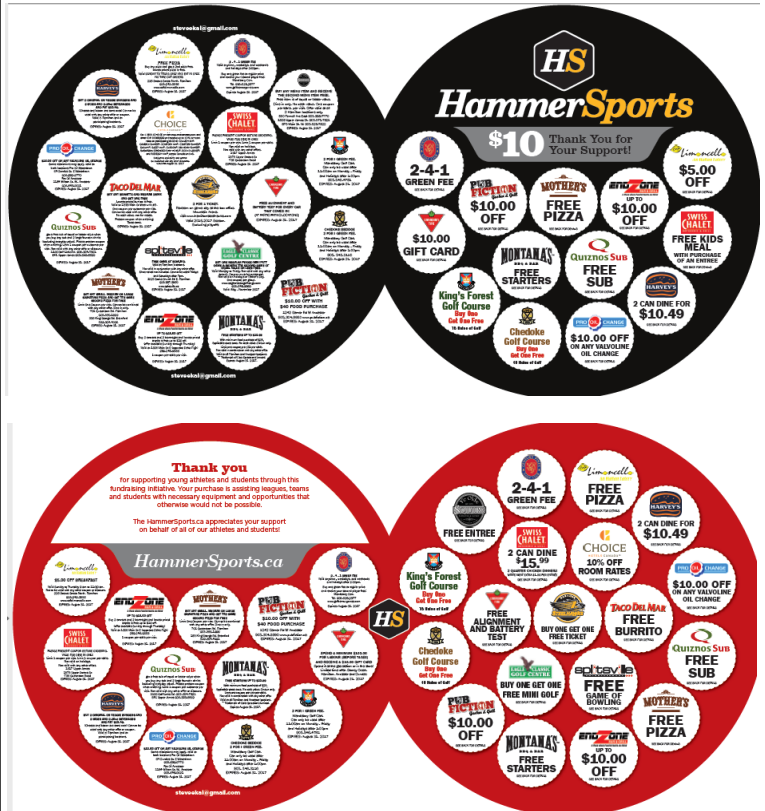
If you were to use 'all' of the coupons included, it would actually equate to hundreds of dollars in savings!

As an incentive for students choosing to participate;

- * The 'top selling' student will receive a \$50 gift certificate for 'Toys R Us'!
- * The '2nd Place' student will receive a \$25 gift certificate for 'Toys R Us'!
- * The 'top selling class will receive a free 'Pizza Party'!

Our 'fundraising campaign' will run for a little over two weeks (from Friday, Nov 18 to Monday, Dec 5th).

All Money is due by Tuesday, December 6th.



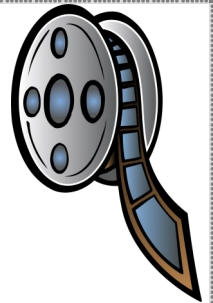
MOVIE NIGHT

We are hosting a Movie night on **Thursday, November 17!**

The movie playing is "**The Secret Lives of Pets**" and the movie will start at 6:45 pm.

Doors will open at 6:20 pm.

- ⇒ Students are welcome to wear PJs and bring their favourite stuffed animal and a blanket to sit on.
 - ⇒ We need parent / guardian permission for your student to view the movie.
 - ⇒ At least one parent/guardian is required to supervise your children.
 - ⇒ Chairs will be provided for supervising adults.
 - ⇒ The permission slip, order form and payment need to be returned to school by **Friday, November 11th**
- * Student Movie Tickets are \$2.00 each
 - * Popcorn \$2.00 per bag
 - * Pepperoni Pizza \$1.00 per slice
- Adult Movie Tickets are \$1.00 each
 - Pop \$1.00 each
 - Cheese Pizza \$1.00 per slice





**HAMILTON-
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Join us!

Are you a parent, caregiver or legal guardian of a student with special needs?



Parents as Partners invites you to an evening with Shelley Woon, Superintendent of Leadership and Learning: Specialized Services for

Understanding Your Child's Individual Education Plan (IEP)

When: Tuesday, November 29th, 2016
5:30 pm - Light supper
6 pm to 7:30 pm - Presentation

Where: 20 Education Court, Room 180A

Upcoming Talks: February 22, 2017 - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
April 5, 2017 - Collaborative Proactive Solutions

To Register: Contact **Karen Accardo** at **905-527-5092 Ext: 2804**
or by email kaccardo@hwdsb.on.ca