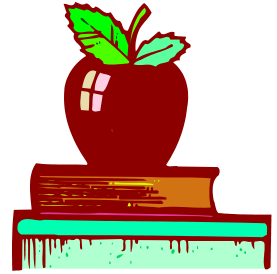




# PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



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## **NUTRITION PROGRAM SPONSORS:**

**Special Thanks** goes out to the **Hamilton Bulldogs and Tastebuds**, Hamilton's Student Nutrition Collaborative as without both of these companies we could not run our daily nutrition program.

## **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Thanks to all of our Student Leaders for co-ordinating, cleaning and distributing the morning snacks to all of our classes. We serve a morning snack 5 mornings per week. This means we serve over 2,400 snacks per week.

**ATTENDANCE** ... Thank you for calling in to let us know when your children are home sick. This helps keep our school attendance up to date and we know that your child is at home safe with you. Congratulations to all those who do a good job of getting to school on time even during the cold / wet weather.

Regular, punctual attendance will set your student up for the perfect learning condition.

**AUTOMATED ATTENDANCE CALLS** ... Our automated calls are going home around 9:30 am each morning to the homes of those students who are absent. This system is helping to free up our PJ North phone lines and is increasing our office productivity.

Please remember that it is extremely important that you call the school whenever your child is absent or if they are going to be late due to a medical appointment, etc.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Please join us for our next School Council meeting on **Thursday, April 7th, 2016** at 6:15 pm in the PJ South Learning Commons. Please also consider volunteering your time to support our school.

**CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER** ... Many thanks for your support during our recent **Lamontagne Chocolate Bar Fundraiser**. The school raised **almost \$3,000** for new equipment for our Learning commons.

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART FUNDRAISING** - Total raised by PJ students is ..... **\$1,623.65!!**

**WOW! WAY TO GO! That's almost \$500 more than last year!** We cannot thank your school community enough for its generous contributions and support for the Jump Rope for Heart program again this year. Keep making healthy choices ... eating healthy and exercising.

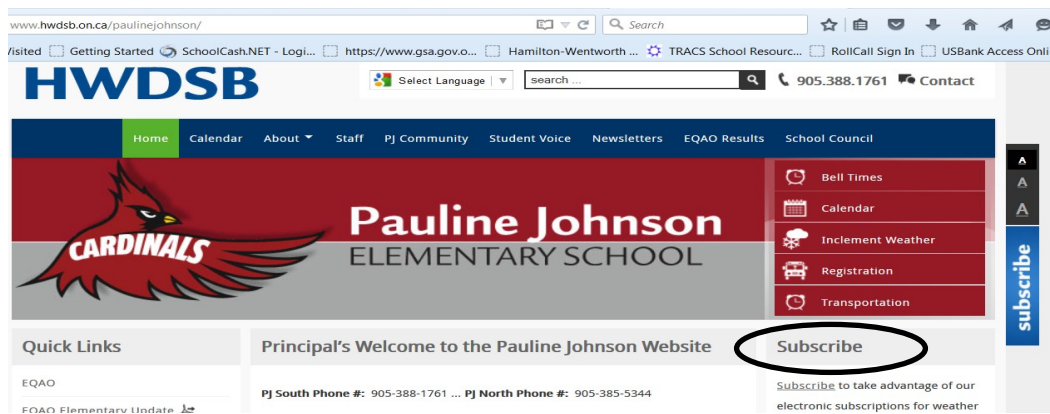
## **CONGRATULATIONS MR MCLEAN!**

As many of you know, Mr McLean is our Phys Ed Teacher. He was recently appointed to the role of Vice-Principal.

Mr McLean will most likely remain at Pauline Johnson until the end of the school year in June and then he will be sent to another lucky school to start his new life as a Vice-Principal.

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**PJ's OPEN HOUSE**

**EDUCATION WEEK** this year is May 2nd - 6th ...

It will be our pleasure, once again this year, to showcase the talents of our students, your sons and daughters.

Our **OPEN HOUSE** will be on **Thursday, May 19, 2016** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at both PJ campuses.

**NEW KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS** for Sept 2016 will take place in Rm 7 at PJ South at 5:30 pm

**KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM ORIENTATION** for Sep 2016 Registrations is at 6:00 p.m.

We hope you will be able to join us.

We will be serving pizza this evening ....

More information will follow closer to this date.

**CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN:**

A significant amount of construction is scheduled to begin at Pauline Johnson in the near future.

**This will include:**

- 1) The construction of 4 new full day Kindergarten classes
- 2) The construction of 3 additional classrooms for Grade 1-8 students (and include accessibility items such as an elevator.
- 3) An enlargement of our Gymnasium to reflect the need for a larger gymnasium to accommodate our middle school students.

**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR APRIL**

**APRIL 4th ... BANDFEST** at Sherwood Secondary ... 9 am - Noon

**APRIL 7th ... PARENT COUNCIL MEETING** ... PJ South Learning Commons at 6:15 pm

**APRIL 7th ... ECO FAIR** ... Horizon Utilities Presentations in PJ North Gym ... 8:20 am - 9:20 am Grades 7 & 8 ...  
 9:30 am - 10:15 am JK -> Grade1 ... 11:10 am - 12:10 pm Grades 4 -> 6 ...  
 1:30 pm -> 2:15 pm Grades 2 -> 3

**APRIL 13th ... DAY OF PINK** ... Please wear Pink today to stand in solidarity against all forms of bullying including homophobic & transphobic bullying

**APRIL 14th ... ORAL COMPETITION FESTIVAL** ... Division Semi-Final at Mountview School

**APRIL 15th ... PA DAY** ... No School

**APRIL 22nd ... EARTH DAY ... TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP** - PJ South has signed up with the City of Hamilton for this event to help clean up our community

**APRIL 25th ... 2nd round of IMMUNIZATIONS** (PJ North Fitness Room) 2nd dose for HPV, HepB and Menactra

**APRIL 27th ... ORIENTEERING** ... Christie Conservation Area ... 9 am - 2:30 pm

**RECESS ...** Spring has arrived.

Whenever possible, we will be going outside to get some fresh air.

During extreme cold or wet weather, we will be staying inside for nutrition breaks.

**CALLING ALL PARENTS / GUARDIANS!!**

Do you have a few spare hours during the week to help out at the school?

We are always looking for help to run the many events that occur during the school year and we would love to get that help from our own parents.

Contact the school or a member of our School Council for more information.

**TRAFFIC & PARKING AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES**

**Dear Parents of Pauline Johnson Students**

Construction on our new classrooms will begin this spring as our school becomes bigger. Many parents and community members have voiced a concern about the amount of traffic congestion during pick up and drop off times.

**Please be mindful of the following information:**

- 1) Please help our school bus arrivals and departures by honouring the drop off and pick up zones. If you are driving a car to drop your children off please do so from a location that doesn't impede our buses.
- 2) Do not park in no stopping or now parking areas.
- 3) For cars parking on the west side of Hummingbird Lane please park in the correct direction.
- 4) Drive and Park with extreme caution. We have nearly 500 students who need to get home safely.
- 5) I have asked our Hamilton Police Services Police Liaison officer Sarah Postuma and Hamilton By-Law Enforcement to assist in this process.

**AFTER SCHOOL SCHOLARS**

Our After School Scholars Program for Grades 3 and 6 students has started. It is being held every Tuesday and Thursday ... from 2:40 pm - 4:15 pm

This program was developed to help our children with the preparatory activities for the Grade 3 & 6 EQAO.

**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

**LOST AND FOUND:**

Please be sure to have your child(ren) check the lost and found regularly to see if any of the items belong to them.

**2016 - 2017 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION ... BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 1ST, 2016**

If you have neighbours' who have children who are eligible to start school in September, 2016 please share this information with them.

Information needed to complete the application include: **Birth Certificate, immunization record, Health card and proof of residence.**

**FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINICS** are provided by the Public Health and Community Services Department for families that do not have a family doctor. Call: **905.540.5250** to book an appointment at a clinic or to get more information about immunizations

**Also Please Remember ...** To have your 4 - 6 year old child immunized with MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) and DTP (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio).

Once your child has received these vaccines, call Public Health and Community Services Department at **905.540.5250** to update their records. .

**NO SMOKING POLICY**

Reminder that there is **NO SMOKING** allowed on school property..

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**VACCINE RECORD SCREENING**

Hamilton Public Health Services is screening vaccine records for all students born in **1998** and **2008**.

If you are sent a screening letter, please be sure to respond promptly to avoid a suspension.

**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.**

**SUMMER ARABIC AND SPANISH CLASSES**

**A Note from Mrs Kefel**

Marhaba! Hola a todos! I am back to teach Arabic and Spanish summer classes July 11 through to August 5 ... from 10 am - 2 pm daily. We will continue to explore both the Arabic and Spanish languages and culture. I'm so excited to see my previous students again along with new students. Registration forms will be out on April 11 and will be available for pick up from the office and they will also be posted to the Pauline Johnson School website. Hope to see you soon! :) Mrs Kefel ... [ykefel@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:ykefel@hwdsb.on.ca)

**SPEECH COMPETITION**

Students in Gr's 5 - 8 have been creating speeches. The classroom competitions are finishing this week and our school finals will be held on Wed and Thurs. PJ Winners TBA March 4th One Junior and one Intermediate Division winner will advance to a **competition** to be held on **April 14th at Mountview School** between our Family of Schools. The Board-wide **final competition** will be held on **May 9th**. Good Luck to all participants!

**HOMEWORK HELP**

Homework help is an online math tutoring initiative available for all students in grades 7 - 10. Students in class 71 and class 73 have been registered and have received an in class tutorial. Please encourage your children to become familiar with homework help. 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 open Sunday to Thursday 5:30 to 9:30 pm.

**Pauline Johnson's Second Eco Fair - Thursday, April 7th, 2016**

Pauline Johnson's Eco Team has been working hard to prepare for our second Eco Fair! We will be kicking off the day with a new puppet show on our precious resource, WATER! After the puppet show, the classes will rotate through 4 different workshops. The workshop presenters this year will be the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC). They will be giving us information on our watershed and the creatures that live and depend on this watershed for survival (including ourselves). Green Venture in partnership with the HSR will be bringing a bus to our school and talking about bus safety and the environmental benefits of taking the bus. Horizon Utilities will be giving a presentation on electricity safety and conservation. Hamilton Water will be talking about water usage and how to conserve water. It will be a day full of important information and fun hands on activities. We are inviting the community to join in and learn together. Just **be sure to sign in at the office** on the day of our Eco Fair. We look forward to the day where we can become responsible citizens of the Earth!

**YEARBOOKS**

A Yearbook Committee is starting to collect photos of school events for the Grade 7 and 8 Yearbook. Look for more details in next month's newsletter

**WEAR PINK DAY**

**Wednesday April 13th, is "Stand Up Speak Out" Day.**

We are all wearing pink to create an awareness of our students to watch out for bullying AND to Stand Up and Speak Out to stop Bullying.

**CLASSES FOR 2016—2017**

It is hard to believe that winter is over and that spring is try hard to get started. During the next three months we will be working on the staffing and scheduling of our teachers and classes for next year. As is always the case, there will be a substantial number of split classes next year. The school schedule is made with the intent of helping all of our students to do their very best while at our school. Please remember that we do not allow parents to choose the classrooms or teachers for the school.

## WHAT IS LIGHT IT UP BLUE?

**Light It Up Blue** (LIUB) is a unique global initiative to help raise awareness about the growing public health concern that is autism.

**Light it Up Blue** was launched by Autism Speaks in 2010 in support of World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), which takes place on **April 2**.

Iconic landmarks around the world **Light It Up Blue** in celebration of World Autism Awareness Day to show their support!

On October 23, 2012, a World Autism Awareness Day bill was passed by members of the House of Commons in Canada. Bill S-206 officially recognizes **April 2** as World Autism Awareness Day in Canada.

Last year, more than 150 schools and 2000 landmarks, in over 48 countries turned their lights blue in commemoration of World Autism Awareness Day.

Our goal is to **Light it Up Blue at Pauline Johnson**.

The challenge is to **WEAR BLUE** on **Friday, April 1, 2016** in support of our students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.



**AUTISM SPEAKS™**  
It's time to listen.