



PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



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In keeping with our Eco Team initiative, we are trying to send home less paper. Please watch each month for **IMPORTANT UPDATES** that can be found on our school website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/ or on twitter at ... **@PJCardinals** for up to the minute tweets.

RECEIVE IMPORTANT INFO VIA EMAIL ADDRESS ... To receive this newsletter and other important information via email please email ... chazell@hwdsb.on.ca ... be sure to include your name and your student's first and last name in the email.

WEBSITE ... Please **subscribe to our Website** to receive emails letting you know that important information has been added /updated on the school calendar that might be of interest to you and your family.

www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/ The **subscribe** information can be found on the right-hand side of our home

Dear Parents:

Many thanks for your continued support of Pauline Johnson School.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- ◆ Thank you to the **Forsyth Family** for their donations to our Nutrition Program.
- ◆ Thank you to the **City of Hamilton** for their donation to our Healthy Action Team.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ Thanks to all of our **Student Leaders** for coordinating, 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL / VICE PRINCIPAL TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank all of our parents / grandparents / guardians who have taken the time this year to support our students by volunteering in classes, reading with students, attending class trips, driving them to sports' events, attending School Council Meetings, helping with fundraising, etc, etc. These events would not have been as successful without the help, support and dedication of you, our volunteers. Thank You!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CONTINUES

If you have children or your neighbours' have children who were born in 2012, they are eligible to start school in Sep, 2016. Please consider enrolling these child now for September, 2016. Information needed to complete the process include: **Birth Certificate, immunization record, Health card and proof of residence** (eg: Dr's license, Utility bill, City of Hamilton Tax bill).

CONSTRUCTION AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please keep in mind that once the construction begins this month, the traffic congestion will increase during pick up and drop off times.

With this fact in mind, please remember to follow these guidelines:

- ✓ Drive and Park with extreme caution. We have nearly 500 students who need to get home safely.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Do not park in No Stopping or No Parking areas.
- ✓ For cars parking on the west side of Hummingbird Lane please park in the correct direction.

TWITTER: Follow our up to the minute tweets at ... **@PJCardinals**

The screenshot shows the website for Pauline Johnson Elementary School. The header includes the school name and logo. A navigation menu is visible. On the right side, there is a vertical menu with a 'subscribe' button. Below the main content area, there is a 'Subscribe' section with a link to 'Subscribe to take advantage of our electronic subscriptions for weather'.

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Please also **subscribe** to our Website to get emails letting you know that important information has been add to the calendar that might be of interest to you and your family.

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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR JUNE

Pizza Days ... \$1.00 per slice ... continue to be on Friday (unless Friday is a holiday then it is on Thursday)

June 1st ... GR 4 ... TRIP to HAMILTON WATER FESTIVAL ... 9 am - 2 pm

June 1st ... GR 8 ... Wizard of OZ ... at SAM (Sir Allan MacNab)

June 2nd ... GR 7 ... Battlefield House, Stoney Creek ... Sponsored by the HWDSB Foundation

June 2nd ... GR 4 & 5 ... Wizard of OZ ... at SAM (Sir Allan MacNab)

June 6th June 8th ... Gr 7 & 8 ... OTTAWA TRIP

June 8th ... Intermediate Soccer Tournament ... 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

June 8th ... CRAM-A-CRUISER FOOD DRIVE - HWRP will be picking up food donations between 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Students will cram-a-cruiser and the police will drop items off at Hamilton Food Share for the weigh-in. This is a fun and engaging opportunity for your students to get involved with the local police and the food banks and help make a difference for the people who use our food banks on a daily basis!

June 9th ... MOVIE and POPCORN DAY ...

June 10th ... PA Day

June 14th ... SR TRACK MEET ... 9:00 am - 4:00 pm ... Mohawk Sports Park

June 15th ... FAVOURITE CHARACTER DAY ... Join the fun by dressing up as your favourite character today.

June 17th ... DANCE ... Gr 6, 7 & 8 ... PJ North Gym ... 1:15 pm - 2:35 pm

June 20th ... JR TRACK & FIELD ... Gr 3, 4 & 5 ... 9:00 am - 2:00 pm ... Mohawk Sports Park ... Raindate = Jun 22nd

June 22nd ... PUDDICOMBE FARM ... Primary Division Trip ... Gr 1 - 3 ... 9:00 am - 2:15 pm ...

June 24th ... PLAYDAY ... PJ North & South ... 9:00 am - 12:35 pm

June 27th ... GRADUATION REHEARSAL ... 9:00 am - 12:00 pm ... at SAM

June 28th ... Gr 8 GRADUATION ... 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm ... At Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School

June 28th ... Gr 8 GRAD DANCE ... 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ... PJ North Gym

June 29th ... LAST DAY ... Visit New Teacher ... 2:15 pm - 2:30 pm ... Have a safe & Happy Summer ...

July 5th - July 29th, 2016 ... Reach Ahead Summer Program ... 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Courses: ALC10—Art ... PAF10—Physical Education ... TGJ10—Communication Technology

Locations: Sir John A. Macdonald and Sherwood Secondary Schools .

RABIES AWARENESS

As weather warms up you and your family may be spending more time outdoors. And with that, it is important to understand rabies and how to protect your family!

Rabies is an infectious disease that affects the central nervous systems of humans and other mammals. Any warm blooded animal can get rabies, including humans. **Rabies infection is almost always fatal unless treatment starts before symptoms appear.**

In Ontario, the rabies virus is mainly found in and spread by: bats, skunks, foxes, raccoons, and coyotes. Rabies can be spread from wild animals to domestic pets including cats, dogs and ferrets through bites and scratches. Humans are at risk when bitten or scratched by infected wild animals or infected domestic pets.

TIPS TO PREVENT RABIES:

- ✦ Vaccinate your dogs, cats and ferrets against rabies
- ✦ Spay or neuter your pets so they're more likely to stay home
- ✦ Keep your pets away from wild animals
- ✦ Don't touch or play with wild animals

Call Hamilton Animal Services at (905) 546-3433 if:

- ⇒ You see a wild animal acting strangely near people
- ⇒ You find a bat in your home and human contact may have occurred

If you're bitten or scratched by any pet or wild animal:

Wash all animal bites or scratches with warm soapy water,

And **Report all animal bites or scratches to Hamilton Public Health Services**

Rabies is 100% preventable if we all work together. Follow the tips listed above to help reduce rabies.

Additional information:

Public Health Services
(905) 546-3570

www.hamilton.ca/rabies



Hamilton
Public Health Services

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM (Arabic / Spanish)

We would like to remind everyone due to the construction scheduled to take place at Pauline Johnson School that the Arabic / Spanish ... International Language Summer Program is with our own **Yusra Kefel** and is now taking place at **Lawfield** School located at 45 Berko Ave, Hamilton ON from **July 11th to Aug 5th ... daily from 10 am - 2 pm.**

If you are interested in enrolling your child, you can stop by the office to pick up a **registration form ... or ... visit the Pauline Johnson [web-site](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/)** at www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/ to obtain a form.

VOLUNTEERS FOR GRAD

Ms DiFrancesco our Grade 8 Graduation advisor is seeking a few volunteers to help with our Grade 8 Graduation celebration ... Tuesday, June 28th.

In particular she is looking for help with the dance decorations food and drinks.

If you are interested in helping please call PJ North at **905-385-5344** and give our Office Admin (Mrs Paterson) your name to pass on to Ms DiFrancesco. Thank You!

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Thinking about summer camp for your student? Well now is the time to look at the possible options.

Here are a couple for you to consider ...

McMaster Athletics & Recreation Summer Camp ... visit www.marauders.ca/camps

... or call **905-525-9140 Ext: 24464**

Mohawk College Summer Camp ... call **905-575-2062 ... or visit <http://camps.mohawkcollege.ca>**

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE THIS WEEK!

We will be closing the circulation desk early this year due to the exciting renovations that are taking place. Please check at home to make sure there are no outstanding books.
Thank you!

Changes to Ontario's Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Immunization Program

Starting in September 2016 The Ontario Government's HPV Immunization will be administered to all boys and girls in their grade 7 year.

The school will provide details regarding the dates when the HPV vaccine will be administration of the as

PREPARING FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

As this school year comes to an end we are in the process of preparing classes for our students as they transition into the next grade.

The 2016-2017 school year will see more than half of the classes in the school being "split grade" classes (these are single classrooms in which two grades are taught). These classes have always worked very well at our school.

Our class building gives very careful consideration to making sure your child is placed in the class where they can achieve their very best.

Your child's class for the 2016-2017 school year will be sent home with their June report.

As has always been our school policy, classroom placements will not be changed.



2016-2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Just a reminder that the School Council Elections take place every September. This year they will take place at the end of the Meet the Teacher Open House on **Thursday, September 15, 2016**.

Please watch for more information to come home regarding the Nominations with the September School Start-up package.

GRADE 8 SUMMER PROGRAMS

STEP - August 8-19, 2016 ... 9:00 am to noon

This program is for current Grade 8's ... they take a skill building course in numeracy and literacy to prepare for secondary school ... the students will take the classes in the secondary school they will attend in September

Reach Ahead- July 5-29, 2016 ... 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Current Grade 8 students can take a Grade 9 credit course at one of the summer school sites in art, physical education or digital media

AUTOMATED ATTENDANCE CALLS

Automated calls are going home around 9:30 am each morning to the homes of the 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.



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 lets us know that your child is at home, safe with you.

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

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE ... Payment Option

With the support of School Cash Online, we're making paying for school related expenses easier.

Effective immediately, you'll be able to make online payments through our school website.

This is a win-win for everyone as it makes paying for trips, etc safer and more efficient for everyone by reducing the amount of cash and cheques coming into our with students.

While parents will still have the option to send cash or cheque to the school to pay for school related expenses, we encourage you to get on board with this new service. More services will be available online in the fall of 2016.

HOW TO REGISTER

You should have received a customized PIN code on a flyer with instructions from your child's teacher. Please contact the school if you have not received this information or it has been lost. Once you receive your PIN code, it's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Step 1: Go to the link on our school website or by visiting <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

In order to complete this step, please have the personal PIN code labels for each student provided by your school on hand.

If you have any problems with the registration process, the **parent help desk is available 24/7 by calling 1-866-961-1803 (toll-free)** or by email at parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE ... WHAT HAPPENS NEXT YEAR?

The end of the school year is only a few weeks away. Rest assured, any UNUSED FUNDS in your School Cash Online MyWallet account will continue to be available to make purchases at the start of the school year in September.

PIN CODES: For parents/guardians who have already registered on School Cash Online, you will not need to re-enter your child's PIN codes after the initial setup, even if your child moves to another HWDSB school.

Not receiving emails about items available to purchase? Upon your next login to School Cash Online, check the "My Account" tab and that you have consented under "Manage Email Notifications" to receive payment notices and reminders.

NEED HELP? Call the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803.

Gr 7 & 8 YEARBOOK ON SALE

The Grade 7 & 8 yearbook is on sale from Wednesday, June 1st - Friday, June 24th, 2016 .

Please be sure to get your yearbook early so you don't miss out. The cost of the yearbook is **\$20.00**.

Yearbooks will be available for **pick-up in early September**.

Yearbooks can be purchased with cash, money order and on the Lifetouch website.

CO-ED JUNIOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT ... Friday, June 20th 2016

On June 20th, twelve of our Grade 4 & 5 students will be competing in a Soccer Tournament at Sir Wilfred Laurier Public School .



Many thanks to Mlle Guidotto, Ms Gibson and Mr Downey for coaching our Soccer Teams.



Congratulations to Paulean Abellon of class 72 for winning the RBC Student Award for Visual Art!

Paulean has won a free week of Art Classes at the Dundas Valley School of Art this summer.

Paulean's work will be on a display alongside other HWDSB winners at an Art Exhibition to be held some time in September, 2016.

YMCA ... AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE

The YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington provides after School Child Care at your school.

This program is licensed by the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services.

The After School Program is open from dismissal time AT 2:35 p.m until 6:00 p.m.

Registration for September 2016 will begin in June.

For more information about the YMCA programs visit their website at www.ymcahb.on.ca ... or ... call the School Age Child Care office at **905 317-4916**.

NOAH'S ARK CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Our Before and After School Care, PA Days and during school breaks is for children from 18 months - 12 years old ... School Transportation Available.

Please contact them directly for more additional at: Website: www.noahskids.ca

Noah's Ark Children's Centre
118 Limeridge Rd E, Hamilton ON
Phone: **905-389-2204**

VOLUNTEER TEA

We want to thank all of our Volunteers by inviting them to a Volunteer Tea on Monday, June 13th, 2016 at 12:35 pm in our Pauline Johnson South Staff room. Invitations are being distributed on Monday, June 6th. Please RSVP by Thursday, June 9th.

GRADE 7 TRIPS

FIRST NATIONS

On Friday, May 27th, 2016 with funding provided by the **Speak-Up Grant** Pauline Johnson, Grade 7 students visited Kanata Village, The Mohawk Chapel and the home of poet E. Pauline Johnson, at Chiefswood in Ohsweken.

Students supported their understanding of First Nations' culture in the past and in the present through many interactive experiences, including a delicious lunch

BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

On Thursday, June 2nd, 2016 our grade 7 classes will be traveling back in time to Battlefield House in Stoney Creek to support their study of the War of 1812.

Pauline Johnson School gratefully acknowledges the support of the **Hamilton Foundation Grant** for funding this trip.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (PIC) ... 2016-2017 APPLICATION FORM

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's Parental Involvement Committee would like to have you join them. PIC usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September to June at 6:00 pm. Child care is available if needed.

For those interested please complete an application and return it to either the school or mail it to the Board office at: HWDSB, c/o Joanne Cravero, 20 Education Court, Hamilton ON L9A 0B9 ...

You may also email it to Joanne Cravero (jcravero@hwdsb.on.ca) or submit it by fax: 905-521-2507.

All applicants will receive confirmation of receipt by email.



From Public Health
Fun in the Sun!
 Tips for a Happy Healthy Summer



The warm weather is fast approaching and many people will be spending more time outside. We should all be wearing sunscreen daily, even through the winter months, but it's extremely important during the summer months.

Here a few sun protection tips to keep in mind:

1. Limit the amount of time spent outdoors between the hours of 11 am and 4 pm, especially between noon and 2 pm when the sun is at its hottest.
2. Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. Apply to all exposed areas of skin at least 15-30 minutes before going outdoors and then reapply every 2 hours after that.
3. Remember to use a water resistant, sweat resistant or sport sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or greater. If you are involved in swimming or physical exercise where you sweat a lot, reapply sunscreen after getting out of the water.
4. Wear loose, lightweight clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.
5. Wearing a wide-brim hat and sunglasses should also be part of your daily outfit.
6. Try to keep in the shade as much as possible. Try the shadow test ... If your shadow is **SHORTER** than you it's time to go inside or seek shade.
7. Protect your lips with a broad spectrum lip balm with an SPF of 30 or higher.
8. Protect yourself even on cloudy days since most of the sun's rays can penetrate light cloud cover.

Make Sun Protection part of your family's everyday routine. Keep sun protection items: sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses in a handy convenient place such as a basket by the front door. Place bottles of sunscreen in backpacks for school. Create a sun safe environment in your backyard with shade trees, tents or umbrellas.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING A HEAT EVENT

A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days where the humidex reading is 40 or higher. The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and the community partners of a heat event.

Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- ⇒ Limit physical outdoor activities
- ⇒ Ensure water is available
- ⇒ Close drapes and blinds
- ⇒ Move pupils to cooler areas of the school
- ⇒ Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

For more information, or steps you can take to reduce risks during heat events, please visit the following websites:

CITY OF HAMILTON ... www.hamilton.ca/healthandsocialservices/publichealth

<http://bit.ly/nB4ZQp>

HEALTH CANADA ... <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/climat/index-eng.php>

REMINDERS

“NO SMOKING POLICY”

Just a reminder to Parents & Guardians that **it is illegal** to smoke anywhere on school property.

SAFETY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

As a safety precaution for everyone at PJS, **roller blades, skateboards, scooters and heelys** are not 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 for them to be **stored at the office for the day**.



2016 - 2017 Pauline Johnson School Council Calendar

Month	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week				
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August	1 H	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31		
September				1 B	2 B	5 H	6 FD	7	8	9	12	13	14	OH	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
October	3	4	5	SCM	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31				
November		1	2	3	4 SP2	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30		
December				1	2 SP3	5	6	7	SCM	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
January						1	2	3	4	5	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
February						1	2	3	4	5	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
March						6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31
April						3	4	5	1	2	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31
May						3	4	5	1	2	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28					
June						10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28					
July						6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31

Open House
5 pm - 7 pm

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School
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PJ School Council Mtgs
Typically on Thursdays ... begin at 6 pm
In the PJ South Campus Learning Commons