



# PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



**2016 - 2017**

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Can you believe that the summer is gone and that the first week of school is behind us?

Welcome to the start of the 2016-2017 school year. Many of our staff members were here preparing their classrooms and lessons prior to the start of the new school year which started on Tuesday September 6, 2016 at 8:15 am.

Our Nutrition Program will again be available every morning starting the 2nd week of school. All are welcome to participate. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help with the program.

### **A Warm Welcome to all our new staff members:**

Mrs Jenney Gates - Administrative Assistant (Pauline Johnson - North)

Ms Tawnya Johnston - FDK Prep Teacher

Mrs Lori Colasanzio - Learning Commons & French Teacher

Mr Nathaniel Kirk - Grade 2 Teacher

Ms Kelly Turingia - Grade 3-4 Teacher filling in for Mrs Sullivan

Ms Stephany Miranda - DECE

Ms Julie Howden - EA filling in for Mrs Vandeneuval

Ms Samantha Hobbins - EA filling in for Mrs Crook

Mr Jeff Parker - Grade 8 filling in for Mr Frank

Mr Ian Johnston - Character Networks Teacher

Ms Karen Ryglewicz - CN Educational Assistant

Ms Theresa Campbell - CN Educational Assistant

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

A special thanks goes out to our South Caretaking Staff, Mrs Sims, Mrs Botelho and Mr Zenteno who despite all the construction going on diligently worked to clean our school and get it ready for the start of the school year.

A big thank you also to our North Caretaking Staff: Mr Fuentes, Mrs Milanovich and Mrs Paulin who did a wonderful job of cleaning that school and getting those classrooms ready.

Our caretakers do an excellent job all year long of keeping the Pauline Johnson School learning environment in tip top shape. A job well done by both teams!

### **MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT / OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, September 15th**

- ⇒ Pre-ordered pizza and drinks will be available from 5 pm - 6:00 pm. Order forms going home on Monday, Sep 12th.
- ⇒ Only a limited number of pizza slices will be available for sale at the Open House, so please get your orders in right away to ensure that you don't miss out.
- ⇒ Teachers will be available until approx 6:30 pm.
- ⇒ **School Council Elections will follow at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons ...**

### **PJ's TERRY FOX RUN / WALK Thursday, September 29th, 2016**

Please plan to participate in this event and support the fight against cancer with a "Toonie for Terry".

### **IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION TO KEEP IN MIND:**

**TWITTER:** Follow our up to the minute tweets at ... [@PJCardinals](https://twitter.com/PJCardinals)

To receive this newsletter and other important information via email please email ... [chazell@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:chazell@hwdsb.on.ca) ... be sure to include your name and your student's first and last name in the email.

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.

The subscribe information can be found on the right-hand side of our home page.

[www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/)

Please be sure to visit our school website regularly for up-to-date information about what is happening at Pauline Johnson North & South. In the future, we will only be posting our Newsletters on-line, in an effort to be more environmentally friend and to get the information to you in a more timely manner.

**Many thanks for your continued support of Pauline Johnson School,**

**Colin Hazell - Principal**

## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

The new school year always brings some changes in organization at HWDSB Schools. Pauline Johnson is still housed in 2 campus' ... Pauline South campus is the 25 Hummingbird Lane location, is Gr 1 - 4 and our Pauline North campus is located at 70 Bobolink Rd formerly known as Cardinal Heights, JK/SK, Gr 5 - 8

Below is a listing of the staff at both locations for the 2016 - 2017 school year.

Pauline Johnson School ... 25 Hummingbird Lane			Pauline North campus... 70 Bobolink Rd		
Phone: 905-388-1761 ... Fax: 905-388-4447			Phone: 905-385-5344 ... Fax: 905-385-7322		
Site	Staff Member	Position	Site	Staff Member	Position
S	Jessica Lindsay jrlindsa@HWDSB.on.ca	Vice-Principal	N	Colin Hazell chazell@HWDSB.on.ca	Principal
S	Mishell Llewellyn mllewell@HWDSB.on.ca	Office Administrator	N	Jenney Gates jgates@HWDSB.on.ca	Attendance / Admin Assistant
1A	Amie Banfield	Gr 1 Teacher (PM)	JSA	Mrs Lynda Bucciero	Kindergarten Teacher
130S	abanfiel@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 1A – Rm 130S	141N	lbuccier@HWDSB.on.ca	Class JSA–Rm 141S
1A	Deb Garrett	Gr 1 Teacher (AM)	JSA	Ms Julie Howden	DECE
130S	dgarrett@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 1A – Rm 130S	141N	jhowden@HWDSB.on.ca	Class JSA–Rm 141S
12A	Denise Ordowich-Rivera	Gr 1/2 Teacher	JSB	Mrs Leslie Ferguson	Kindergarten Teacher
213S	dordowic@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 12A – Rm 213S	140N	jferguso@HWDSB.on.ca	Class JSB–Rm 140S
2A	Nathan Kirk	Gr 2 Teacher	JSB	Ms Stephany Miranda	DECE
212S	nkirk@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 2A – Rm 212S	140N	stmirand@HWDSB.on.ca	Class JSB–Rm 140S
23A	Hali Tsui	Gr 2/3 Teacher	JSC	Mrs Yvonne Watson	Kindergarten Teacher
206S	htsui@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 23A – Rm 206S	145N	ywatson@HWDSB.on.ca	Class JSC–Rm 145S
3A	Deb Deans	Gr 3 Teacher	JSC	Mrs Sophia Maleki-Raei	DECE
131S	ddeans@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 3A – Rm 131S	145N	smalekir@HWDSB.on.ca	Class JSC–Rm 145S
34A	Kelly Turingia	Gr 3/4 Teacher	5A	Andrew Downey	Gr 5 Teacher
205S	kturingi@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 34A – Rm 205S	144N	adowney@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 5A – Rm 144N
4A	Irene Dewar	Gr 4 Teacher	5B	Melanie Høglund	Gr 5 Teacher
125S	htsui@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 4A – Rm 125S	143N	mhoglund@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 5B – Rm 143N
Library	Lori Colasanzio	French / Library	6A	Rob Blunsdon (+ Music)	Gr 6 Teacher (AM)
107S	icolasan@HWDSB.on.ca	Learning Commons	110N	rblunsdo@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 6A – Rm 110N
Library	Lara Sousa	French / Library	6A	Deb Garrett	Gr 6 Teacher (PM)
107S	lsousa@HWDSB.on.ca	Learning Commons	110N	dgarrett@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 6A – Rm 110N
			67A	Nicolette Difrancesco	Gr 6/7 Teacher
			104N	ndifranc@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 67A – Rm 104N
LRT	Marj Howden	Learning Resource	78A	Craig Walters	Gr 7/8 Teacher
132S	mhowden@HWDSB.on.ca	LRT – Rm 132S	118N	cwalters@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 78A – Rm 118N
EA	Sarah Atkinson	EA	8A	Jeff Parker	Gr 8 Teacher
	slatkins@HWDSB.on.ca	South	130N	cwalters@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 8A – Rm 130N
EA	Samantha Hobbins	EA	8B	Steve Begley (+ Gym)	Gr 8 Teacher
(AM)	shobbins@HWDSB.on.ca	South	117N	sbegley@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 8B – Rm 117N
EA	Janine Carey	EA	8B	Connie Wilson (+ Gym)	Gr 8 Teacher
(PM)	jlcarey@HWDSB.on.ca	South	117N	clwilson@HWDSB.on.ca	Class 8B – Rm 117N
EA	Barb Penny	EA	LRT	Christina Dockrill	Learning Resource
	bgreenwo@HWDSB.on.ca	South	109N	mhowden@HWDSB.on.ca	LRT – Rm 109N
			129N	Anna Busse	Mentoring EA
				abusse@HWDSB.on.ca	Rm 129N
N - Prep	Tawnya Johnston	FDK Prep Teacher	CN	Ian Johnston	Gr 6-8 Teacher
Teacher	tjohnsto@HWDSB.on.ca	Rm 140, 141, 145	109N	ijohnsto@HWDSB.on.ca	Class CN – Rm 109N
EA	Shelagh Clarke	EA	CN	Theresa Campbell	CN EA
NORTH	sclarke@HWDSB.on.ca	North	109N	tcampbel@HWDSB.on.ca	Class CN – Rm 109N
			CN	Karen Ryglewicz	CN EA
			109N	kryglewi@HWDSB.on.ca	Class CN – Rm 109N
S	Shirley Sims	S – Head Caretaker	N	Raul Fuentes	N – Head Caretaker
S - PM	Lorna Botelho	Bento Zenteno	N - PM	Elaine Paulin	Lillian Milanovich

## Pauline Johnson's Bell Times

8:15 am - Entry ... Announcements 8:23 am  
 8:15 am - 8:55 am 1st Period  
 8:55 am - 9:35 am 2nd Period  
 9:35 am - 10:15 am 3rd Period  
**10:15 am - 10:55 First Nutrition Break**  
 (20 minutes outside playing and 20 minutes inside eating)

10:55 am - 11:25 am 4th Period  
 11:25 am - 11:55 pm 5th Period  
 11:55 am - 12:35 pm 6th Period  
**12:35 pm - 1:15 pm Second Nutrition Break**  
 (20 minutes outside playing and 20 minutes inside eating)  
 1:15 pm - 1:55 pm 7th Period  
 1:55 pm - 2:35 pm 8th Period  
**2:35 pm - Dismissal**



## PIZZA FRIDAY

We will be selling Pizza for \$1.00 a slice on Fridays during 2<sup>nd</sup> nutrition break. Please be sure to bring in your money in advance to ensure that your student(s) don't miss out.

### KEEP VALUABLES AT HOME

We ask that our students DO NOT bring toys, video games, cards, jewelry or other items of value to school. It is better to be safe by keeping them at home than it is to be sorry if something happens to them at school. The school takes no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items that should be left at home.



Picture day ... Wed, Oct 12th ... and will take place in the North Building  
 Retake Photos will take place on ... Tuesday, Nov 15th  
 GR 8 GRAD Photos will take place on ... Thursday, Feb 9th

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR



The Physical Education program at **Pauline Johnson South** will be undergoing some changes this year due to our school expansion.

Classes at the **Pauline Johnson South** campus will be going outside as much as possible to participate in Physical Education.

Students should make every effort to dress appropriately based on the weather conditions (hats for sunny weather, jackets and sweaters for colder days).

In the event of rain, or if the weather conditions dictate that we must stay indoors for safety, Physical Education will take place in our Fitness Room.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

The Physical Education Dept



School commenced on Tuesday, Sep 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and ends Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

School Holidays	Professional Activity Days
Monday, October 10 <sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving	Friday, Sep 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Winter Break</b> Saturday Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>
Monday, February 20 <sup>th</sup> - Family Day	Friday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>March Break</b> Saturday, Mar 11 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday, Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, January 27 <sup>th</sup>
Friday, April 14 <sup>th</sup> - Good Friday	Friday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Monday, April 17 <sup>th</sup> - Easter Monday	Friday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>
Monday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Victoria Day	Friday June 30 <sup>th</sup>

**ATTENDANCE, ABSENCES AND LATES**

We encourage regular attendance for all students to ensure that classroom work is kept up to date and fresh in everyone's mind.

Should a student need to stay home, it is the **responsibility of the Parent(s)** to call the school at 905-388-1761 (PJ South) ... or at ... **905-385-5344 (PJ North)** to report all student absences on a daily basis. (Voicemail is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

When leaving a message, please be sure to give the student's name, the reason for the absence, and their class / grade / teacher.

All notes for early dismissal must be brought to the office first thing in the morning.

Adults picking up their child must report to the office.

Once morning announcements have started, you must check into the office to obtain a late slip.

**HOLY DAYS**

In order to ensure that attendance is accurately recorded, you need to contact the school on the morning of the holy day when you are keeping your child home for this religious holiday.

**ILLNESS**

It is advised that children who are sick or are recovering from an illness remain at home until they are well enough to participate in recess and classroom activities. In this way, the children will not spread germs to other students and will be able to participate fully in the school program.

**ALLERGIES**

We are constantly updating our records so that all of us at Pauline Johnson are aware of students who have medical problems.

Please help us by telling your child's teacher about any allergies or medical conditions your child may have.

We now have at least seven children with severe, life-threatening allergies to peanut products..

Teachers of these children will be asking you to limit snacks containing peanut products. We appreciate your help so that we may help these children at P.J.



Thanks for remembering

this is a



Peanut/Nut Free School

Pauline Johnson is a **PEANUT / NUT SAFE SCHOOL** as we have several students with life threatening allergies to peanuts and/or nuts.

**Please do not send your child with any peanut or nut products (this includes WOW butter) for lunch, snacks or special occasion treats.**

By working together we can ensure the safety of all of our children.

**SAFETY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

**Roller Blades, Skateboards and Scooters and Heeleys:**

As a safety precaution for everyone, roller blades, skateboards, scooters and heeleys **are not allowed** to be used on school property and **should NOT be brought to school**. Should any of these items be brought to school, they will need to be stored at the office for the day.

**Bicycles:**

With their parents' permission, some students like to ride bicycles to school. We do not encourage students to bring bicycles to school both for personal safety reasons and the possibility of damage or theft.

**Please note that THE SCHOOL TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED BICYCLES.**

1. Bicycles must be walked on school property for the safety of our pedestrians of all ages.
2. The locking of bicycles is the responsibility of the student.
3. Please ensure that your child wears a helmet as required by the law.

**PARKING REGULATIONS**

Students are not to walk / run through the staff parking lots at any time. This is a serious safety concern and we ask that parents reinforce the point that the parking lot is for staff use only with their child / children.

Parents please remember to NOT 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, it 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 parents not to block the entrance to the staff parking lots or to use it to drop-off or pick-up students ... in the morning, after school, at lunchtime or for Kindergarten pick-up and drop-off. Thank you.

## YMCA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The YMCA After school program is for children ages 4 - 12 years old.

For information about the program or calls regarding children in the program should be directed to the YMCA at **905 317-4916**.

The After School Program Supervisor is Mrs Corrie Ledgerwood. If you are unable to reach Corrie in the office, you can leave her a message on her cell phone **289 776-8712**.

## Calling all Volunteers !!

Our library is always looking for parent volunteers to assist in the library (mornings or afternoons).

Please contact Mrs Sousa or Mrs Colasanzio if you are interested in helping out.

**Reminder that all PJ volunteers must have a police check completed before volunteering.**

These forms are available in the school office.

Thank you.

## Tobacco Control Act

A reminder to parents and guardians that it is illegal to smoke **anywhere** on school property.

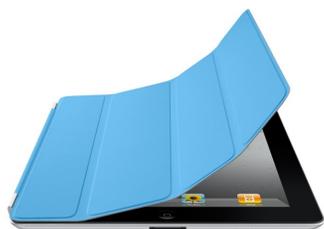
'No Smoking' signs are posted at all entrances to the school.

## Use of Personal Electronic Devices

The HWDSB is currently developing a policy for the use of personal electronic devices in school.

Electronic devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, video-recording devices, iPods, MP3 Players, text messaging devices.

Use of electronic devices that are used in a manner that negatively impacts the moral tone of the school may result in consequences under Part XIII (Behaviour, Discipline and Safety) of the Education Act.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT GROUP

The School Council usually meet on the first Thursday of each month. This year, our first meeting (Election) will be held at **6:30 pm on Thursday, September 15th**, at the Open House.

Pauline Johnson School is fortunate to have a Parent Council group, which supports our programs and in turn, our students. Council members analyze and provide input into the organization and implementation of school programs. They also monitor issues developed by the Ministry and local Board as to the impact that these issues will have on our school.

Several studies have confirmed that parental interest and involvement in a child's school increases the chances of that child achieving success in his / her academic career.

One way of being involved is through regular contact with your child's teacher. Another way is by joining the Pauline Johnson School Council.

**\*\*This group is recruiting new members this month for the upcoming school year. \*\***

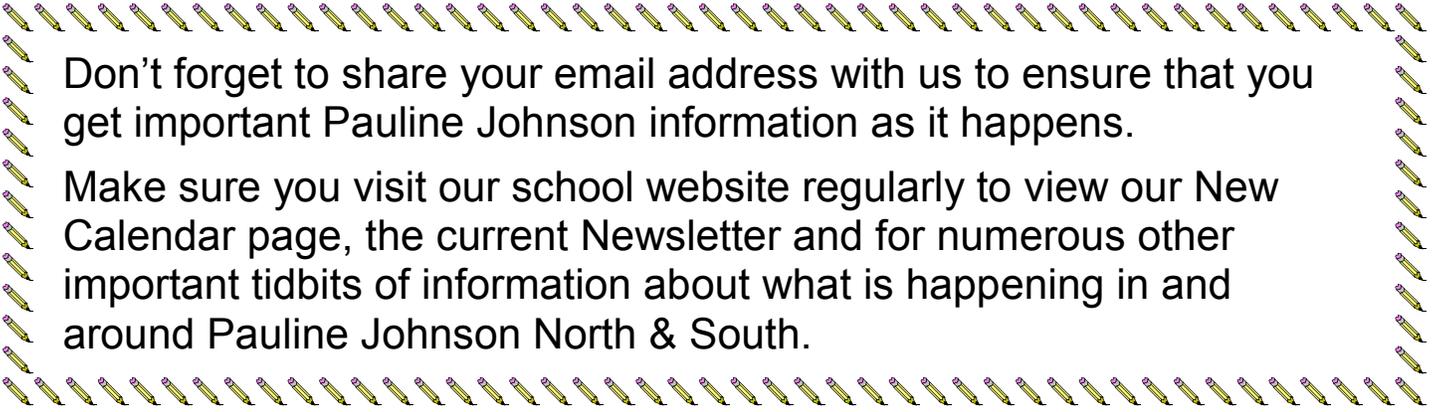
**Nomination forms are available in the office .**

**You may nominate yourself or another candidate for a membership position on the Council.**

**Please contact our current school if you would like more information.**

**Families - Please check our website for the various fundraising opportunities that PJ Council are promoting for this year.**

**Thanking you in advance for supporting our Pauline Johnson students!!**



Don't forget to share your email address with us to ensure that you get important Pauline Johnson information as it happens.

Make sure you visit our school website regularly to view our New Calendar page, the current Newsletter and for numerous other important tidbits of information about what is happening in and around Pauline Johnson North & South.