



PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



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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.

The screenshot shows the Pauline Johnson Elementary School website. At the top is the HWDSB logo. Below it is a navigation menu with links: Home, Calendar, About, Staff, PJ Community, Student Voice, Newsletters, EQAO Results, and School Council. The main content area features the Pauline Johnson Elementary School logo and a sidebar with links: Bell Times, Calendar, Inclement Weather, Registration, and Transportation. There is also a 'subscribe' button in the sidebar. The footer contains quick links, a principal's welcome message, and contact information.

Please also subscribe to our Website to get emails letting you know that important information has been added 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/

NUTRITION PROGRAM SPONSORS:

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

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR FEBRUARY

2016 - 2017 Kindergarten Registration begins **Monday, February 1st, 2016**

Lamontage Chocolate Campaign ... Monday, Feb 1st, 2016 - Tuesday, February 16th, 2016

Canadian Helmet Initiative ... Orders due back by Friday, February 5th, 2016

Funky Sweater Day ... Friday, February 12, 2016

Happy Valentines Day ... Sunday, February 14, 2016

Family Day ... Monday, February 15th ... Provincial Holiday. No School. Enjoy your family!

Report Cards ... will be sent home with your student on Thursday, Feb 18th, 2016

Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly ... Thursday, Feb 25th, 2016 ... 8:45 am – 9:30 am

PA Day ... Friday, February 26th, 2016 ... No school for students

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please join us for our next School Council meeting on **Thursday, February 4th, 2016** at 6:15 pm in the PJ South Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to attend and become involved.

CALLING ALL PARENTS !!

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 our School Council for more information.

MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION VOTING IN PJ NORTH GYM

The Pauline Johnson North gym is going to be used for voting in the Municipal by-election on Monday, 21st, 2016. The voting hours are 10:00 am - 8:00 pm.

GRADE 8 INFORMATION MACNAB SECONDARY

At MacNab, we're looking forward to connecting with our feeder schools during the following upcoming events:

Slice of Life -

Tuesday, February 16th (all day at MacNab)

Option Sheet Inputting

Feb 28th - March 4th (taking place at feeder schools with MacNab counsellors on site)

Do you have an hour or two to spare any day?
RAZ is an online Reading Program where students access reading assignments and

PJ South is looking for volunteers to help our students with it ...
Students assignments include, read to, read into and quizzes.

To become a RAZ-A-TEER ...

see Mrs Howden or Mrs Banfield for more information.

Please note, a valid police vulnerable sector check is required.

Forms are available in the school office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Grade 8 Grad Photos will be taken on

Wednesday, February 10th ...

Please mark this date on your calendar.

More information to follow!



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

CHEESE PIZZA SOLD IN ADVANCE AT PJ SOUTH ... STILL ONLY \$1.00 PER SLICE



In order to ensure that we have enough pizza for anyone who wants it, and to assist with quick distribution so that the students have enough time to eat their pizza during 2nd nutrition break, we have gone back to the pre-ordering system.

Please try to place your order by Wednesday, so that your student(s) don't miss out.

HELMET SAFETY CAMPAIGN ... HELMETS PREVENT BRAIN INJURIES. PROTECT YOUR BRAIN!

The **Canada Helmet Initiative** and our school are selling quality helmets.

Anyone in your family can purchase helmets.

Helmet orders and money are due back to the school starting Monday, February 1, 2016 ...

Order must be returned to the school by Friday, Feb 5th, 2016 at the very latest.

Helmets will be delivered to the school the week of March 7th, 2016

If you have any questions, please contact **CHI at 905.574.9270** or email schools@canadahi.ca.



French Immersion Information Sessions

Families across the Hamilton are being invited to learn more about French Immersion as an option for their child.

Because every student is unique in their learning, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board staff provide programs that help all students reach their full potential. French Immersion is one such program.

French Immersion is a proven way of acquiring excellent French language skills. At HWDSB, French Immersion is specifically designed for parents who do not speak French, but want their children to speak both official languages. The program is open to all students in Hamilton-Wentworth starting in Grade 1.

Families can attend an information session to learn about French Immersion as an option for their child:

Information Session for A.M. Cunningham and Glen Echo parents

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, **February 3 at A M Cunningham** (100 Wexford Ave S, Hamilton)

Information Session for Norwood Park, Lawfield, Michelle Jean and Fessenden parents

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, **February 16 at Norwood Park** (165 Terrace Dr, Hamilton)

Information Session for Dundana, Guy Brown, Earl Kitchener and Cootes Paradise parents

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, **February 24 at Dundana** (23 Dundana Ave, Dundas)

Parents may choose to attend the location and date most convenient for them. If you can't attend an information session, you can learn more by contacting the principal at one of our French Immersion elementary schools, or by contacting the French as a Second Language (FSL) Consultant at 905-527-5092 ext. 2653 or crees@hwdsb.on.ca.

You can also learn about French Immersion and other programs for elementary students at hwdsb.on.ca/fi or by talking to your principal.

COLD WEATHER ALERT

A Cold Weather Alert is issued when current or anticipated weather conditions are at or below minus 15° Celsius or minus 20° with the wind chill.

The City of Hamilton has notified community agencies who work with vulnerable and homeless people.

Each of those agencies, including Salvation Army, will implement their policies and procedures with regards to cold weather.

Members of the public can report the location of a person in need of shelter to the local Salvation Army by calling 905-527-1444 Ext: 0

MEDIA CONTACTS

For information regarding cold weather alerts and related health risks:

Matt Lawson

905-546-2424 Ext: 5823

Manager, Health Protection

After hours 905-546-3570

For information regarding community agency response and shelter availability:

Salvation Army Booth Centre

905-527-1444 Ext: 0



WINTER CLOTHING AT RECESS:

Please remind your children that it is our expectation (the school's and yours) and it is their responsibility to get dressed properly before going outside.

With up to 25 children in a class, teachers do not have the time to check each child individually. Dressing properly is part of teaching our children independence and responsibility.

Students should have ready to wear clothing that includes: a winter coat, boots, hat and mitts.

A double layer of pants or snow pants are also a good idea, especially for our younger students.

Please donate a box of Kleenex to your child's classroom during cold & flu season!

WINTER IS COLD AND FLU SEASON

Please keep in mind that winter is also cold and flu season and that it would be appreciated if parents would consider donating a box of tissue to their child's classroom during this time to help cut down on the spread of germs.

Children who are sick and those recovering from an illness should remain at home until they are well enough to participate in recess and classroom activities.

In this way, the children will not spread their germs to other students and they will be able to participate fully in their school program.

LOST AND FOUND:

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

WINTER WEAR YELLOW DAYS ... Don't Hibernate ... Participate! ... Wednesday, Feb 3rd, 2016

Calling all students, parents and staff! Let's show the world that Hamilton cares about the environment and our health!

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

START2FINISH

HWDSB is fortunate to once again partner up with **Start2Finish**, a not for profit group whose mandate is to break the cycle of child poverty and improve students' lives through mind, body and social development.

The **20/20 Challenge** is tailored for daily physical activity, whether in elementary or secondary. For 20 weeks, for 20 minutes a day, participate in the activities for all ages that can be done anywhere.

It's a great way to have fun and **to meet the requirements for daily physical activity.**

SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM (GR 8)

"Version 1" of the basketball schedule is now available online.

Check hwdsb.on.ca/athletics.

A hard copy has been given to all team members but please understand that the schedule is subject to change ... from Coach Wilson

**LAMONTAGNE CHOCOLATE CAMPAIGN**

Begins Monday February 1st... and runs for 2 weeks ... **ending on Tuesday February 16th**

We will be offering the **Queen Special Assortment** ... each box contains **30 bars** and the bars sell for **\$2.00 each**

The assortment contains ... 8 Crisp Rice Bars, 8 Caramel Bars, 5 Sea Salt Bars, 4 Bite-Size Mints and 5 Bite-Size Caramel

KICK OFF ASSEMBLY ... **Monday February 1st...**8:30 am North and 9:30 am South (Kinder classes included in this assembly)

PRIZE INCENTIVE PACKAGE ... **Everyone who participates can earn up to 4 Free Prizes**

Selling 1st carrier ... you will receive a Glow in the Dark "It's Cool – Be Kind" Bracelet

Selling a 2nd Carrier ... you will receive the bracelet from above **and** a Flashing Smile Face Stick-On

Selling a 3rd Carrier ... will get you the bracelet and smile face from above **and** a Bug Eye Centipede

Selling a 4th Carrier ... will get you the bracelet, smile face + the Bug Eye Centipede from above **and** a Stuffed Baby Gooney Bird (16")

TOP SELLERS

1st Top Seller...Best Buy \$75.00 Gift Card (North & South)

2nd Runner Up ...Bluetooth Tower Speaker (North) and Bluetooth Tube Speaker (South)

3rd Place...Bluetooth Tube Speaker (North) and Remote Control Drone (South)

Please plan to participate ... Consent Forms can be found in either of our offices.

HAMILTON BULLDOGS GAME FEBRUARY 10TH, 2016

HWDSB has once again partnered with the Hamilton Bulldogs to offer **students in Grade 4 to 6** the opportunity to attend a school day game with a literacy theme based on the book **THE MAGIC HOCKEY STICK** by Peter Maloney.

This amazing opportunity takes place on February 10th, 2016 when the Hamilton Bulldogs will be facing the Niagara Icedogs. These school games have become a very popular event at HWDSB.

This year many of The Hamilton Bulldogs OHL (Ontario Hockey League) players are students in HWDSB.

The game takes place on Wednesday, February 10th, 2016 starting at 10:30 am at FirstOntario Centre (formerly Copps Coliseum).

The cost to participate in this game is \$15.00 per student and includes transportation.

TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

A reminder to parents and guardians that it is illegal to smoke on school property. 'No Smoking' signs are posted at all entrances to the school.

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES ACT

Beginning January 1, 2016, the Act makes it illegal to use e-cigarettes (vapes) in non-smoking areas including:

- ⇒ A school (including school property)
- ⇒ An enclosed public place
- ⇒ A day nursery within the meaning of the Day Nurseries Act (including outdoor area used by the children)
- ⇒ Child care centre within the meaning of the Child Care and Early Years Act (including outdoor area used by the children)
- ⇒ An enclosed workplace
- ⇒ Within 20 metres of any point of the perimeter of a children's playground where the public is permitted
- ⇒ Within 20 metres of any point of the perimeter of a sporting area where the public is permitted

As with tobacco, supplying or selling e-cigarettes and component parts (e.g. battery, atomizer, liquid) to anyone under the age of 19 is illegal.

The Act and Regulation is available at <http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/15e07> and is enforced by Tobacco Enforcement Officers.

Public Health Services offers more information at ... <https://www.hamilton.ca/public-health/health-topics/smoke-free-vape-free-school-property>.

SCHOLASTIC SPRING BOOK FAIR

Our school will be hosting a Scholastic SPRING BOOK FAIR in the PJ North Fitness Room ...

Book preview day is Wednesday, March 2nd with sales on Thursday, March 3, Friday, March 4th and wrapping up on Monday, March 7th, 2016. Hours will be 8:30 am - 3:00 pm each day.

Students and parents will have the opportunity to preview and purchase books during the school day.

All profits from the fair will go towards the purchase of new and exciting books for our library.

Students attending the book fair after school must be accompanied by an adult.

March 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th ... 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Thanks to Mlle. Guidotto and Mrs Deans, Teacher Librarians



2016 - 2017 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration begins on Monday, 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.

IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

If your child's immunization information is not complete, Public Health and Community Services Department will be sending you a letter requesting that you update your child's immunization information. If your child is unable to be immunized call **905.540.5250** to get the appropriate exemption form.

FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINICS are provided by the Public Health and Community Services Department for families that do not have a family doctor. **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 DPTP (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. .

Welcome McMaster 3rd Year Nursing Students

Pauline Johnson welcomes our Nursing Students:

Left to Right ... Nathan, Tom, Sarah, Dana

These nursing students will be working in various classes for the next few months.

They will be doing some research and a project with their Moderator Angela Thomas



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.

100TH DAY ... THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

We will count to 100 using canned goods that your child has donated for Neighbour to Neighbour.

Please send any donations in o your child's classroom teacher.



AFTER SCHOOL SCHOLARS

Our After School Scholars Program will begin again this spring. We will be reaching out to parents of our Grade 3 students to have their children participate in the preparatory activities for the Grade 3 EQAO.