



PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS

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Principal's Corner - Colin Hazell

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!



To receive our 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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL :

Our Staff and School Council wish you happiness and health in 2017. We look forward to continually working with all members of our school community to make Pauline Johnson a great place to learn.

Our next School Council meeting is not until **Thursday, Mar 2nd at 6 pm**. Please plan to join us as we need parent help and your input to ensure our students are getting the most from their learning experience.

GYM SHOES:

Just a friendly reminder that students need to wear running shoes in the gym for safety reasons. It is also important that shoes are laced and tied properly to avoid injuries.

LOST AND FOUND:

There are many clothing items that were left at the school before the break. If your child is missing something, please have them take a look in Room 124 next week, as we will display the lost items in this room until Friday, January 20th.

WINTER MUSIC CONCERTS

On behalf of our Students and Staff, I want to thank Mr Blunsdon for preparing our Winter Music Concerts during the week of December 19th - 23rd. Music is a terrific way for students to learn to work together as a community.

HOLIDAY ASSEMBLY

A big thank you goes out to all of the teachers and students who participated, it was an overwhelming success with the family members who attended.

ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, Jan 25th, at 9:00 am in PJ North Gym for Grades 5 - 8. Lead by Selena Martelli.

PA DAY

Our next PA Day is Friday, Jan 27th ... There is no school that day and Pizza Day will be Thursday, Jan 26th this week.

GRADE 8 GRAD PHOTOS

Feb 9th ... Please be sure to dress to look your best and bring your form and your payment on that day to give it to the photographer when your picture is taken.

IS FRENCH IMMERSION FOR MY CHILD?

For parents of students going into Gr 1 next year and are interested in more information about this program, Norwood School is holding an information night on January 19th from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Norwood School.

AFTER SCHOOL SCHOLARS

Our After School Scholars Program will begin again this spring. We will be reaching out to parents of our Grade 3 & 6 students to have their children participate in the preparatory activities for the EQAO testing.

NUTRITION PROGRAM SPONSORS:

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

Thanks for continuing to support Pauline Johnson School.

Colin Hazell, Principal

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 allow them to fully participate in school activities.

REPORT CARDS ...

Friday, January 27th is a PA Day and is when teachers will be preparing report cards.

Report Cards will be sent home with your student on Friday, February 17th

Food Drive -

Thanks to all those who donated food to our annual food drive which was held just before the holidays. You will be happy to know that it was a huge success. **Class 34A (Mrs Samuel's)** was the class that donated the most and won a free pizza party.

Mountain Kidz Club has asked us to extend a huge thank you to all of our families for their generosity at this very needy time of the year..

PENNY SALE ... Dec 8th

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this fundraiser. We were able to raise over \$1,000 to help subsidize our school trips. A special thanks goes out to Mrs Busse and Mrs Clarke for all of their hard work, collecting and organizing the items, as well as their set-up, take down and distribution of prizes to the lucky winners.

Thank you for a job well done.

HAT DAYS START SOON!

HAT DAY is taking place to support school-based trips and begins on Friday, January 20.

Hat Day will take place every Friday until May 27th, 2017!

The cost is \$0.25 to join in the HAT DAY fun!

Be creative, challenge your teacher, challenge your class!

COUPON WHEEL FUNDRAISING

We would like to thank everyone who purchase a coupon wheel. This fundraiser was not as big a success as we had hoped but we still managed to make \$405.

Our 1st place winner was: Summer Vachon

2nd place winner was: Taylor Myre

Classroom Pizza party went to: **2A** - Mr Kirk's class

PERCH STORE

The Perch Store is open daily 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
Chocolate Milk	\$1.00 each

GRADE 8 INFORMATION

WESTMOUNT OPTION SHEET NIGHT ... Jan 12th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Westmount

SAM OPTION SHEET PRESENTATION for Gr 7 & 8 ... Jan 17th from 9:00 am - 10:00 am in PJ North Gym

HENDERSON OPTION SHEET NIGHT ... Jan 17th from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Henderson

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.

We had some winter clothing donated and it is available in the office if needed

CALLING ALL PARENTS !!

Do you have an hour or two to spare at 8:15 am any day?

We are looking for volunteers to listen to students access the RAZ Program online.

RAZ is an online Reading Program where students access reading assignments including:

Read to, read into, and quizzes.

Come be a **RAZ-A-TEER !**

See Mrs. Howden or Mrs. Banfield if you are interested.

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

Forms are available in the school office.

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° Celsius 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

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> .

The following SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE information was sent home with the November Coupon Wheel Fundraising information. If want to register and have lost your code, please contact Mrs Llewellyn at 905-388-1761

For safety and efficiency, HWDSB would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying online! It takes less than five minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the GET HELP option in the top right-hand corner of the screen ... or call (toll-free): Parent Help Desk: 1-866-961-1803 ... or ... email: parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com

Step 1: REGISTER

If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page at <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option.

**For security reasons your password requires eight characters, including one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.*

- a) Complete each of the three Registration Steps
- b) Opt in to receive notification by email when new items become available.

Step 2: CONFIRMATION EMAIL

You will receive an email confirming your registration. When you receive this email, click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and your desire to have a School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and the password you just created with your account.

Step 3: TO FIND A STUDENT

Note: Student number is not required ... This step will connect your child(ren) to your account.

Verify the school board name

Select the school name

Enter the **custom PIN code provided** (on the original flyer)

Enter your child's name & birth date

Select confirm

On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select Continue

Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: TO VIEW ITEMS OR ADD ANOTHER STUDENT

If you have more children, select 'Add another Student' and repeat the steps above.

Up to five children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select 'View Items For Students'.

A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

PAYMENT METHODS: THREE ONLINE OPTIONS

Option 1: myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for items on School Cash Online.

It can take up to 7 days from the date the funds are loaded until the funds are verified and available for making payments.

myWallet eliminates the need to enter payment information multiple times.

Simply sign into your account and select the myWallet tab.

Click Add Funds to myWallet and use an eCheque to load funds into your account.

Once the funds are available, add all items into your shopping cart and ... select the myWallet payment method in your checkout options.

Option 2: eCheque

An electronic version of a paper cheque used to make payments online. Anyone with a chequing/savings account can pay by eCheque through School Cash Online.

To pay with an eCheque, simply enter your routing and account number on the payment screen and click Submit.

This option is best suited for families who do not incur bank transaction fees for each cheque/withdrawal.

Option 3: Credit Cards

Due to parent demand, we now accept payment by VISA or MasterCard.

Families still have the option to send cash for school-related expenses. However, we encourage you to get on board with our new service. School Cash Online's top priority is keeping your personal information safe. School Cash Online adheres to the highest industry standards of security. School Cash Online will never contact you to obtain confidential information by phone, email or mail.

Need Assistance?

If at any time during the registration process you need help, the Parent Help Desk is available to solve any puzzles that parents may have when using School Cash Online, or to answer questions regarding online security. Our friendly staff are available 24/7 (365 days) to assist with:

Registering Password recoveries Finding their children in the system, or Any checkout or payment issues.

For addition help please contact (toll-free): **Parent Help Desk: 1-866-961-1803** or email: parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com