



PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



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Principal's Corner - Colin Hazell

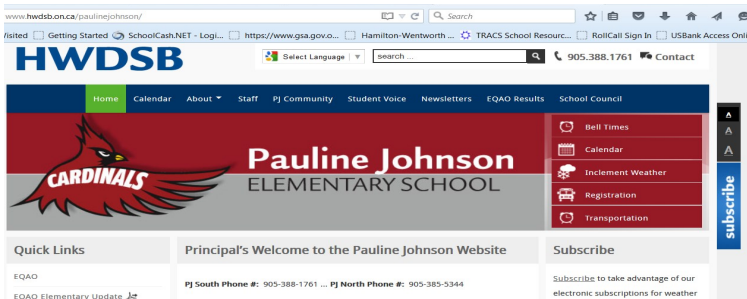
FEBRUARY 2017



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!



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.



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/

SCHOOL COUNCIL :

Our Staff look forward to working with 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.

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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR FEBRUARY

- ⇒ 2017 - 2018 Kindergarten Registration begins on Monday, February 6th, 2017
- ⇒ HAT Days every Friday ... For a \$0.25 donation students are allowed to wear their Hat all day Friday.
- ⇒ Valentine Candy Gram on sale from Wed, Feb 8th - Tues, Feb 14th, 2017
- ⇒ Feb 10th - Applications for RA Riddell Sports Academy due
- ⇒ Happy Valentines Day ... Tuesday, February 14th, 2017
- ⇒ Movie Night ... Thursday, Feb 16th, 2017 at 6:30 pm ... Doors Open at 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Report Cards ... will be sent home with your student on Friday, Feb 17th, 2017
- ⇒ Family Day ... Monday, February 20th ... Provincial Holiday. No School. Enjoy your family!

GRADE 8 INFORMATION

GRADE 8 GRAD PHOTOS ... THURS, FEB 9th, 2017 ... Please wear a white shirt. 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 if you have not pre-booked your session on-line.

MACNAB SECONDARY: MacNab is looking forward to connecting with the students at their feeder schools, who have chosen MacNab for next year, during the upcoming events:

OPTION SHEET INPUTTING ... Feb 8th, 2017 from 1:15 pm—2:15 pm (with MacNab counsellors on site)

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 ...

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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Grade 8 Grad Photos will be taken on **Thursday, February 9th ...**

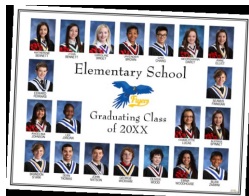
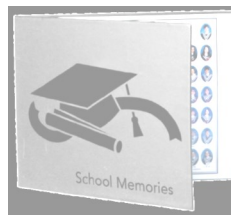
Please mark this date on your calendar. Photos will be taken at Pauline Johnson **School Code: PAU**

Online using your school code above at edgeimaging.ca/mycomp
Gowns and flowers will be provided by the photographer.

Order your 11x14 class composite with hardcover folder today.

NOTE: We will photograph all students for the class composite.

ONLY students that make this **PRE-PAYMENT** will receive the 11x14 composite and embossed hard cover folder. Composites will be delivered to the school before the end of the school year.



THE GREAT BIG CRUNCH!

Pauline Johnson School will be participating in the "Great Big Crunch" on March 9th.

All students and staff will be taking a first bite of their apple at the same time!

A Great Big Thank You to Glen Drummond Farm for donating all the apples for this healthy and tasty treat!



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.

Pauline Johnson School's Scholastic Book Fair

February 22-24 in the Learning Commons (PJ South)

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! No experience necessary.

Contact Madame Cockburn to sign up - mcockbur@hwdsb.on.ca

A Scholastic Book Fair is a fun event that enables children, parents, teachers, and community members to purchase quality books and classroom materials at reasonable prices, while earning free books for our school.

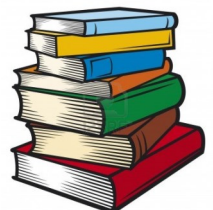


Students will have the opportunity to shop the Book Fair with their class, during school hours.

BOOK FAIR AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

Wednesday Feb. 22 - Friday Feb. 24: After school 2:45 pm—3:15 pm

During after school hours, everyone is welcome, so bring along your parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbours, and friends! The more purchases made, the **more free books** we earn for our school!



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:

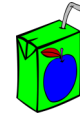
Salvation Army Booth Centre 905-527-1444 Ext: 0

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



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



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> .

Parents as Partners

Invite you to an evening with
Vangi Ryan Boose, System Social Worker
for **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Light supper: 5:30 pm -

Presentation: 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: 20 Education Court,
Room 181A

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FESTIVAL ... FEB 27th & 28th

On Monday, Feb 27th our Junior classes (Gr 5 and 6) will compete in an Oral Communication competition.

On Tuesday, Feb 28th our Intermediate classes (Gr 7 and 8) will be competing against each other.

In the event of a snow storm, our planned snow date is Thursday, March 2nd.

The winners of the classroom competitions will compete in the school finals which will be held in the gym from 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm.



RA Riddell Sport Academy

This program consists of (2) two specialized programs within their Middle School.

- 1) **High Potential Program** – Grade 7 and Grade 8
- 2) **Basketball Program** – Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8

For more information, parents can visit Riddell's website at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rariddell/sports-academy/> or call Riddell school at **905.387.3350** for more details.

The submission **deadline is February 10, 2017.**

HAMILTON CONSERVATORY FOR THE ARTS

Grade 7 & 8 Arts Exporation ... **March 1, 2017** ... March 1st, 2017 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

25 student with an interest in one of the Arts disciplines: dance, drama, music or visual arts will be invited to attend this exciting event.

HAT DAYS!

HAT DAY began on January 26, to support school-based trips

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!



Dr Gillian Lynne Wiwcharuk
Shelter Health Network
128 Emerald St South
Hamilton L8N 2V5

Dear Dr Wiwcharuk,

Re: Free and Sliding Scale Mental Health Counselling Services for Child, Youth, and Family

Family Kinnections is a mental health counselling agency that offers psychotherapeutic interventions for children, teens, and families in Hamilton and Oakville. Our mission is to activate change within individuals, families, and their greater systems, so as to assist them in achieving happiness, harmony and wellness.

Given the elongated waiting time for many parents to access psychotherapeutic interventions for their children in Hamilton, Ontario, we have recently launched an Intern Mental Health Counselling program for students studying Counselling Psychology at the Master's Level. This programme offers no waitlists and services are provided for free, and on a sliding scale, based on household incomes.

The interns have been trained in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Dialectical Behavioural Therapy, Family Therapy, and Collaborative Problem Solving treatment modalities. Under my direct supervision, our Intern-Counsellors provide counselling for children and their families who present with:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- ADHD
- Problematic Behaviour
- Anger
- Parenting Challenges
- Difficulty Expressing Emotions
- Self-Esteem, etc.

We are, therefore, soliciting your assistance in sharing this information with your patients as a viable option to alleviating their psychosocial challenges. Enclosed is a copy of our flyer and brochure. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached by phone at 888-530-8682 ext. 2 or by email at meghan@familykinnections.ca.

Thank you for your support, as together we work to improve the livelihood of families within our communities.

Sincerely,

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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