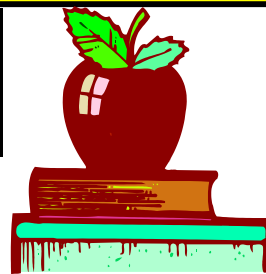




PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS

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Principal's Corner - Colin Hazell

A P R I L 2017

COMING TOGETHER AND MOVING INTO OUR NEW CLASSROOMS

On Monday, March 20th we all came together under one roof. We are slowly adjusting to our new arrangement and ask for your patience and understanding as we go through a few growing pains during this time of adjustment for everyone.

NEW OFFICE ASSISTANT:

Please welcome our new Office Assistant, Ms Sara Barrieau. Ms Barrieau is with us in the mornings to help us with our morning attendance.

AUTOMATED ATTENDANCE CALLS ... We want to remind everyone 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.

Our automated attendance calls (for students with unexplained absences) has been in operation for 1 year now. These automated calls go home around 9:15 am in the morning to the homes of those students who are absent and no parental contact has been made with the school. This system is helping to ensure that all of our students are safe and we would like to thank all our parents for calling us to let us know where your children are when they have appointments or are home sick.

There have been a lot of colds and flu this year and we would like to 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 we know that your child is at home safe with you. Congratulations to all those who do a good job of getting to school on time even during the cold weather.

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

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.

TRAFFIC & PARKING AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES

Dear Parents of Pauline Johnson Students

Many parents and community members have voiced a concern about the amount of traffic congestion during pick up and drop off times.

Please be mindful of the following information:

- 1) Help to ensure our school buses arrive and departure on time by honouring the drop off and pick up zones.
- 2) When dropping off your child(ren) please do so from a location that does not impede our buses.
- 3) Do not park in the **NO STOPPING** or **NO PARKING** areas.
- 4) For cars parking on the west side of Hummingbird Lane **please be sure to park in the correct direction.**
- 5) Drive and Park with extreme caution. We have nearly 430 students who need to get home safely.
- 6) Our Hamilton Police Services Police Liaison officer and the Hamilton By-Law Enforcement will periodically stop by to assist us with this process.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please consider attending and volunteering your time to support our school.. Our next School Council meeting is **Thursday, May 4th, 2017** .

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Colin Hazell, Principal

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE

- ◇ The playground is supervised from 8:00 am to 8:15 am and from 2:35 pm to 2:50 pm.
- ◇ Daily routines are important to establish at an early age.
- ◇ Children arriving at school late impacts negatively on their academic progress.
- ◇ It is the responsibility of both parents and students to ensure that they arrive at school on time daily.
- ◇ Students are to enter the school at 8:15 am **FROM THE BACK PLAYGROUND** when the bell rings.
- ◇ Classroom instruction begins at 8:15 am.
- ◇ It is disruptive to the class when a student arrives late, as the teacher has already begun the classroom instruction.
- ◇ Students are considered late once the morning announcements have started at 8:30 am and therefore require a late slip from the office.



PARKING / NO STOPPING ZONES

Please try not to use our staff parking lots between 8:00 am and 3:15 pm to pickup or drop off your students.

A reminder to keep the corner of Skylark and Hummingbird Lane clear at 8:00 am and 2:35 pm to enable the bus to get up the street ... this is a **"No Stopping"** zone.

Please make sure that you obey all of the "No Stopping" and "No Parking" areas posted around the school, as the City By-law Officer frequently visits this area and if you are in violation of any of the regulations you could be ticketed.

BUS STUDENTS ...

If traveling by an HWSTS school bus, please be at your pick up area 5 - 10 minutes prior to your scheduled pick-up time.

It is not the responsibility of the bus driver to wait for late students and they may leave without you.

Remember to be patient, as buses may occasionally be delayed due to weather or traffic.

NO SMOKING POLICY

*Reminder that there is **NO SMOKING** allowed anywhere on school property.*

AFTER SCHOOL SCHOLARS

Our After School Scholars Program for Grades 3 and 6 students is held after school every Monday and Wednesday from 2:40 pm - 4:15 pm.

This program was developed to help our students with preparatory activities for the upcoming Grades 3 & 6 EQAO testing.

Please be sure to pick your child up promptly at 4:15 pm. Thank you!

Our Pauline Johnson School website address ... www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/

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Please **Subscribe** to our Website and get emails that will let you know when information has been added to the calendar or website 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 (circled here).

To receive this newsletter and other important school information via email ... please email our principal chazell@hwdsb.on.ca. Be sure to include your name and your student's first and last name in the email.

YEARBOOKS

A Yearbook Committee is collecting photos of school events for the 2016-17, Gr 8 Yearbook. Look for more details in the upcoming newsletters

**GRADE 8 INFORMATION****NIAGARA FALLS TRIP**

Just a reminder that the final installment for this trip is due to Chapman Cultural Tours by April 26, 2017.

GYM CLASSES

Just a friendly reminder to all students that running shoes are required for gym class. Properly tied or fastened running shoes is a safety requirement.

**RECESS ...** Spring has arrived and so has the rain.

Whenever possible, we will be going outside to get some fresh air. Please be sure that your child(ren) have extra shoes and clothing, should they happen to find a puddle or some mud during this time.

As always, during extreme cold or wet weather, we will be staying inside for nutrition breaks.

**PJ's OPEN HOUSE AND 50th ANNIVERSARY**

EDUCATION WEEK starts **May 15th** this year ...

It will be our pleasure, once again this year, to showcase the talents of our students, your sons and daughters.

Our **OPEN HOUSE** and 50th Anniversary will be on **Thursday, May 18th, 2017** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

NEW KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS for Sept 2017 will take place on May 18th in the office at from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM ORIENTATION

for our Sept 2017 Registrations will also be on May 18th from 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm in the Kindergarten wing.

We hope you will be able to join us.

More information will follow closer to this date.

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.

We will be getting rid of all of the leftover items on Friday, April 21st.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

APRIL 4th - 18th, 2017

Delicious Laura Secord Chocolate is being sold for \$3.00 a bar.

Chocolate arrives on Tuesday, April 4th and the deadline to bring in money and/or leftover bars is Tuesday, April 18th.

Do your best and sell, sell, sell!

Fundraising
Makes It Happen

PLEASE RETURN
ALL MONEY
AND UNSOLD
BARS.

We would also like to send out a big Thank You to Mrs Wilson for all of her hard work to make this fundraiser a success.

CALLING ALL PARENTS / GUARDIANS!!

Do you have a few spare hours during the week to help out at the school?

RAZ is an online Reading Program where students access reading assignments and we are looking for volunteers to help our students with it

To become a RAZ-A-TEER ... see Mrs M Howden or Mrs Banfield for more information.

Please note, a valid police vulnerable sector check is required. Forms are available in the school office. 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 a member of our School Council for more information.

CLASSES FOR 2017 - 2018

It is hard to believe that winter is over and that spring is trying hard to get started.

During the next three months we will be working on the staffing and scheduling of our teachers and classes for next year.

As is always the case, there will be a substantial number of split classes next year.

The school schedule is made with the intent of helping all of our students to do their very best while at our school.

Please remember that we do not allow parents to choose the classrooms or teachers for the school.

Library Update - Dual Language Books Have Arrived!

Our school was able to purchase a number of dual language books, printed in both English and in the languages of the community. These books will be available for students to check out of the library and enjoy at home with parents, or for teachers to use during whole-class lessons. The books come in a range of topics, and include both fiction and nonfiction choices. The collection will be available for borrowing in April, so be sure to drop by the library soon.

**Special thanks go out to the HWDSB Foundation
for the generous donation that they made
to make this project possible!**



2017 - 2018 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION ... BEGAN ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 6th, 2017

If you have neighbours who have children who are eligible to start school in September, 2017 please share this information with them.

Information needed to complete the application include: **Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, Health Card and Proof of Residence** (Utility bill, Property Tax bill, etc).

FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINICS are provided by the Public Health and Community Services Department for families that do not have a family doctor. Call: **905.540.5250** to book an appointment at a clinic or to get more information

Also Please Remember ... To have your 4-6 year old child immunized with MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) and DPT (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.

YMCA AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE

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

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

The After School Program is open from dismissal time until 6:00 pm daily.

Registration for September 2016 usually begins the first week of June.

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



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Thank you PAULINE JOHNSON for participating in the Jump Rope for Heart event that took place on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Our school earned a total of \$2,727.15, which is \$1,009.00 more than last year.

Well done and we hope that everyone had fun.

An event takes a lot of work and these students made it happen.

A special thank you goes out to the following students.

We also cannot forget to thank Mrs Busse and Mrs Wilson
for all their hard work with Jump Rope for Heart
as well as the BIG CRUNCH!



DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR ...

APRIL 1st ... World Autism Day ...

APRIL 4th - 18th ... Lamontagne Chocolate Campaign ... All monies and unsold chocolates to be returned to the school on Tuesday, April 18th

APRIL 4th ... Comic Art Presentation

APRIL 10th ... Storytelling for Gr's 4 - 8.

APRIL 12th ... Immunization Suspension Letters mailed to parents by Public Health.

APRIL 12th ... Gr 1 - 3 Sustenance Greenhouse Trip.

APRIL 13th ... Easter Dance ... Gr's 6 - 8.

APRIL 13th ... Police and K-9 unit visit for our Kinder classes.

APRIL 14th and 17th ... **EASTER Weekend** ... Students **return to school Tuesday, April 18th** at 8:15 am.

APRIL 19th - Visit from Kayanase Greenhouse from 9 am - 12:30 pm ... Gr's 1-3 planting

APRIL 21st - Gr 8 Yearend Trip to Niagara Falls ... Final payment is due to Chapman Cultural Tours

APRIL 21st - 22nd ... School Immunization Clinic

APRIL 26th ... Orienteering ... Class 8B ... Christie Conservation Area

APRIL 28th ... Pink Day Events in the gym

MAY 4th ... School Council Meeting from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MAY 9th ... Wacky Hair Day

MAY 10th ... Fire Safety Visit and Assemblies

MAY 18th ... Open House, New JK's invitation to visit with Kindergarten Team

MAY 19th ... Victoria Day Dance on Friday

MAY 22nd ... Victoria Day - No School

MAY 25th - 26th ... Gr 8 Niagara Falls Trip

June 1st ... Gr 7 - History in Action, Battlefield Park

June 6th ... Rain Garden Installed

Jun 8th ... Co-ed Soccer Tournament (Mohawk Sports Park)

June 20th ... Grad Rehearsal

June 21st ... Grade 8 GRAD 4:00 pm ... Dance to follow until 8:30 pm

June 23rd ... Play Day

June 27th ... Report Cards go Home

June 28th ... Final Dance of the year

June 29th ... Last School Day of the year

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework help is an online math tutoring initiative available for all students in grades 7 - 10.

Please encourage your children to become familiar with homework help.

By the time students are in grade 10, the chat line should be available for all students up to grade 12.

The chat room is open Sunday to Thursday 5:30 to 9:30 pm.

You're invited to...

Pauline Johnson School's



50th Anniversary and Open House

All former staff and alumni are invited to come and
help us celebrate Thursday, May 18, 2017 from 5 - 7 pm

Musical Performances

Food Trucks
Artifact Display

Photo Booth

curiosity

creativity

possibility