



PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS

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Principal's Corner - Jessica Lindsay

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!



To receive our newsletter and other important information via email please email jrlindsa@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 2018. 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 1st at 5:30 pm - 6:30 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.

PIZZA DAY:

Pizza days are now on **Wednesdays**. Please plan lunches accordingly.

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.

PA DAY

Our next PA Day is Friday, Jan 26th.

GRADE 8 GRAD PHOTOS

Feb 8th ... 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. Boys should wear a White button shirt and a tie.

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.

SAFEARRIVAL - SCHOOL MESSENGER

On Mon, January 15th, 2018 all absences and lates **MUST** be reported through the SAFE ARRIVAL system. Please be sure to enter any late or absence before the start of the day at 8:15 am if possible.

There are 3 ways to report:

- 1) the School Messenger mobile app for Apple or Androids,
- 2) use the website go.schoolmessenger.ca, or
- 3) call the toll-free number **1-844-506-4350**.

Thanks for continuing to support Pauline Johnson School.

Jessica Lindsay, 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 Tuesday, February 13th

FDK Communication of Learning will be sent home on Thursday, February 15th

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 and Lawfield are holding an information night on January 19th from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Lawfield Elementary School. .

LOST AND FOUND:

There are many clothing items regularly left at the school . If your child is missing something, please have them take a look at the lost items in the front hall.

FOOD DRIVE ... Dec 5th —> 15th

Our annual food drive was a huge success. Thank you to all of our generous families who donated to this worthy cause.

This year our class winners were ...

Mrs Garrett's **2A** (Rm 144) and Mrs Bucciero's **JSA** (Rm 113).

WINTER MUSIC CONCERTS

On behalf of our Students and Staff, I want to thank Mr Blunsdon for preparing our Winter Music Concerts on Dec 21st.

Music is a terrific way for students to learn to work together as a community.

PERCH STORE

The Perch Store is open on Tuesday and Thursday during the eating portion of the 2nd Nutrition Break.

Items typically 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

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Please consider purchasing your child's Milk Tickets and pizza using our School Cash Online.

You need to make your purchase the month before ... example pay on line in January for pizza days in February

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.

GRADE 8 INFORMATION

WESTMOUNT OPTION SHEET NIGHT ... Jan 18th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Westmount

SAM OPTION SHEET PRESENTATION for Gr 7 & 8 ... Jan 18th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

HENDERSON OPTION SHEET NIGHT ... Jan 17th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 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?

If so, we are looking for volunteers to listen to students access the RAZ Program online.

RAZ is a Reading Program where students access reading assignments including: Read to, read into and quizzes.

To become a **RAZ-A-TEER** ... See Mrs Howden.

Please note, a valid Vulnerable Sector Police 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> .

Jan 1st - Jan 7th ... Winter Break
Mon, Jan 8th ... 8:15 am return from Winter Break
Mon, Jan 15th - Tues, Jan 23rd ... Gr 8's Secondary Option Sheet process
Mon, Jan 15th ... Sr Basketball - Boys & Girls ... at Ridgemount ... starting at 3:45 pm
Wed, Jan 24th ... Tropical Day
Wed, Jan 24th ... Sr Basketball - Boys ... vs Queensdale at Pauline Johnson ... starting at 3:45 pm
Wed, Jan 24th ... Sr Basketball - Girls ... at Gordon Price ... starting at 3:45 pm
Fri, Jan 26th ... PA Day
Mon, Jan 29th ... Sr Basketball - Girls ... vs Tiffany Hills at Pauline Johnson ... starting at 3:45 pm
Wed, Jan 31st ... Sr Basketball - Boys & Girls ... vs Gordon Price at Pauline Johnson ... starting at 3:45 pm
Mon, Feb 5th ... KINDERGARTEN Registrations begins for September 2018
Wed, Feb 7^h ... Sr Basketball - Girls ... at George L. Armstrong ... starting at 3:45 pm
Thu, Feb 8th ... Gr 8 GRAD PHOTOS taken today ... Please be sure to book in advance
Fri, Feb 9th ... Dance
Mon, Feb 12th ... Sr Basketball - Boys ... at Mount Hope ... starting at 3:45 pm
Tues, Feb 13th ... Report Cards go home
Wed, Feb 14th ... Happy Valentines Day ... Dress Up in Red or Pink Day
Mon, Feb 19th ... FAMILY DAY ... No school
Wed, Feb 28th ... Gr 8's Secondary School Course selections due
Thu, Mar 1st ... School Council Meeting ... in PJ Learning Commons
Fri, Mar 2nd ... PA Day (No School)
Fri, Mar 9th ... Dress Up in Green Day
Sat, Mar 10th - Sun, Mar 18th ... SPRING Break (Inclusive) ... Mon, Mar 19th ... Return after Spring Break
Wed, Mar 21st ... Twin Day
Fri, Mar 30th ... Good Friday ... Sun, Apr 1st ... Easter Sunday ... Mon, Apr 2nd ... Easter Monday ... No school
Fri, Apr 4th ... Spring Dance
Tue, Apr 11th ... International Day of Pink
Sun, Apr 22nd ... Earth Day
Wed, Apr 25th ... Gr 8 Orienteering ... Christie Conservation Area
Thurs, Apr 26th ... Crazy Hat Day
Mon, May 7th - Fri, May 11th ... Education Week
Wed, May 16th ... Superhero/Cartoon/Disney Character
Thu, May 17th ... Open House ... 5 pm - 6:30 pm
Mon, May 21st ... Victoria Day (STAT Holiday) No School
Tues, May 22nd ... Mon, Jun 4th ... EQAO Grades 3 & 6
Wed, May 31st ... Gr 7 Immunizations ... and Gr 8 Catch-up immunizations (Public Health)
Wed, June 6th ... Backwards Day
Fri, Jun 8th ... PA Day (No School)
Wed, Jun 20th ... Grade 8 Graduation
Thu, Jun 21st ... National Aboriginal Day
Sat, Jun 23rd ... National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
Mon, Jun 25th ... Report Cards sent home
Wed, June 27th ... Final Dance
Thu, Jun 28th ... Last Day of School
Fri, Jun 29th ... PA Day (Happy Summer Vacation)



SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

For safety and efficiency reasons, HWDSB would like to reduce the amount of cash and checks received by 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 the step-by-step instructions to begin receiving email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: *If you require assistance, select the "SUPPORT" option at the top right hand corner of the screen.*

STEP 1: Register

- ⇒ If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- ⇒ Complete each of the 3 Registration Steps
- ⇒ **For security reasons your **password** requires eight characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.*

STEP 2: Confirmation Email

- ⇒ A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you.
- ⇒ Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and 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 password just created with your account.

STEP 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- ⇒ Verify the **School Board Name** ... Select the **School Name** ... Enter Your **Child's First Name, Last Name** and **Date of Birth**.
 - ⇒ Select "**Continue**" ... 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: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have **more children**,

- ⇒ Select "**Add Another Student**" and ... **repeat the steps above**.
- ⇒ Eight (8) children can be added to one parent account.

If you **do not wish to add additional children** ... select "**View Items For Students**" option for a list of available items for purchase.

Payment Methods: Three (3) Online Options

Option 1: myWallet

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

- * 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

- ◇ This is 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 to 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.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

Families will still have the option to send cash or cheque 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?

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)**. They can assist parents with:

- Registering ... Password recoveries ... Finding their children in the system ...or any checkout or payment issues.

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