



PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS

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Principal's Corner - Jessica Lindsay

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!



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 1st at 5:30 - 6:30pm**. 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.

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 ... was Feb 8th, 2018 from 1:15 pm—2:15 pm (with MacNab counsellors on site)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

Began February 5th for September 2018. Go online or into the school office for Registration Form and Survey:
<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Kindergarten-Registration-Form-and-Survey-2018.pdf>

REPORT CARDS ...

Report Cards were sent home with your student on Tuesday, February 13th

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.

Please also consider subscribing to our website to automatically receive emails when important information has been added to the calendar that might be of interest to you and your family. The information on how to subscribe can be found on the right-hand side of our home page ... www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy February! I hope that you and your families enjoyed the December break together. I am honoured to be beginning 2018 as the principal of Pauline Johnson. We have a responsive, innovative school improvement plan that reflects the diverse needs of our students. Our staff is working diligently this month to report on your child's progress as we approach the mid-point of the year. I appreciate your support for your child's development, reviewing the report card and discussing next steps with your child.

This month we have lots going on! Gr 4 - 6 co-ed volleyball continues on Monday, Sr Girls and Boys Basketball seasons are underway, board and card games continue to be offered in the Learning Commons during most Nutrition Breaks, Eco and Health Action Teams are working hard to improved our actions at the school, band practices three times each week, Youth Poets have visited our grade 7 and 8 classes several times, The Athletic Council is working on creating activities for the 20/20 Challenge, and the list goes on! We are very thankful for all of the extra work our staff volunteers do to run these programs.

I hope that you have a wonderful Family Day later this month.

Sincerely, 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.

Grade 8 Grad Photo Day

Photos were taken at Pauline Johnson

NOTE: All students were photographed for the class composite.

If you pre-book your session and made an online payment at edgeimaging.ca/mycomp and used **OUR SCHOOL CODE ... PAU ...** your order will be eligible to receive the 11" x14" composite and embossed hard cover folder ... which will be delivered to the school before the end of the school year.

Gowns and flowers were provided by the photographer.

Forms and payment were to be given to the photographer when the picture was taken ... If you had not pre-booked and paid for your session on-line.

GRAD PHOTO RETAKES

Grad photo retakes can be done at the Edge studio in Burlington.

Parents will need to call Edge's Customer Care number at **1-866-707-3343** to book an appointment.

The studio is open every Saturday from now until May.

Parents will then be able to setup an appointment that is convenient for them.

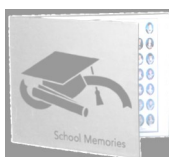
Tips for Grad Photos...

Girls should dress to look their best.

Boys should wear a white button down shirt and a tie. Some will be available on site, if needed.

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.



AFTER SCHOOL SCHOLARS

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

Gr 3 Advisors are: Mrs Garrett & Mrs C Skirrow and the Gr 6 Advisors are Ms D Wilson & TBA.

... More info to follow.

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

Pauline Johnson School's Scholastic Book Fair February 20-23 in the Learning Commons

Mark your calendars so you won't miss our Scholastic Book Fair!

The fair will be open for families to visit together starting on Wednesday, February 21st from 2:35 pm - 3:30 pm each day until Friday, February 23rd.

Students will have a chance to take a sneak peek at the fair during our special Preview Day on Tuesday, February 20th.

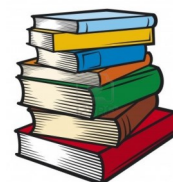
Students have two opportunities to visit the fair during scheduled times the of Feb 21st - 23rd. The first time is for viewing only and the second time is when they are able to make purchases.

All students will receive a special flyer that features some of the hundreds of books available at our Fair.

Our Book Fair gives you and your children the opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books for all reading levels.

Plus, our Book Fair serves as a fundraiser for school library and literacy resources.

We invite you to attend and look forward to seeing you.



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 Tues, and Thurs at 2nd Nutrition Break.

Items available are:

Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00 each
Popcorn	\$2.00 each
Cookies	\$1.00 each



Before And After Care Survey

If you would like to be able to register your child(ren) in a before and/or after-school program for the 2018-19 school year, complete the survey sent home and return it to the school's office.

You can also complete the survey online at <http://bit.ly/HWDSB-2018-ChildCare-Survey>

RA Riddell Sport Academy (Check the Riddell site)

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.

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to have your child check the lost and found often to locate and missing items.

We are planning to dispose of these items on a regular bases ... so please check it as soon as possible after you lose and item

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Regular attendance and punctuality are important habits to develop and are crucial employability skills.

A student who attends school on a regular basis and on time will have a better opportunity to experience success.

When students are absent or late to class on a regular basis, gaps will occur in their understanding of concepts taught and student learning is negatively influenced.

If there is a legitimate reason for your child's absences or lateness, we require this information be input into the **School Messenger app** or that you call the **SafeArrivals** number **1-844-506-4350**.

Teachers monitor student attendance and punctuality. If student absences or lateness continue to be unexplained, a letter will be sent home to parents of students indicating the concern.

Your support is appreciated in encouraging your child to attend school regularly and to be on time.



OUR FIRST CHARITY DAY



It's an all day event that will take place in our gym in effort to collect non perishable food items for local food banks.

Our collective generosity will help many people in our community.

Our First Charity Day will take place on **Thursday, March 1, 2018** and is being run by Class 8A.

All students will participate in a period of fun activities and music in the gym.

Please consider bringing in a can good for our cause.

Mon, Feb 5th ... KINDERGARTEN Registrations began 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 ...
Mon, Feb 12th ... Sr Basketball - Boys ... at Mount Hope ... starting at 3:45 pm
Tues, Feb 13th ... Report Cards went home.....Co-ed Basketballat Tiffany Hills...starting at 3:45 pm
Wed, Feb 14th ... Happy Valentines Day ...Dress Up in Red or Pink Day ... Dance
Tues, Feb 20th ... Co- ed Basketballat Pauline Johnson.....starting at 3:45 pm
Mon, Feb 19th ... FAMILY DAY ... No school
Tues, Feb 20th Senior Girls Basketball Play offs 1st Round....
Wed, Feb 21st Co-ed Basketball vs Guy Brownat Pauline Johnson.....starting 3:30 pm
Mon, Feb 26th Senior Girls BasketballQuarter—FinalTBD
Tues, Feb 27th Co-ed Basketball vs Lawfieldat Pauline Johnson.....starting 3:30 pm
Wed, Feb 28th ... Gr 8's Secondary School Course selections due
Wed, Feb 28th Senior Girls BasketballFinal 4 Semi—FinalTBD
Thu, Mar 1st ... School Council Meeting ... in PJ Learning Commons
Fri, Mar 2nd ... PA Day (No School)
Mon, Mar 5th Co-ed Basketballat Ancaster Meadow.....3:45 pm
Tues, Mar 6th Senior Girls Basketball Final 4 Championship
Fri, Mar 9th ... Dress 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)

ECO TEAM's NEW RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY

Mrs Tsui and the Eco Team have exciting news!

We now have the ability to recycle markers, highlighters, sharpies, dry erase markers, mechanical pencils and pens, through a partnership with Staples.

If you have any of these items at home that are no longer useable, please send them to school with your student and they will be placed in the recycle box in Rm 133 for recycling.

Thanks for doing your part in helping our Earth!

Pauline Johnson Elementary School; Parents we are looking for your support....

On February 28th we will begin a major fundraising effort. We are depending on this fundraiser to provide funds to subsidize class trips and special events as well as for the purchase of technology, sports equipment, classroom and library materials.

We will be selling a peanut free variety pack from World's Finest Chocolates. Each box contains chocolate covered almonds, mint meltaways, caramel whirls, milk chocolate almond bars and crisp bars. *A totally nut free variety pack is also available for those who require totally nut free – please check nut-free below if you wish*

Each item sells for \$3.00 - **\$1.41 from every item sold remains at the school as our profit. That's \$42.50 profit / box sold!**

February 28th **the chocolate will be sent home with each student who has returned the attached permission slip.** Our sale will run until **March 26th.**

Please label your envelopes clearly with your child's name when sending in money (\$90 per case). Your labeled money envelope is your draw ticket in our prize draws!

Those who are participating are asked to do their best to sell their complete case(s) - an easy task - it is delicious chocolate!

*****We have some terrific incentives for our sellers*****

Each complete box sold will earn the seller a 10" solid chocolate bunny, plus a chance to win our grand prize draw for a \$100 gift card to the store of the seller's choice.

Our top seller will be rewarded with a \$100 gift card to the store of their choice.

2nd seller will be awarded a \$50 gift card.

Our top selling class will be rewarded with a special treat!

Bonus: each complete box sold qualifies the seller for a chance to win our World's Finest Chocolate representative's regional draw prize – a weekend family getaway to the Great Wolf Lodge, Canada' Wonderland Season's passes for 4, or an Apple iPad – winner's choice!

Thank you for your support!

Return this slip by February 27th for a chance to win a free chocolate treat.

Please note, it is our hope that those who choose to participate will commit to selling the entire case.

- ☐ *For each case sold, the seller will receive a 10" solid chocolate bunny, PLUS, each case sold earns the school \$42.50 profit and qualifies the seller for a \$100 gift card prize draw and the regional draw*
- ☐ *for a weekend family getaway to the Great Wolf Lodge, Canada' Wonderland Season's passes for 4, or an Apple iPad – winner's choice!*

Yes, we wish to help with the chocolate fund-raiser. Please send home a box of chocolates.

*We require the **totally nut -free selection** (pure milk chocolate bars, crisp bars, mint meltaways, caramel whirls and chocolate covered raisins)

Student's name _____ Teacher _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____



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.schoolcashonline.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@schoolcashonline.com