



# PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS

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## Principal's Corner - Jessica Lindsay

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### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

I would like to thank everyone for contributing to a very successful beginning of Term 2 at Pauline Johnson.

Our VP, Mr Repchuck and myself were pleased with the Report Cards and want to acknowledge all of the hard work displayed by both the staff and students at Pauline Johnson. Keep up the great work!

Our office staff has been working diligently to keep communication open with home and with registering new Kindergarten students. They have also worked hard to initiate and maintain a successful Safe Arrival program. Many thanks, Ms Llewellyn and Ms Spence!

Our teams, clubs, bands and groups are running smoothly, thanks to the tireless efforts of our school staff.

This past month, we saw our Gr 4 - 6 co-ed, Junior and Senior basketball teams compete, we hosted a Charity Day and had student participating in the Games Days, with the Eco Team and Healthy Action Team as well as the Band.

Thank you for your active participation!

Have a wonderful, active March Break! Jessica Lindsay, Principal

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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

Students who attend school on a regular basis and are on time will have a better opportunity to experience success.

When students are absent or late to class on a regular basis, they experience gaps in their understanding of the concepts taught and the student's learning is negatively influenced.

If there is a legitimate reason for your child's absence, lateness or early dismissal, we require you to enter this information in the **School Messenger app**, or on the **Website - schoolmessenger.ca** or you can enter the info by calling the **SafeArrivals** number **1-844-506-4350**. If you need any assistance with this please contact the office.

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

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

There have been a lot of colds and flu this year and we would like to thank you for using the **SafeArrival System** to let us know when your child(ren) are home sick. This helps to keep our school attendance up to date and it also assures us that your child is at home safe with you.

Congratulations to all those students who regularly do a good job of getting to school on time, even during the cold weather.

### TRAFFIC & PARKING AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES

**Dear Parents,**

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 400 students who need to get home safely.
- 6) Our Hamilton Police Services Police Liaison officer Jeremy Dinning and Hamilton By-Law Enforcement will periodically stop by to assist us with this process.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Our **Public Health Nurse** is **Michele Greenway**. Nurse Michele is continuing to work with the Health Action Team.

Our Health Squad is focusing on healthy eating and you will get a chance to see their work as the school year progresses.



**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.

## CHARITY DAY ... March 1st, 2018

On March 1st, we held a school wide Charity Event with physical activities in the gym and there were apples for everyone through the Tastebuds Nutrition Program, Great Big Crunch.

This was our first Charity Day and it was a big success. Many, many items were collected and have been distributed to various communities in Hamilton.

A special thank you to Summer Vachon from Class 3A for purchasing non-perishable food items with her own money. What a wonderful act of kindness.

The grade 8 students in Class 8A led this great event. Good Job!

We would also like to send out a huge thank you to Mrs C Wilson for organizing and running this event with her class.

The non-perishable food items that were collected from this event have been donated locally to Neighbour to Neighbour.

*Fundraising*  
**Makes It Happen**



## CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 28TH- MARCH 26TH.

This fundraiser is to help provide funds to subsidize class trips and special events as well as for the purchase of technology, sports equipment, classroom and library materials.

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!**

**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 as it is delicious chocolate! If you cannot sell an entire box please return leftover bars to the school immediately.

**\*\*\* 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.**

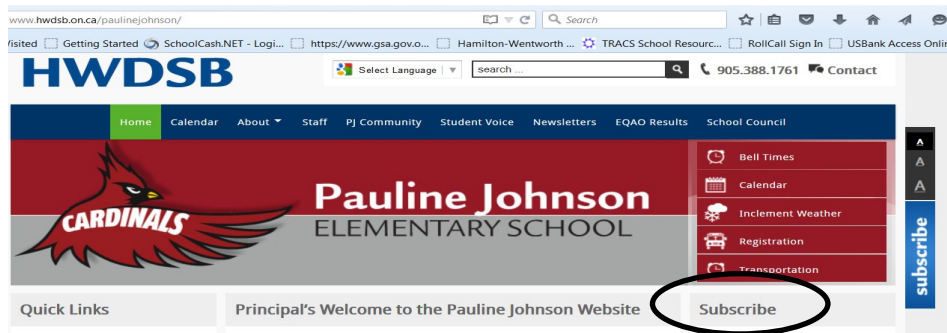
**Our TOP SELLING CLASS will be rewarded with a special treat!**

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

**Thank you for your support!**



TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION VIA EMAIL PLEASE EMAIL [jlindsa@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:jlindsa@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/](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/)

## 2017 - 2018 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION ... BEGAN ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 2018

If you have neighbours' with school age children that are eligible to start school in September, 2018, please share this information with them.

Online registrations are now available at ... <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>

Once you have registered online, you will need to print the application and bring the printed application along with the following documents to the school to complete the application process: **Birth Certificate, Health card, Proof of Residence** (which includes a Utility bill, Property Tax bill, etc) and **Immunization record**.

**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 about immunizations.

**ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER ...** To have your 4 - 6 year old child immunized with the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) and DPTP (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio) shots.

Once your child has received these vaccines, call Public Health and Community Services Department at **905.540.5250** to update their records. .

## DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR OR TWO TO SPARE ANY DAY?

RAZ is an online Reading Program where students access reading assignments and PJ South is looking for volunteers to help our students with it ... Students assignments include but are not limited to ... read to, read into and quizzes.

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

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

Introduction letters to assist with obtaining these police checks are available in the school office.

## CALLING ALL PARENTS / GUARDIANS!!

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 a member of our School Council for more information.

## AFTER SCHOOL SCHOLARS

Our After School Scholars Program for Grades 3 and 6 students has begun. The programs run from 2:40 pm - 4:00 pm on the designated days.

**Grade 3 Math** is on Monday & Tuesday ...

**Grade 3 Literacy** is on Tuesday & Thursday ... and

**Grade 6 Math** is also on Tuesday & Thursday

These program are designed to help our children with preparatory activities for the upcoming Grades 3 & 6 EQAO testing.

## PERCH STORE

The Perch Store is open Tuesday and Thursday during 2nd Nutrition Break.

### Items available are:

Frozen Yogurt \$2.00 each

Popcorn \$2.00 each

Cookies \$1.00 each

Chocolate Milk \$1.00 each  
(available in Office daily)





## SPEECH COMPETITION

Junior and Intermediate speech competition took place on March 7th at Pauline Johnson.

Congratulations to our Junior winner Fanny Feng (Gr 5) and our Intermediate winner Ariyanna Lee (Gr 8).

These girls will advance to the Family of Schools Competition on **April 11** at Templemead School.

## BUS STUDENTS ...

If your student travels to school via one of our school buses, please be sure they are at their designated pick up area approx 5 - 10 minutes prior to their 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 traffic or winter travel conditions.

Also, if your student rides on one of the smaller buses, please be sure to contact **HWSTS 905-523-2318** to notify them of your students absence or if they are being picked up early and won't need the bus on any given day.

## LOST AND FOUND:

Please be sure to have your child(ren) check the lost and found regularly to see if any of the items belong

## 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° with the wind chill.

The City of Hamilton notifies community agencies who work with vulnerable and homeless people.

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:**

905-546-2424 Ext: 5823 Manager, Health Protection

**After hours call 905-546-3570**

**For information regarding community agency response and shelter availability:**

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

## SCHOLASTIC ANNUAL SPRING BOOK FAIR

PJ's **Annual Book Fair** was held from Feb 20th - Feb 23rd and it was a success!

We sold approximately \$3,700 during our book fair this year, which means that we will be able to add about \$2,400 in books to our library because of your support!

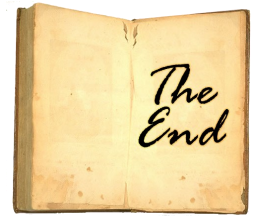
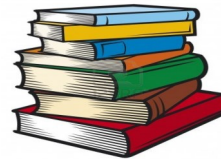


Mme Sousa would like to thank everyone for all of their help, especially Gabby Gray who not only helped during the school day but also stayed after school each night to help out! Merci!

A special thank you goes out to Mrs Clarke and Mme Glabb for helping as cashiers, Mrs Tsui for helping set up the fair and Mrs Sullivan and Ms D Wilson for helping take it all down again!

Many hands help to make the job lighter!

Thanks again to everyone who helped and who supported this annual event!



## 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 2018 usually begins around the first week of June.

For more information about their programs visit their website at [www.ymcahb.on.ca](http://www.ymcahb.on.ca) or call the School Age Child Care office at **905 317-4916**.

## RECESS ... Spring is just around the corner.

During extreme cold or wet weather, we will be staying inside for nutrition breaks.



However; whenever possible, we will be going outside to get some fresh air, so please be sure to dress appropriately.

We would also like to recommend that your child have a change of clothing in their locker, as many seem to find themselves with wet clothing after recess.

## 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.





**Thu, Mar 1<sup>st</sup> ... Great Big Crunch Day ...** Fun and Games in the gym ... Food donations for Charity  
**Thu, Mar 1<sup>st</sup> ... School Council Meeting ...** in PJ Learning Commons  
**Fri, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> ...** PA Day (No School)  
**Mon, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> ...** Co-ed Basketball .....at Ancaster Meadow.....3:45 pm  
**Tues, Mar 6<sup>th</sup> ...** Senior Girls Basketball ..... Final 4 Championship  
**Fri, Mar 9<sup>th</sup> ...** Dress in **Green** Day  
**Sat, Mar 10<sup>th</sup> - Sun, Mar 18<sup>th</sup> ...** **SPRING Break** (Inclusive) ... **Mon, Mar 19<sup>th</sup> ...** Return after Spring Break  
**Tues, Mar 20<sup>h</sup> ...** Water Puppet Show at PJ  
**Tues, Mar 20<sup>h</sup> ...** Final Jr Co-ed basketball game at Brantford Christian School at 4:00 pm  
**Wed, Mar 21<sup>st</sup> ...** Twin Day  
**Wed, Mar 28<sup>th</sup> ...** Rocks And Rings at PJ  
**Thurs, Mar 29<sup>h</sup> ...** Easter Dance  
**Fri, Mar 30<sup>th</sup> ...** Good Friday ... **Sun, Apr 1<sup>st</sup> ...** **Easter Sunday** .... **Mon, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> ...** Easter Monday ... No school  
**Tue, Apr 11<sup>th</sup> ...** International Day of **Pink**  
**Sun, Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> ...** Earth Day  
**Wed, Apr 25<sup>th</sup> ...** Gr 8 **Orienteering** at Christie Conservation Area  
**Thurs, Apr 26<sup>th</sup> ...** Crazy Hat Day  
**Mon, May 7<sup>th</sup> - Fri, May 11<sup>th</sup> ...** Education Week  
**Wed, May 9<sup>th</sup> ...** FDK Bugs Science Workshops  
**Wed, May 16<sup>th</sup> ...** Dress up ....Superhero/Cartoon/Disney Character  
**Thu, May 17<sup>th</sup> ...** **Open House** ... 5 pm - 6:30 pm  
**Mon, May 21<sup>st</sup> ...** Victoria Day (STAT Holiday) No School  
**Tues, May 22<sup>nd</sup> ...** **Mon, Jun 4<sup>th</sup> ...** EQAO Grades 3 & 6  
**Wed, May 31<sup>st</sup> ...** Gr 7 Battlefield Park  
**Mon, Jun 4<sup>th</sup> ...** Ride Smart Bicycle Education Program....Grades 4 - 6  
**Wed, Jun 6<sup>th</sup> ...** Dress up Backwards Day  
**Thurs, Jun 7<sup>th</sup> ...** School Council Meeting  
**Fri, Jun 8<sup>th</sup> ...** PA Day (No School)  
**Fri, Jun 15<sup>th</sup> ...** Grade 7 Immunization  
**Mon, Jun 18<sup>th</sup> ...** Grade 7/8....Trip to Paris, ON  
**Wed, Jun 20<sup>th</sup> ...** Grade 8 **Graduation**  
**Thu, Jun 21<sup>st</sup> ...** National Aboriginal Day  
**Fri, Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> ...** School Wide....year end trip.....Dofasco Rec Center  
**Sat, Jun 23<sup>rd</sup> ...** National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism  
**Mon, Jun 25<sup>th</sup> ...** **Report Cards sent home**  
**Wed, June 27<sup>th</sup> ...** Final Dance....Grades 5 - 7  
**Thu, Jun 28<sup>th</sup> ...** **Last Day of School**  
**Fri, Jun 29<sup>th</sup> ...** **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.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](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com)