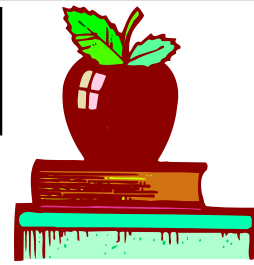




PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS

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Principal's Corner - Jessica Lindsay

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NUTRITION PROGRAM SPONSORS:

Special Thanks goes out to the **Hamilton Bulldogs and Tastebuds**, who are both part of Hamilton's Student Nutrition Collaborative. Without their generosity we could not run our daily nutrition program.

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** phone 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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please consider attending and volunteering your time to support our school. Our final School Council meeting is **Thursday, June 7th, 2018**.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

March brought us some snow, some rain and lots of fun!

I heard from many families that they enjoyed a wonderful March Break together - which was so nice to hear!

Last month, basketball has kept many kids busy. Our Athletic Council have also organized open gym time for many students.

Congrats to our Eco Team - they had an honourable mention in the World Water Contest.

The chocolate fundraiser was a big success. Thank you to all the participating families! Your efforts will help all students at Pauline Johnson.

Also this month was the Oral Communications contest. Good luck to Ariyanna Lee and Fanny Feng as they continue on at the Board level.

Many students this month had the opportunity to try "curling" with the Rocks and Rings program ... what fun!

We hope that you enjoyed a lovely Easter weekend with your families. We are looking forward to Spring!

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Jessica Lindsay, 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 8:25 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

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.

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**.

Our Pauline Johnson School website address is ...

www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/

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).

SPEECH COMPETITION

The Junior and Intermediate speech competition took place on Mar 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.

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.



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 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.

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 so they can change, 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.



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 that 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 2018 - 2019

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 the teachers for the school.

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

February 28th - March 26th, 2018

A BIG thank you to all of the Pauline Johnson families who participated in making this fundraiser a SUCCESS!

The Top Chocolate selling class was **2A (Mrs Tsui)**

The TOP SELLER was the **Amin** family who have chose to receive a **\$100.00 Staples gift card** as their prize.

The 2nd place was the **Wellwood** family who have chose to receive a **\$50.00 WalMart gift card** as their prize.

The **Wellington** family has won the **School Grand Prize Draw**. They decided on a **\$100.00 WalMart gift card** as their prize.

Summer Vachon's name was drawn for Gary (the stuffed ambassador for the chocolate sales).

Destiney Faulkenham's name will be sent in for the World's Finest Chocolate Company's regional draw.

If Destiney's name is drawn, she will win a family weekend getaway to Great Wolf Lodge or Seasons passes for 4 to Canada's Wonderland or an Apple iPad (Winner's Choice). Good luck Destiney!

We would also like to send out a Big Thank You to Mrs C Wilson and Ms D Wilson for all of their hard work to make this fundraiser a success.

Fundraising
Makes It Happen

PJ's OPEN HOUSE and Education Week

EDUCATION WEEK starts **May 7th** this year ...

It is our pleasure once again this year, to showcase the talents of our students, your sons and daughters during this week.

Our **OPEN HOUSE** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 17th, 2018** from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

OUR KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM ORIENTATION

for our Sept 2018 Registrations will also be held on Thursday May 18th from 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm in the Kindergarten wing.

Watch for more information about this event as we get closer to the date.

We hope that you will plan to join us.

Ride Safe Bicycle Safety Program for Grades 4-6, June 4th – 8th

- This educational program is designed to help develop practical lifelong skills for safe cycling.
- Lesson plans are incorporate in the classroom and active participation lessons take place outdoors using bicycles.
- Student will need to bring their helmet to school during the active participation program days.
- If they don't have a helmet one will be provided.
- Also on Wednesday June 6th ...we will provide a FREE after school bicycle tune-up for the whole family!

Grade 9 Orientation Program –Last Week of August 2018 (three days) 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

This free of charge program allows our current Grade 8 students to ...

- become acquainted with their Secondary School,
- review Literacy and Math programs in preparation for Grade 9,
- learn new strategies for balancing high school workload
- to meet new classmates and build relationships for a more confident start to Grade 9.

More information about registration will be available in our May Newsletter.

Prom Project Hamilton

Prom Project Hamilton is a two day, two-site event that assists students with free formal wear for their formals, graduations and special events.

For more information contact them by phone at **905-527-5092**

Ext 2436 ... email: foundation@hwdsb.on.ca ... visit their website www.promprojecthamilton.ca ... tweet at [@HWDSBFoundation](https://twitter.com/HWDSBFoundation)

Saturday, April 14th 9:30 am - 2:00 pm-Delta Secondary School (1284 Main St. E, Hamilton)

Saturday, May 5th 9:30 am—2:00 pm-Hill Park Learning Centre (465 East 16th St., Hamilton)

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HAMILTON

Saturday, April 14, 2018
and Saturday May 5, 2018

An event that gives students a chance to select formal wear free of charge to attend their formals, graduation and special events feeling confident, stylish and proud.

**Check It Out Drop In**

Do you have questions about your child's health (0 - 6 yrs) and development? Speak to some experts for free!

Thurs, April 5th ... 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Central Library, Children's Department, 55 York Blvd, Hamilton ... 905-521-0926

Tues, April 10th ... 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Winona Early ON Child and Family Centre, Winona Recreation Centre, 255 Winona Rd, Winona ... 905-573-7905

Weday, April 18th ... 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Jeanne Scott Centre, 1475 Barton St E, Hamilton ... 905-549-4276

Thurs, April 19th ... 9:30 am - 11:30 am - Hellen Detwiler Early ON Centre, 320 Brigade Dr, Hamilton ... 905-385-3020

Ask questions about: eating, speech, health, development, behaviours, how to cope with stress and other challenges.

For more info on other Check It Out Drop In dates, times, and locations, or if you need any special provisions contact,

Health Connections at 905-546-3550 ... or ... **Hamilton Early Years Information Line** 905-524-4884

LOST AND FOUND: Please have your children check the lost and found regularly to see if any of the items belong to them.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR ...**Sun, Apr 1st ... Easter Sunday****Mon, Apr 2nd ... Easter Monday ... No school****Wed, Apr 11th ... International Day of Pink****Mon, Apr 16th ... Hare and Tortoise play by Carousel Players for FDK to Grade 3 students****Tue, Apr 17th ... Info Session Night "Families Worrying Less Together" ..6:30-7:30pm..@ Education Centre Rm 180****Tue, Apr 17th ... Parent Info Night "Cool Little Kids"...6:30-7:30pm @ Education Centre****Wed, Apr 18th ... Walk/ Ride to school- wear Yellow Day****Sun, Apr 22nd ... Earth Day****Wed, Apr 25th ... Gr 8 Orienteering at Christie Conservation Area****Thu, Apr 26th ... Crazy Hat Day / Pink Day Activities****Sat, Apr 28th ... National Day of Mourning****Mon, May 7th ... Fri, May 11th ... Education Week****Wed, May 9th ... FDK Bugs Science Workshops****Wed, May 16th ... Dress upSuperhero/Cartoon/Disney Character****Thu, May 17th ... Open House ... 5 pm - 6:30 pm****Mon, May 21st ... Victoria Day (STAT Holiday) No School****Tue, May 22nd ... Mon, Jun 4th ... EQAO Grades 3 & 6****Wed, May 31st ... Gr 7 Battlefield Park****Mon, Jun 4th ... Ride Smart Bicycle Education Program....Grades 4 - 6****Wed, Jun 6th ... Dress up Backwards Day****Thu, Jun 7th ... School Council Meeting****Fri, Jun 8th ... PA Day (No School)****Fri, Jun 15th ... Grade 7 Immunization****Mon, Jun 18th ... Grade 7/8....Trip to Paris, ON****Wed, Jun 20th ... Grade 8 Graduation****Thu, Jun 21st ... National Aboriginal Day****Fri, Jun 22nd ... School Wide....year end trip.....Dofasco Rec Center****Sat, Jun 23rd ... National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism****Mon, Jun 25th ... Report Cards sent home****Wed, June 27th ... Final Dance....Grades 5 - 7****Thu, Jun 28th ... Last Day of School****Fri, Jun 29th ... PA Day (Happy Summer Vacation)****Last week of Aug ... Gr 9 Orientation Program****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 ... <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>

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 DPTP (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. .

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

