



PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



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Wow... April has flown by and we are so glad that the nice weather is finally here! There is lots going on at PJ!

A big thank you to our Caretaking Staff as they have helped to get our playground ready for Spring.

The students love the new hopscotch, 4-square and the additional equipment currently available such as: basketballs, volleyballs, frisbees, skipping ropes, bouncy balls and sidewalk chalk. We are also having 3 basketball nets installed in the very near future!

Inside, our library will be getting 9 new laptops and hopefully some iPads for use in September.

We are getting new blinds installed that should help to keep our classrooms cooler when the June heat arrives.

The primary classes are looking forward to getting new Social Studies resources to support their teaching and learning.

As this is a busy time of year for trips, we ask that you please keep an eye out for these trip forms in your child's backpack, etc.

Check out what we have been doing on Twitter at @PJ_HWDSB ... or visit our website as we are constantly posting new information there too.

SPECIAL THANKS THE PEOPLE WHO DONATE TO OUR NUTRITION PROGRAM ...

- ♦ Thank you to the **Forsyth (O'Neill) Family** for once again making a donation to our Nutrition Program.
- ♦ Thank you to the **City of Hamilton** for their donation to our Healthy Action Team.
- ♦ **Special Thanks** goes out to the **Hamilton Bulldogs and Tastebuds**, Hamilton's Student Nutrition Collaborative as without both of these companies we could not run our daily nutrition program.
- ♦ Thanks also to Mrs Woods, Mrs Dockrill and the student helpers for coordinating, cleaning / preparing and distributing our morning snacks for all classes. We serve a morning snack 5 mornings per week. This means we serve over 2,000 snacks per week.

OPEN HOUSE & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our **Open House** on **Thursday, May 17th, 2018** from **5 pm - 6:30 pm**.

Three different Food Trucks will be on location! Crazy Cravings, GTO Willy Dogs and Curbside Food Truck

OUR KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM ORIENTATION for our September 2018 Registrations will also be held on Thursday, May 17th starting at **4:15 pm** in the Kindergarten wing. A flyer will be coming home the week of May 7th as a reminder about this event.

AGENDA PRE-ORDERS:

We are going to pre-order Agendas for the 2018 - 2019 School Year. Please complete the form coming home and send it back to the school along with \$7.00 to help cover the cost of the agenda before the end of May.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

A special thank you goes out to all of our current School Council members for all their help and support this year.

Please consider volunteering your time to support our school in the 2018 - 2019 school year, as we appreciate your help and input in helping to make Pauline Johnson the best school it can be.

EQAO

Our Grade 3 and 6 students are preparing to write EQAO from Tuesday, **May 22, 2018 – Monday, June 4, 2018**

Thank you to our After School Scholars program teachers Mrs Garret, Ms D Wilson and Mrs Skirrow who helped to prepare our students to do their very best this year.

Ride Smart Cycle Education Program June 4-7th

Please remember when you are out on your bicycles to always be safe ... by ensuring that your bike is in good working order and that you wear protective equipment which needs to include a helmet.

The Hamilton Police Service have tips on their website to help parents in properly fitting their child for helmet and bicycles for maximum safety. Check their website ... <https://hamiltonpolice.on.ca>

Please also dress appropriately and wear running shoes, sunglasses and sunscreen when riding your bicycle

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION**

Thinking about summer camp for your student? Well now is the time to look at the possible options.

Here are a couple for you to consider ...

McMaster Athletics & Recreation Summer Camp ... visit www.marauders.ca/camps ... or call **905-525-9140 Ext: 24464**

Mohawk College Summer Camp ... call **905-575-2062** ... or visit <http://camps.mohawkcollege.ca>

**POETRY FESTIVAL:
LOUDER THAN A BOMB**

May 10th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm KICK OFF

May 15th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Middle School preliminary competition will be taking place at the Hamilton Art Gallery.

Individual and teams from 8 Middle schools will compete to tell stories, perform and engage with spoken word art. There will be 2 preliminary "bouts". Go PJ Poets!

**GRADE 8 GRADUATION ... June 20th**

Our Grade 8 Graduation is quickly approaching. June 20th will be here before you know it.

Ms Difrancesco, Ms C Wilson and Mme Sousa are in the process of organizing the day's events.

This year our Gr 7 Student Ambassadors are going to help with ushering the guests to their seats.

If you are interested in helping with Graduation set-up help please email the school at paulinejohnson@hwdsb.on.ca to let us know you're available ... Please leave your cell number for easy contact .

We are also looking for baked goods donations for the reception table if you are able to help with that.

Thank You!

YMCA ... AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE

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

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

The After School Program is open from dismissal time at 2:35 pm until 6:00 pm.

Registration for September begins in June.

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

NOAH'S ARK CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Before and After School Care, PA Days and school breaks

Children from 18 months - 12 years old. School Transportation Available.

Please contact them directly for more information at:

Noah's Ark Children's Centre, 118 Limeridge Road East, Hamilton ON

Phone: **905-389-2204**

Website: www.noahskids.ca

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.

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.

Congratulations to all those students who regularly do a good job of getting to school on time.

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

There have been a lot of colds and flu this year and we would like to thank those who have been 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.

SCHOOL CASH Online Payment Option

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. If you have any problems with the registration process, the **parent help desk** is available **24/7** by calling **1-866-961-1803 (toll-free)** or by email at parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT YEAR?

The end of the school year is a few weeks away. Rest assured, any **UNUSED FUNDS** in your School Cash Online MyWallet account will continue to be available next year ... even if your child moves to another **HWDSB** school

NOT RECEIVING EMAILS ABOUT ITEMS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE? Upon your next login to School Cash Online, check the "**My Account**" tab and that you have consented under "Manage Email Notifications" to receive payment notices and reminders.

In keeping with our Eco Team initiative, we are trying to send home less paper. Please watch each month for **IMPORTANT UPDATES** that can be found on our school website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/ or on twitter at ... **@PJCardinals** for up to the minute tweets.

To receive this newsletter and other important information via email please email ... **jlindsa@hwdsb.on.ca** ... be sure to include your name and your student's first and last name in the email.



Please also **subscribe** to our Website to get emails letting you know that important information has been added to the calendar 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. www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR ... EVERY IS WEDNESDAY IS PIZZA DAY

Mon, May 7th ... Fri, May 11th ... Education Week / Mental Health Week
Tues, May 8th ... 50 Gr 4-6 Students Flag Football ClinicTim Horton's Field....11:30 am- 2:30 pm
Wed, May 9th ... Mayor visit FDK classrooms
Wed, May 9th & 10th ... FDK Bugs Science Workshops
Thurs, May 10th ... 50 Gr 4-6 students....TiCats Befit Day....Tim Hortons's Field8:30 am - 11:30 am
Thurs, May 10th ... Gr 7...Poetry Event: Louder than a bomb kick off.....Hamilton Art Gallery...9:00 am –3:00 pm
Tues, May 15th ... Poetry Event: Louder than a bombHamilton Art Gallery...9:00 am –3:00 pm
Wed, May 16th ... Dress upSuperhero/Cartoon/Disney Character
Thu, May 17th ... **Open House** ... 5 pm - 6:30 pm
Thu, May 17th ... **International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia**
Mon, May 21st ... Victoria Day (STAT Holiday) No School
Tue, May 22nd ... Mon, Jun 4th ... EQAO Grades 3 & 6
Tues, May 23rd & Wed, May 24th ... FDK Classes.....Fire Station
Tues, May 30th ... Class 3/4, 4A & 4/5....Water Festival Field Trip....9:00 am - 2:00 pm
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)**
Tues, Jun 12th ... Gr 3 & 4.....RBG9:00 am-12:00 pm
Wed, June 13th ... Gr 1.....RBG9:00 am-12:00 pm
Fri, Jun 15th ... Grade 7 Immunization
Mon, Jun 18th ... Gr 2.....RBG...9:00 am-12:00 pm
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



From Public Health Fun in the Sun!

Tips for a Happy Healthy Summer

The warm weather is fast approaching and many people will be spending more time outside. We should all be wearing sunscreen daily, even through the winter months, but it's extremely important during the summer months.



Here a few sun protection tips to keep in mind:

1. Limit the amount of time spent outdoors between the hours of 11 am and 4 pm, especially between noon and 2 pm when the sun is at its hottest.
2. Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. Apply to all exposed areas of skin at least 15-30 minutes before going outdoors and then reapply every 2 hours after that.
3. Remember to use a water resistant, sweat resistant or sport sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or greater. If you are involved in swimming or physical exercise where you sweat a lot, reapply sunscreen after getting out of the water.
4. Wear loose, lightweight clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.
5. Wearing a wide-brim hat and sunglasses should also be part of your daily outfit.
6. Try to keep in the shade as much as possible. Try the shadow test ... If your shadow is **SHORTER** than you it's time to go inside or seek shade.
7. Protect your lips with a broad spectrum lip balm with an SPF of 30 or higher.
8. Protect yourself even on cloudy days since most of the sun's rays can penetrate light cloud cover.

Make Sun Protection part of your family's everyday routine. Keep sun protection items: sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses in a handy convenient place such as a basket by the front door. Place bottles of sunscreen in backpacks for school. Create a sun safe environment in your backyard with shade trees, tents or umbrellas.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING A HEAT EVENT

A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days where the humidex reading is 40 or higher. The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and the community partners of a heat event.

Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- ⇒ Limit physical outdoor activities
- ⇒ Ensure water is available
- ⇒ Close drapes and blinds
- ⇒ Move pupils to cooler areas of the school
- ⇒ Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

For more information, or steps you can take to reduce risks during heat events, please visit the following websites:

CITY OF HAMILTON ... www.hamilton.ca/healthandsocialservices/publichealth

<http://bit.ly/nB4ZQp>

HEALTH CANADA ... <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/climat/index-eng.php>

REMINDERS

SAFETY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

As a safety precaution for everyone at PJS, **roller blades and heelys** are not to be used on school property and **SHOULD NOT be brought to school**. Any **skateboards or scooters** that are brought to school, must be able to fold up for **storage in your locker until the end of the day**.

"NO SMOKING POLICY"

Just a reminder to Parents & Guardians that **it is illegal** to smoke anywhere on school property.