



# PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



**2018 - 2019**



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**OCTOBER**

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER - Jessica Lindsay**

Well the month of September has come and gone and it's time to share our October Newsletter with you. For future newsletters please see how to subscribe below:

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## **PARENT COUNCIL ... 2018 - 2019**

Elections were held right after our Meet the Teacher event on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> ... below are the members of this years School Council.

**Laura O'Neill** - Chair of School Council.

Please get involved as we are still look for more School Council members and additional parent volunteers to help with the many projects needed to make Pauline Johnson the best possible school for your children.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the office to arrange to get the forms necessary to enable you to become a PJ volunteer.



## **SCHOOL FUNDRAISING**

We have not yet confirmed our big fundraising events for this year. This will be discussed at our next School Council meeting on **Thursday, October 4th**, at 4:00 pm in the PJ Learning Commons. Plan to join us.

## **PHOTO DAYS - EDGE IMAGING**

Picture day will take place on ... **Wed, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

Our school photo day is fast approaching! Please remember to mark the date on your calendar, as Edge Imaging will be in the school that day capturing everyone's smiles. Edge provides a variety of photo options to capture your child's true personality, preserving all their school day memories. For more information on photo day, please visit [www.edgeimaging.ca](http://www.edgeimaging.ca) for answers to frequently asked questions.

Retake Photos will take place on ... **Wed, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 8 Grad Photos will be taken on **Thurs, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>**

## **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Our Grab and Go Breakfast Program is up and running. This program allows all students to enjoy a morning snack which usually includes one of the following, crackers, cheese, yogurt, granola or cereal bars and either a piece of fresh fruit or a vegetable such as apples, pears, bananas or carrots.

If you have any spare time in the morning or at the end of the day, we would love to have your help.

The majority of the Breakfast Program is funded through **"Tastebuds"** and **The Bulldogs** as well as receiving a few **parent / grandparent donations**. This year we also applied for and received a large donation from the **President's Choice Children's Charity**.

We are hoping to add additional funds through fundraising events and through donations made by our Pauline Johnson community.

If you are able to make a donation to our Nutrition Program, please know that it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for continuing to support Pauline Johnson School ... Jessica Lindsay, Principal

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress reports will be sent home with your student on **Tuesday, October 30th, 2018.**

**PIZZA WEDNESDAYS**

Our pizza supplier is once again Limeridge Pizza. Their pizzas conform to the HWDSB nutrition policy. Pizza Wednesdays have been going fairly well, however we could use some volunteer assistance to help count money in the morning,

**If you are interested in helping us** on Wednesday mornings , please contact the PJS office at 905-388-1761.

**MILK PROGRAM**

Chocolate Milk is available for purchase during 2<sup>nd</sup> nutrition break for \$1.00 cash each. Tickets are sold in the office prior to 2nd Nutrition break ... 10 tickets for \$7.50.

**HOMEWORK HELP**

Homework help information for grades 7 to 10 was sent home in September. This online math tutoring initiative is available to all students in grades 7 to 10. Please encourage your children to sign-up and become familiar with this online program. By the time these students are in grade 10, the chat line should be available for all students up to grade 12. The chat room is current open Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

**TERRY FOX RUN**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Terry Fox National School Run Day on Thurs, Sep 27th. Special thanks to Mrs C Wilson, Mr. Begley and our dedicated staff for organizing the event. **We raised just over \$503.41!**

Way to go Pauline Johnson community ... Thank you for your support.

**DRESS CODE REMINDER**

Just a reminder that we expect students to dress in a manner that is appropriate for learning and that is non-offensive to others. *"The bottoms of their tops must meet the tops of their bottoms."* We appreciate the continued support of our parents in this matter.

**Dyments Farm Trip - Friday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Our kindergarten classes have been invited to Dyments Farm rain or shine. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. The bus will depart from Pauline Johnson at 9:15am and return at 11:45am. No lunch is required while on the trip.



**SMART COMMUTE - YELLOW WALK OR WHEEL TO WORK / SCHOOL DAY!**

Hamilton Smart Commute Wear Yellow and Walk or Wheel to school day is - **Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

On Wear Yellow and Walk Day students, parents and staff are encouraged to wear yellow clothing and use active transportation (walking, cycling, rolling, bus) to and from school.

Parents that must drive can park 1 km away from the school and let students walk that distance to school to join in on the fun. Remember to "turn it off" when parked as **Hamilton has a no-idling by-law.**



## **VOLUNTEERS IN THE SCHOOL**

It is the policy of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board to support and encourage the participation of volunteers in Board activities.

### **Role of the Volunteer**

- ⇒ Volunteers will perform their assigned duties as directed by Board staff
- ⇒ Volunteers will never be responsible for the discipline or evaluation of students
- ⇒ Volunteers will not be responsible for the identification or diagnosis of learning strengths or difficulties
- ⇒ The participation of Volunteers will be respectful of any Collective Agreement requirements.
- ⇒ Volunteers will maintain in confidence any personal information, shared with them in the performance of their duties, in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and protection of Privacy Act.
- ⇒ Volunteers will follow dress and behavioural codes as established by the school.
- ⇒ Volunteers will report to the school office on arrival, to sign-in and if applicable, will wear an identification badge at all times while in the school. They will also sign-out at the office and return their badge, before leaving the school.
- ⇒ Volunteers will notify their supervising teacher / staff member of any expected absence, as far in advance as possible.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

At Pauline Johnson we are delighted to have parent volunteers. Volunteers are a tremendous help to our students as they support the learning activities in the classroom.

We also need volunteers who can **organize fundraising activities** that support many of the school related experiences that enhance the learning of our students.

**HWDSB and Pauline Johnson School, with the support of our School Council, asks that all volunteers provide us with a VULNERABLE SECTOR SCREENING (Police Check) for the safety of our students.**

Anyone interested in volunteering should go to the Central Police Station to apply for the **Vulnerable Sector Screening**. This check **must** be obtained prior to being assigned any volunteer duties in the school.

## **VISITORS**

Just a reminder that visitors to our school need to report to the office immediately upon arrival to sign in.

The safety of all the students in our school is a concern for all of us, so your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Parents are also asked not to enter a classroom unless they have made an appointment, in advance with the classroom teacher.

When an appointment is needed to speak with a staff member, it should be requested for before or after school, not during classroom time. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.



## **CROWDED HALLWAYS**

Our hallway traffic has increased significantly to the point where it has become a safety concern.

- ⇒ **We are requesting that parents NOT accompany their students into the school at entry or dismissal times as the increased congestion in the hallways makes it unsafe for our children.**
- ⇒ The school grounds are supervised 15 minutes before school begins and 15 minutes after school ends.
- ⇒ As there is no scheduled supervision in the hallways before the 8:15 am start of the school day bell, students should not be at their lockers prior to this time.
- ⇒ Our staff escort the children into the building at entry time and out of the building at dismissal and will assist them with their clothing if needed.

Your co-operation with this concern is appreciated.

## **WINTER IS COLD AND FLU SEASON**

If your child comes to school with a cold or flu symptoms, please send them with a box of Kleenex.

Donations of Kleenex, to your child's classroom, are greatly appreciated all through the year!



### **REMINDER — “NO SMOKING POLICY”**

Just a reminder to parents and guardians that it is illegal to smoke anywhere on school property.



**NEWS FROM OUR PJ LIBRARY / LEARNING COMMONS**

Lost books must be replaced. Generally, the fees for lost books are:

**Fiction** ..... \$15

**Non-Fiction** ... \$30



If you are unable to pay the lost book fees, you can replace the book with any book from the same collection. For instance, a fiction book can be replaced with a fiction book, a non-fiction book with a non-fiction book and a graphic novel with a graphic novel.

Additionally, if a hard cover is lost, it must be replaced with another hard cover and soft cover with a soft cover.

**NO NUT SCHOOL!**

There are students and staff in our building who have allergies to nuts and nut products. It is important that you avoid sending peanut butter or any foods that contain nut products in your child's lunch. This includes **Nutella**, and other similar spreads. Although WOW Butter is acceptable, unless you have a sticker on their lunch, please do not send it as we have no way to ensure it is not a nut product. Please remind your child to wash their hands carefully before school and after lunch and to make sure they put all their lunch garbage and food waste in the garbage containers provided in the lunch rooms. This will help prevent accidental contact with these products by those with Nut allergies.



**EPI PENS AND INHALERS**

Does your student have allergies that require them to carry an Epi-pen, or do they carry a puffer for asthma. If so, please make sure that you complete a new set of forms every year to ensure that we have the most up to date information, so that we are able to effective help your child should they require adult assistance.



**PARKING SAFETY**

We would like to remind our parents not to drop off or pick up students directly in front of our school. This is a no parking / no stopping zone that is enforced regularly by the By-Law Officers with the City of Hamilton-Wentworth.



We appreciate the concerted effort of some parents to park away from the school when dropping off and picking up students. However, there are still a number of cars entering and backing up in this area.

This congestion is not only against the law, but it is very dangerous to both students and drivers.

Due to the serious nature of this situation, the City of Hamilton By-Law Officers will continue to monitor the situation and enforce the By-Law.

We have a serious concern for the safety of all our students and having your assistance in this important safety issue will help to eliminate the chance of a serious accident.

Students are not to walk / run through the staff parking lot at any time. This is a serious safety concern, and we ask that parents reinforce with their child(ren) that the parking lots are for staff use only. We would also like to ask parents not to use the staff parking lots to drop off or pick up students and to not block the entrance to the staff parking lots or to block our neighbours' driveways. Thank you.

**DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND**

We appreciate the fact that some parents have made a conscious effort to walk their dogs at a time other than when escorting their children to and from school, especially since time is tight for all of us these days.

We realize that the dogs being brought onto our playground are on a leash and that all of our parents are responsible people. However; children and animals, are both unpredictable and excitable.

Some children are afraid of dogs even when the dogs are on a leash. Some children have allergies to dogs.

Therefore, in an attempt to keep our playground safe and enjoyable for all children, we are asking you to

**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING DOGS ONTO OUR PLAYGROUND DURING SCHOOL HOURS.**



## REMINDER TO REPORT VACCINES TO PUBLIC HEALTH

This is a reminder for parents and guardians to review their child's vaccines with their doctor.

This fall, Public Health will begin to screen records to ensure children are up to date.

Please report all vaccines and vaccination dates to **Public Health at 905-540-5250**.

Visit [hamilton.ca/vaccines](http://hamilton.ca/vaccines) for more information.



## HEAT ADVISORY

It may be fall, but the temperature can still reach that uncomfortable range. When ever the temperature does rise to those levels, please make sure that you send your child to school with a hat and sunscreen. Also ensure that they have sufficient water or a refillable water bottle so that they can stay adequately hydrated.



## LEAVING SCHOOL FOR LUNCH

A reminder to our **Grade 8** students that to ensure student safety, the school requires a signed and dated note from one of their parents giving them permission to leave the school grounds on a specific day.

- ⇒ Dated and signed notes are to be **handed in to the office, 1st thing in the morning.**
- ⇒ Students with a note may leave the school during **2nd nutrition break only**
- ⇒ Students must be **back on time ... before 1:15 pm.**
- ⇒ Students must be finished eating when they return as food is not to be brought into the classrooms.
- ⇒ Parents please talk to your child about planning these outings ahead as **they must bring in a note** from you on the day to be able to leave our school grounds ... please no phone messages or text messages.

## SPORTS TEAMS / PE PROGRAM NEWS ... Mrs C Wilson / Mr S Begley

### CROSS COUNTRY

The meet is planned for Friday, October 12th ... 9 am - 2 pm ... at Christie Conservation Area

The coaches are: Ms Diana Wilson and Mrs Lara Sousa

### CO-ED VOLLEYBALL ... Gr's 4 - 6 - Schedule TBA

Season starts the week of October 15th - 19th and ends the week of November 19th- 23rd.

### SR VOLLEYBALL

Senior Boys- Season starts Oct 15th- Nov 15th.

First Round: Nov 21 & 22nd. Quarter Final: Nov 27th. Semi-Final: Nov 29th. Championship: Dec 4th.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Pauline Johnson's current Physical Education teachers are Steve Begley and Connie Wilson.

They ask that parents help their students to be successful by making every effort to ensure they have gym clothing available in their lockers ready for their scheduled gym classes.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please call the school and one of our PE Teachers will be happy to get back to you at their earliest convenience.

The **ANNUAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK** is occurring across Canada this year from **Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**School Bus Driver Appreciation Day** is **Wednesday, October 24th.**

Please be sure to thank our School Bus Drivers for ensuring that your children arrive safely every day.



## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2018- 2019

**Mon, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** ... **Orange Shirt Day** in support of the lives lost in Residential Schools ... Official day is Sep 30th  
**Wed, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>** ... **Yellow Shirt Day**....Walk or Wheel to School  
**Thurs, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** ....School Council Meeting @ 4 pm  
**Mon, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>** ... Thanksgiving Day  
**Wed, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>** ....Picture Day  
**Fri, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** ....Cross Country Meet....Grades 3 - 8  
**Fri, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** ....The Ned Show....Grades K - 6  
**Tues, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** ....Grade 8's.....Kanata Village Trip  
**Fri, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** ....Kindergartens....Dyments Farm ... 8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
**Tues, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>** .... Progress Report Cards sent home  
**Wed, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>** ... Halloween.....Halloween Dance for Gr 6 - 8...in gym  
**Fri, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** ... PA Day....Parent Teacher Interviews for Progress Reports  
**Thurs, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>** ... **Gr 7 Immunizations** ... and Gr 8 Catch-up immunizations  
**Wed, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>** .... Re-Take Photo Day  
**Mon, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> - Fri, Nov 23<sup>th</sup>** ... Anti-Bullying Awareness week  
**Fri, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** ... PA Day  
**Thu, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** ... **School Council Meeting @ 4pm**  
**Fri, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>** ... Last Day before WINTER Break  
**Sat, Dec 22<sup>rd</sup> - Sun, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** ... **WINTER Break**  
**Mon, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>** ... Return after Winter Break  
**Fri, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>** ... PA Day  
**Mon, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>** ... **KINDERGARTEN** Registrations begin  
**Thu, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>** ... **Gr 8 GRAD PHOTOS**  
**Tues, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>** ....Term 1 Report Cards sent home  
**Thu, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** ... **School Council Meeting @ 4pm**  
**Mon, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>** ... Family Day ... No school  
**Fri, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** ... PA Day  
**Fri, Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** ....Kindergartens.....Westfield Village Maple syrup...9:00am-12:00pm  
**Mon, Mar 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri, Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** ... **March Break**  
**Mon, Apr 1<sup>st</sup>** ... April Fools Day  
**Wed, Apr 10<sup>th</sup>** ... International Day of Pink  
**Thu, Apr 11<sup>th</sup>** ... **School Council Meeting @ 4pm**  
**Fri, Apr 19<sup>th</sup>** ... Good Friday...No school  
**Mon, Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>** ... Easter Monday ... No school  
**Mon, Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>** ... Earth Day  
**Apr 29<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>** ....Mayhem of the Music Meister the Musical  
**Mon, May 6<sup>th</sup> - Fri, May 10<sup>th</sup>** ... Education Week  
**Sun, May 12<sup>th</sup>** ... Mother's Day  
**Thurs, May 16<sup>th</sup>** ... **Gr 7 Immunizations** ... and Gr 8 Catch-up immunizations  
**Mon, May 20<sup>th</sup>**... Victoria Day  
**Fri, Jun 7<sup>th</sup>** ... PA Day  
**Sun, Jun 16<sup>th</sup>** ... Father's Day  
**Fri, Jun 21<sup>st</sup>** ... National Aboriginal Day  
**Sun, Jun 23<sup>rd</sup>** ... National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism  
**Wed, Jun 26<sup>th</sup>** .... Term 2 Report Cards sent home  
**Thu, Jun 27<sup>th</sup>** ... **Last Day of School**  
**Fri, Jun 28<sup>th</sup>** ... PA Day



## 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](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com)