



Cootes Paradise Elementary School

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Welcome back and thank you for returning all of the student **registration forms** to the school. It is important to have all student information updated in the event of an emergency.

We invite you to please **volunteer** on trips or at the school for one of the many activities that we have planned this year at Cootes Paradise. Volunteer forms and police check applications are available in the office for interested parents.

The HWDSB has implemented a **safe school entry policy**. Please note that if your child is late, you must accompany them through the front doors to sign them in to class. Please ensure that the door is closed when you exit the school, especially after picking up your child from after-school care.

The first combined **Home & School / School Council** meeting will be on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. All Cootes Paradise community members are welcome. Please check out the Home & School newsletter for details on pizza / pita days and other events.

Playground construction will begin the week of September 18. Plans have been posted at the front of the school and will be available to view at the Home & School / School Council meeting. Children will need to return home after school, or play at Churchill Park, as there will be construction on the school playground after school hours. Outdoor recess, DPA and gym will take place at Churchill Park as it did last year. Kindergarten outdoor play will not be affected until mid-October, at which time the East-end fenced area will be used for outdoor play.

Photo Day is October 20 this year. Forms will be sent home closer to the photo date.

The **Meet-the-Staff barbecue** is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 30 at 5:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s) and classmates. More details will follow closer to the date.

Please check the **on-line calendar** for upcoming events and remember to look for updates on the Cootes Paradise website. Please check your child's agenda regularly for notes and updates from his/her teacher.

The Cootes Paradise **Arts Council** will reconvene in September. Please email laura.cleghorn@gmail.com to join the council or to help with one-time events.

We will be sending out monthly information bulletins via e-mail this year, so please make sure that you have subscribed to the Cootes Paradise website.

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cootesparadise/> Paper copies will still be available for pick-up in the main office. Please send a note to the main office if you would like a paper copy sent home with your child.