



Cootes Paradise Elementary School Home & School and School Council December 2014

Parent Meeting – December 3 7-9pm

Please join us for the next Parent Meeting on December 3. There will be updates from the School Administration, School Council and Home & School.

All information coming from Cootes Paradise School, Home & School and School Council will be available to parents by subscribing to the Cootes Paradise website at <http://hwdsb.on.ca/cootesparadise/>

Paper copies of the Home & School and School Council newsletters will be available at the office.

If you have any questions, please contact me at cootesparadiseneews@gmail.com

thanks –
Heather Belyea
H&S Communications

Volunteer Opportunities:

Home & School Treasurer

Can you spare approximately 1-2 hours a week (at your convenience)? Are you a bit of a numbers person? Enjoy banking and have some understanding of spreadsheets/budgeting? Do you want to help our school in some way but haven't figured out how to fit it in?

Cootes Paradise Home & School association is looking for a treasurer to primarily handle the banking and cash flow of our annual initiatives (this is a shared position with one other treasurer).

If this position interests you, please contact sharilynmcgowan@gmail.com.

We need Bakers!



The Cootes Paradise Winter Concert will be held on the evening of December 11th featuring seasonal favourites from both the Primary and Junior choirs. Home & School will be holding a bake sale immediately following the concert and, well, we need product!

Please consider donating your time and talent by baking up a batch of your favourite cookies, cupcakes or confections. Remember, everything which comes into the school must be nut free.

We are also in need of some volunteers and a coordinator for the bake sale. Duties will include setting up, selling the baked goods, and tearing down afterwards. The coordinator will be in charge of coordinating the bakers and volunteers.

Please contact Andrea (andrea.rheinstadter@googlemail.com) if you are interested in volunteering, coordinating the bake sale or contributing your baking talent.

Upcoming Events:

Jan-Feb

- Nutritious Snack Program

Dec 3

- Parent Meeting

Dec 11

- Winter Concert

Food Drive

- Nov 25-Dec 9

Read-a-thon

- Jan 19-30

Dance-a-thon

- app. 100th day of school

Lunch Clubs round 2

- end of January

Please save your Fortinos receipts for us!

We are working with the Main Street West store to help us fund our Nutritious Snack program.

For every Fortinos receipt collected from September to June we will receive 1% to help us fund our Nutritious Snack program!

Just drop the receipts off at the Home & School mailbox that's on the wall across the hall from the school office.

Nutritious Snack Program

We will be starting a Healthy Snack Program at Cootes Paradise School. For now the program will run from Jan 5th to Feb 27. We have 3 volunteers that have offered their time to prepare and serve apples for the students. We are looking for a couple more volunteers to help us run this program every day of the week. Each volunteer will be assigned one day a week, no more. It takes only 5 min at the start of the day and 5 min at the end of the day. If you are interested in helping out please contact Ewa Oleksiak at ewaole73@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Home & School / Parent Council Secretary

The Home & School / Parent Council Secretary position requires attendance at monthly Parent Meetings, as well as monthly preparatory meetings held approximately 1 week before the Parent Meetings.

The Secretary will be responsible for taking attendance and detailed minutes at each of the Parent Meetings, preparing and distributing them.

This position requires very little time, but is a great chance to become involved and help out at Cootes Paradise Elementary. Please contact andrea.rheinstadter@googlemail.com if you'd like to join the team!

Night Hike Update

The 2014 Cootes Paradise Night Hike was a great success! The weather was beautiful, the pumpkins were carved and lit, the games were fun and we had the wonderful support of the McMaster students.

Due to the transitional period and the just recently established balanced day, the lunch carve was a little less smooth this year. We hope to have this situation fixed for next year.

The proceeds raised at the Hike will go to our outreach program including donations towards the RBG and the McMaster Smiles over Sickness program.

Big thanks to all the volunteers who helped out, especially the always enthusiastic Mac students. We feel very lucky to have such a great community!

Call for Volunteers – Math Competition

Cootes Paradise Elementary School will be participating in grade 4 and 5 math contests sponsored by the Canadian National Mathematics League (WWW.MATHLEAGUE.COM). The competition will occur in April 2015.

At this time, we are looking for a co-ordinator to organize volunteers for the math competition, which includes working with parent volunteers, scheduling three practice sessions, organizing/photocopying competition materials, and scoring the competition. The practice sessions will be held during Nutrition Breaks in April.

Please e-mail Jennifer Gautrey at jgautreyhpl@me.com if you are interesting in volunteering for the math competition.