



We are currently updating our electronic database. Soon you will be receiving information from the school as to how to sign up. If you submit your email address but do not receive the emails by the end of September, please contact me at cootesparadiseneews@gmail.com

thanks –
Heather
H&S Communications



Night Hike Friday, Oct 24

Mark your calendars – the annual Night Hike is coming!

This is a great opportunity to hike the woods behind the school at night and to admire the jack o' lanterns our kids design (and parent volunteers get to carve)!

Come and bring your family, friends and neighbours.

Lots more information to follow, including how you can help!

Cootes Paradise Elementary School Home & School September 2014

Welcome to Cootes Paradise Elementary School!

The Home & School Association is an independent, parent driven organization that plays a vital role in school life. Our goal is to enhance the school experience for students and to provide parents with a voice and opportunities to participate in our school community.

The Home & School organizes many fun initiatives for the children as well as for the greater community. Due to our fundraising activities we are able to organize popular events such as the Nutritious Snack program, the annual Pumpkin Night Hike and ongoing Lunch Clubs. H&S also pays for gym and activity equipment and funds the fantastic Arts Council. Some of our events raise money to provide support to economically challenged families in our community as well as to less affluent schools elsewhere in Hamilton.

This fall we will be voting in the Home & School executive and creating a whole new team. We are thrilled to be combining the skills and talents from H&S volunteers from both the former G R Allan and Prince Philip communities. We are hoping to have lots of parents from each come together at the next Parent Meeting as we work together to form one awesome community for our children. Please join in!

Our Parent meetings are held jointly with the school Principal and staff as well as the Cootes Paradise School Council every two months.

*Please join us at our first Parent Meeting of the year on
Wednesday, October 1, from 7 to 9pm
There will be babysitting available onsite.*



Welcome BBQ and Open House Thursday, September 25

4:30 pm-6.00 pm

Come and join us on September 25, 2014 for the Cootes Paradise Open House. Meet your child(ren)'s teacher and tour the school.

We'll be having a picnic on the front lawn - bring your blanket and some supper, or you can purchase a barbecue dinner: Harvey's will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs and vegetarian options.

Upcoming Events:

Welcome BBQ and Open House

- Sept 25

Pita/Pizza

- Oct 3 week

Night Hike

- October 24

Volunteers Wanted!

Cootes Paradise Arts Council

The Arts Council is a group of parents, students, and teachers working together to offer arts-based activities in our school.

This year's activities include the Artist in the Classroom program, Cootes Paradise Draws, and "The Blank Canvas" student gallery.

Please email

laura.cleghorn@gmail.com to help with one-time events, or to join the council.



Home & School News

There is still time to join our Home & School Association. The fee is \$15 for a single or family (2 adults with the same address) membership. A Home & School membership gives you among other advantages (* please check the website of the OFHSA @ www.ofhsa.on.ca) the ability to vote at Home & School meetings and liability insurance when you volunteer in your child's classroom. Please contact Andrea @ Andrea.Rheinstadter@gmail.com (905) 741-6366 to purchase your membership.

Pita and Pizza lunches will start the week of October 3, 2014. Order forms will come home soon in your child's backpack.

We will also start our Nutritious Snack program soon. Please stay tuned for more information.

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!

Home & School is working hard to keep all the traditions from both schools equally alive. However, some events might be slightly modified due to the circumstances.

Because of the ongoing construction and the state of the school ground we have postponed our Movie Night. We will hold it in the new gym or outside in the spring.

Please consider volunteering at one (or all!) of our fun events throughout the year. Your help is always welcome and highly appreciated.

Hope to see you soon.

Andrea Rheinstadter, Heather Hurst, Kristi Gringhuis and Ewa Oleksiak

