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# Cootes Paradise Elementary School Home & School and School Council

February 2018

## Welcome to the Second Term!

We are looking forward to another exciting term at Cootes Paradise. We have lots of great events and activities planned for the kids – this newsletter gives you details of what's in the works! To make all of this happen, we have a great group of volunteers, but we can always use more. We'd like to take this opportunity to ask you to please consider joining our team of volunteers. You can help with one event, a short program, or join a committee such as Cootes After Dark or Outdoor Space. To volunteer, email [cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com](mailto:cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com)

Here's to a great spring!

**Cootes Paradise Home & School Association Executive**

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, February 13: Staff Appreciation Day

Kindly drop off dishes before 11 am in the Community Kitchen.

### Tuesday, February 13 : Report Cards Sent Home

### Friday, March 23: Pizza and Pita for Grades 1-5 Start Again

Forms are included with newsletter.

### Friday, April 6: Cootes After Dark Silent Auction!

If you have something to donate, or would like to help out, please email: [CootesSilentAuction@gmail.com](mailto:CootesSilentAuction@gmail.com).

**Lunch Clubs:** Are coming after March Break!

### Upcoming Events:

#### Staff Appreciation Day

- February 13

#### Move-and-Groove-a-Thon

- February 23

#### Pita/Pizza lunches begin

- March 22

#### Lunch Clubs begin

- After March Break

#### Cootes After Dark Silent Auction

- April 6

## Read-a-Thon

Thank you for supporting the Read-a-Thon. The students (and you) did a great job! Winners will be announced soon!

## Bake Sale

Thank you for baking and/or supporting the Winter Concert Bake Sale. We raised \$397. We are looking forward to another successful Cupcake Sale at the Open House in May.

## Move-and-Groove-a-Thon

Help your kids collect sponsors to donate money to arts programming in the school. Students will have a chance to move and groove, with music and glowsticks, on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> (See attached pledge form). The money raised will support events such as artists in the classroom, drama presentations, and Cootes Draws. Our goal is to raise \$20 per student at this fun, annual event.



### **Volunteers Needed**

*You can join the Cootes Paradise Family in multiple ways including volunteering in one of the following activities:*

- Staff Appreciation Lunch
- Lunch Clubs
- Silent Auction
- Move-and-Groove-a-Thon
- Outdoor Space Committee

### **Outdoor Space:**

*Volunteers are needed to maintain the school outdoor space. Our beautiful natural playground is the responsibility of the Cootes Paradise school community to maintain. If you can help, please email [cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com](mailto:cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com).*

### **Coming soon:**

*Cootes Paradise Clothing. Show your school spirit! Look for order forms to be sent home in the next few weeks.*

## **Staff Appreciation Lunch**

Every year we organize a staff appreciation lunch to say thank you to the fabulous staff at Cootes Paradise. This year's event is Feb 13th, during Staff Appreciation Week and is fast approaching!

We're looking for people to provide a dish for this event - entree, dessert, side... We have a staff of over 60 at Cootes Paradise, so we need a number of dishes to make this happen. Dishes can be dropped off in the Community Kitchen any time before 11am. No nuts, pork or shellfish please. Sign up at the following link if you can help out <http://signup.com/go/dgkCsXY>, or email Heather at [heharvey@hotmail.com](mailto:heharvey@hotmail.com).

## **Cootes After Dark Silent Auction**

Mark your calendars--the 1st annual Cootes After Dark Silent Auction will be here before you know it on Friday, April 6, from 7-10pm. It will be a fun evening of food, drink and incredible auction items! The organizing committee is still looking for Cootes parent volunteers and amazing auction items. If you have something to donate, or would like to help out, please email: [CootesSilentAuction@gmail.com](mailto:CootesSilentAuction@gmail.com). Our next committee meeting will be Sunday, February 11 at 10am.

## **Lunch Clubs**

Lunch Clubs are coming after March Break!

Spring lunch clubs will run from March 19 to April 17th. These are activity clubs run by parents or staff once a week during the 20 minute recess part of a nutrition break. Students have enjoyed an impressive variety of Lunch Clubs over the years – science, theatre, art, crafts, knitting, cooking, floorball, basketball, language classes... you name it and some Cootes Paradise parent has done it.

If you have an idea, we'd love to help you make it happen. If you have some time, we can give ideas and materials – many lunch clubs (like the always popular Lego club) just need a parent to supervise and help out! If you are interested in running a lunch club please email Erin at [erin.lepischak@gmail.com](mailto:erin.lepischak@gmail.com). These clubs are lots of fun for the kids and really rewarding for the parents who run them – and it's only one short lunch period a week for five weeks!