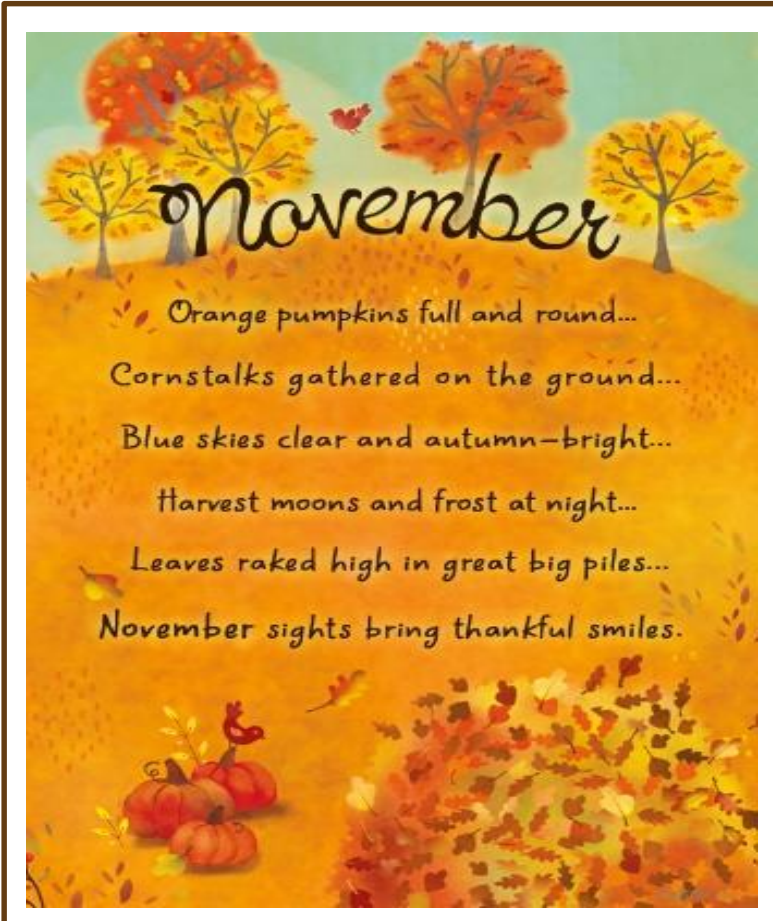




The Cootes Chronicle



Progress Report Cards

Progress Reports were sent home on Oct. 30th. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to celebrate their accomplishments, and review some next steps and to set some goals. We look forward to seeing you on Nov. 1st or Nov. 2nd for parent/teacher interviews!



Dates to Remember:

- Every Wednesday – Lunch Lady
- November 1 – Interview Night
- November 2 – PD Day (Interviews)
- November 4 – Clocks Back 1 hour
- November 9 – Subway Lunch
- November 9 – HWDSB Swim Meet @ McMaster
- November 11 – Remembrance Day
- November 12 – Remembrance Day Ceremony for staff and students
- November 12-16 – Anti Bullying and Awareness Week
- November 14 – Bulldogs Game (Grades 4&5)
- November 15 – Picture Re-take Day
- November 16 – Pizza Lunch
- November 23 – Subway Lunch
- November 23 – All of Me Wellness Day
- November 28 – Home & School Meeting 7-8:30 Child Care provided
- November 30 – Pizza Lunch
- December 5 – Parent Council Meeting 6:30- 8 Child Care provided
- December 7 – PD Day



Every year, Canadians pause on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to honour and remember the thousands of men and women who have sacrificed their lives in military duty.

On Remembrance Day, we take the time to think about all of the men and women who have served and continue to serve during times of war, conflict and peace.

Cootes Paradise School will be honouring our Canadian Forces by holding a ceremony at 11:30 a.m. on November 12th.

CCAT Testing

Each November, Grade 4 students across HWDSB complete the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT 7). The CCAT 7 is administered by LRTs and grade 4 teachers, in the classroom. The CCAT 7 was designed to provide an accurate and efficient measure of the abilities needed to acquire the desired outcomes of formal education. The test measures verbal, nonverbal, and quantitative skills in a multiple choice format. Test results will be used to assist with program planning for individual students and as part of the board-wide gifted screening process. No advance preparation on the part of students is necessary.

Halloween at Cootes!

It was great to see so many parents and caregivers come out and help us celebrate Halloween!

The students had an amazing time during their classroom activities and during our Halloween Parade!



Remind is a free communication tool. Administration has set up an account with

Remind in order to better communicate and "remind" families of upcoming events. It's paperless and free! Sign up and receive messages by text. Privacy concerns? Don't worry – we won't be able to see your phone number. To join, go to:

<https://www.remind.com/join/cootes>





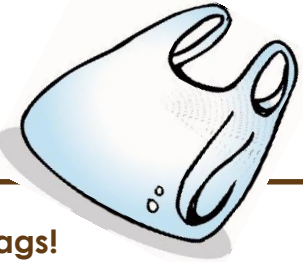
MEDICAL ALERT

Just a reminder that Cootes is a NUT FREE School. We have both staff and students with severe life threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Do not send any nut products to school with your child. Thank you!

HWDSB Cross Country Update

Ninety grade 3-5 students participated in the HWDSB cross country meet at Christie Conservation Area. Our team members were excellent representatives of our Cootes community! They put forth their best effort during the race and supported the efforts of all runners by cheering at the finish line. We will have a joint celebration assembly with the swim team after the swim meet on November 9th!

Thank you to Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Rich and Mrs. Ly for all their help in organizing this!



Requesting Plastic Bags!

Do you have any grocery store plastic bags laying around? If you do, the junior classes are requesting your help for an activity planned for All of Me Day. Parents can send the plastic bags with their child to bring to their classroom teacher.



Student Council News!



Students in grades 4 and 5 have already begun to meet as part of the

Cootes Paradise Student Council. Teacher facilitators Ms. O'Breza and Mrs. Titian meet with these student leaders every Day 3 during Nutrition Break #2 to find ways to include student voice in all Cootes Initiatives. Stay tuned for their next initiative which will be the Holiday Food Drive.

New Robotics Club

HWDSB embraces STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and for the first year Cootes Paradise has created an official Robotics Club! With the support of teacher facilitators, Ms. O'Breza and Mr. Leavage, grade 4 students are learning about coding and finding fun ways to prepare for a low-pressure board-wide robotics competition taking place March 2019. Robotics Club members meet every Day 5 during Nutrition Break #1.

The HWDSB Rule:

Inclement weather
+ Bus cancellation
= No school

When HWDSB cancels busing due to inclement weather, we have deemed the roads unsafe and this triggers the closure of schools. Some boards have different procedures.



Dressing for the Cold Weather

A reminder that with winter upon us. Please make sure students are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. On days where cold weather and snow are in the forecast, boots, mittens or gloves, a warm hat and a winter jacket should be worn. Snow pants may also be needed for children who often play in the snow. Let's have a warm winter!



YOUR LUNCH LADY DAY(S) ARE:

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Starting: October 10

Lettuce take care of lunch!

Delicious lunches served to your child at school.



Loved by Kids & Parents

Nutritionally balanced lunches with options kids love.

Oodles of Choice

From pasta to perogies, salads to smoothies and so much more...

It's Easy

Order, cancel or change. All Year.

Sign up today & see your school's menu!

Orders due 2 days before lunch day.

Your local Lunch Lady is Chrissy@theLunchLady.ca



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Healthy Lunches. Made Simple.

Staffing Updates

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Harrison to our Cootes Paradise staff as our new permanent teacher in our FDK classroom Rm. 107.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our afternoon caretaker Tracy Guitard for all of her many years at Cootes Paradise. She has accepted a new position at another school and we wish her all the best!



Important Information

Student Verification Forms

Student verification forms will be sent home on Monday, November 5 for all students. Please correct any information directly on the form and add any additional information as

necessary. **All forms will be due back by Friday, November 16th.**



TasteBuds Snack Program

The TasteBuds Snack Program is up and running again at Cootes every Monday and Wednesday. Thank you to parent volunteers Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Parlar who ensure snacks are ordered every week. With the assistance of a few student helpers, snacks are distributed to every classroom ensuring that all students have access to food if they need it. Thanks to Mrs. Oleksiak for all your hard work to ensure that this program has been available to students at Cootes for the past 3 years.



Try This at Home!

Are you having a hard time getting information from your child about their school day? Instead of asking "How was your day?" consider one of the following:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Tell me about what you read in class.
- Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
- What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
- Who made you smile today?
- What new fact did you learn today?
- Who brought the best food in their lunch today? What was it?
- What challenged you today?
- If school were a ride at the fair, which ride would it be? Why?
- If one of your classmates could be the teacher for the day who would you want it to be? Why?
- If you had the chance to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?
- What is your teacher's most important rule?
- What is the most popular thing to do at recess?
- Does your teacher remind you of anyone else you know? How?



School Council

As a school council member, you can help your council discover new and exciting ways to contribute to the education of students in your school. Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards, government, and the community. Your involvement in the council gives you the opportunity to strengthen that partnership, and to be part of a dedicated team working to support a high quality of education and an accountable education system for the children of Ontario. Your participation can make a difference!

We are pleased to announce our School Council executive members for the 2018-19 School Year!

Chair - Marissa Sawatzky
Secretary - Angeline Navaruban
Treasurer - Min Wang
Teacher rep - Katherine Tiringer

To prepare for our new Council, a group of parents from Cootes Paradise attended the School Council Start-Up Training on Wednesday October 17, held at the Hamilton Education Center. School Council Start-Up not only provided us with the opportunity to learn more about our roles and responsibilities, but also discuss with other Councils what they were experiencing. Parents described the training as very informative and eye opening.

Questions, comments or concerns? Would you like to get involved? Email Marissa Sawatzky (Chair) @ marissa.sawatzky@gmail.com or Min Wang (Treasurer) @ wmfamily903@hotmail.com.

See you at our next School Council meeting on December 5th. All meetings will begin at 6:30pm and will end at 8:00pm and will take place in the school library! Daycare will be provided.



Home and School Update

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Pumpkin Night Hike last Friday! It was a cold and windy night, but the pumpkins were fabulous and the forest looked magical. Thanks to your donations, we raised over \$1000.

Thank you also to everyone who baked and bought baked goods at the Meet the Teacher night – we raised almost \$250. Mark your calendars for our next bake sale on the night of the holiday concert – December 13th.

We're still looking for a Communications person to sit on the Home & School Executive. If you have a few free hours a month to manage our Facebook page, newsletters etc. we'd love to have you. Please email cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com if you're interested. Read on for more upcoming Home & School activities.

Class Reps

Calling all interested parent/guardians to fill in the following class positions as Class Parent/Guardian reps! The Class Parent/Guardian rep program is still seeking volunteers for a few classes. Class Parent/Guardian reps are responsible for distributing information on all things Home and School Association to Cootes classroom parents and guardians: fundraisers, special events, calls for volunteers and meeting minutes. Class Parent/Guardian reps may also assist the classroom teacher with communication to class parents/guardians if needed and/or coordinate class parent/guardian contact within the class community. This volunteer position has a minimal time commitment (approx 2 hrs per month).

The Parent/Guardian Class Rep program is new at Cootes and we have almost half the classes covered. We are seeking Class Parent/Guardian reps for the following classes:

Ms Vanzwol, RM 121

Ms King-Rankin, RM 119

Mr. Benedetti, RM 107

Ms Gardner, RM 123

Ms Henkel, RM 106

Mr Persaud, RM 131

Ms McDonald-Sulymka, RM 207

Ms Edgar, RM 225

Ms Dumitru, RM 230

Ms Houston, RM 222

Ms Masteoluisi, RM 224

Mr Barry, RM 304

Ms Zhang, RM 305

Please email Michelle at cootesclassparentreps@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to be a rep and let your child/children's class community know about the great work being done by the Home and School Association!



HWDSB

Say Oui!
Bienvenue!
Apprenez!



French Immersion Application

HWDSB uses an application process for entry into French Immersion for children born in 2013.

A Grade 1 system-wide application process for entry to French Immersion allows for program placement of students, monitoring of accommodations, balance of enrolment, and long-term stability of the French Immersion program.

We guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all applicants. Please take note of the important dates:

Friday, October 19, 2018	Application process opens for Senior Kindergarten students
Friday, November 30, 2018	Deadline for applications
Friday, December 14, 2018	Program location offered to Parent/Guardian
Monday, January 14, 2019	Deadline for program acceptance and registration

Please note: Families with an older sibling currently in French Immersion are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

Further information about French Immersion and the application process is available online at:

www.hwdsb.on.ca/fi