

The Paradise Chronicle

May 2019 Edition



On May 12th we celebrate Mother's Day!

On behalf of the Cootes Paradise Staff we would like to wish all the Mothers in our community a wonderful day filled with much love, joy and laughter!



Dates to Remember:

- May 3 – Pizza Day
- May 6 – Music Monday, Open House, Book Fair
- May 6-10 Education Week
- May 10 – Subway
- May 10 – Volunteer Tea
- May 12 – Mother's Day
- May 16 – JK Orientation
- May 17 – Pizza Day including Kindergarten
- May 20 – Victoria Day
- May 24 – Subway
- May 21 – June 3 EQAO
- May 22 – Home & School @ 7PM
- May 24 – Kindergarten Brass Quintet Presentation
- May 25 – Pizza Day
- May 30 – Home & School & School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- May 31 – Pizza Day
- May 31 – Grade 4 Trip to Hamilton Children's Water Festival
- June 6 – Cootes Draws
- June 6 – Parent Presentation @ 7PM in the Gym (See Flyer for more information)



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is well underway for the 2019-2020 school year!

Please complete your registration on-line at hwdsb.on.ca or come into the office and see Mrs. Baines or Miss Marrone to fill out a registration package.

Only parents or legal guardians can register their children for school. The following documents are required:

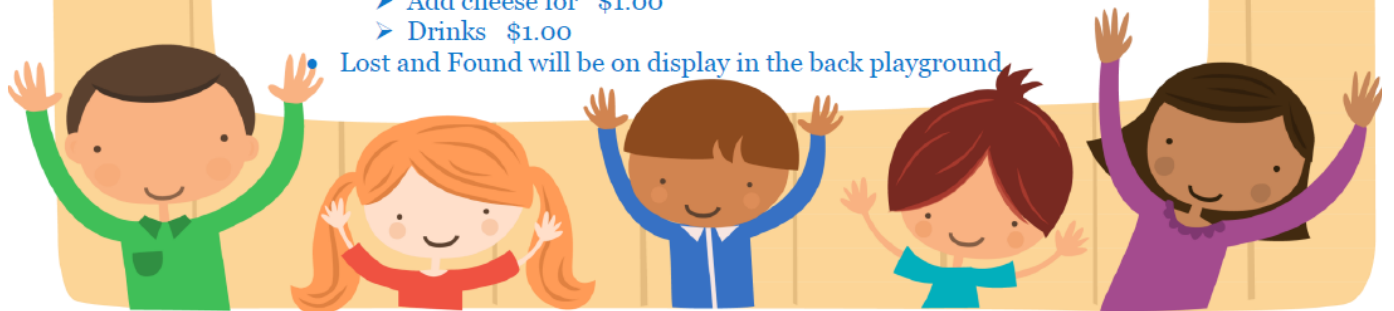
- **Proof of age (child's birth certificate or passport);**
- **Proof of address (identification that shows parent/guardian's current home address);**
- **Proof of immunization;**
- **Verification of date of arrival/immigration documents (if the child was not born in Canada).**
- **Completed Student Registration Form - available at the school or online at www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten**

Please Join Us For Our
OPEN HOUSE

Monday, May 6th
5:00 - 6:00 Food Available for Purchase
6:00 - 7:00 Classroom Visits

This is your chance to explore with your child all the wonderful things they are doing in their classrooms. Also, don't forget:

- Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the gym from 5pm-7pm
- Food provided by The Greenville Optimist Club (**CASH ONLY**)
 - Burgers/Veggie Burger \$5.00
 - Hotdog \$4.00
 - French Fries \$3.00
 - Add cheese for \$1.00
 - Drinks \$1.00
- Lost and Found will be on display in the back playground



♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten

Please Join Us!

Thursday, May 16th from 4pm-5pm

JK Orientation for students coming
to Cootes Paradise in September
2019!

CRAM-A-CRUISER FOOD DRIVE! – We Need Your Help!

Cram-A-Cruiser is a great display of students helping other students. Hamilton Food Share gathers food to supply 11 food banks serving 12,580 people per month in Hamilton.

LET'S COLLECT ENOUGH NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO CRAM AN ENTIRE POLICE CRUISER!

PLEASE SEND non-perishable food items to school.

Most Needed Items:

- Whole grain cereals
- Tuna/salmon
- Protein based soups and stews
- Canned vegetables

The police cruiser will arrive at Cootes Paradise on May 15th and will then deliver the donations to the food banks.

All Food Donations are due on May 13th.



Are You Moving?

To help us with our planning for the September 2019-20 school year, it would be appreciated if you could notify the office if you will be moving from our area between now and September.



Visitors Please Report to the Office

All visitors must first check in at the office. If you need to see or pick up your child, Mrs. Baines or Miss Marrone will page the classroom and have the student meet you at the office. If you are dropping something off, please label the item and leave it at the office to minimize disruptions in the classrooms. For safety reasons, we are asking that parents do not visit classrooms on their own during the instructional day.



Fire Drills and Lockdown Drill

During the spring term, each school is required to conduct at least 3 Fire Drills and 1 Lockdown Drill so that students are prepared in the event of a real emergency. Please do not be alarmed if your child tells you that the alarm went off at school. This is all part of the Cootes Paradise Emergency Plan of Action.



Parent Parking

Just a friendly reminder that when you are dropping off or picking up your child at school, please do not use the Cootes Paradise Parking Lot. To ensure the safety of all our students we are asking for your cooperation in this matter.

Cootes After Dark Silent Auction

With all your help a total of \$7600 was raised! The evening was a great success!

Thank you to Home and School and the Cootes After Dark committee for organizing this amazing event!

Funds raised will go towards enrichment programming for Cootes Paradise School!

thank you

EQAO

Between May 21st and June 3rd, our Grade 3 students will be participating in the Education Quality and Accountability Office's (EQAO's) Assessment of Reading, Writing and Math. Students have been preparing for this assessment throughout the year and we are proud of all their efforts and wish them all the best!

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK - MAY 6 – 10

Each day during Education Week, all of our students will be participating in a mindfulness activity.

- Proud Moment Monday
- Take it outside Tuesday
- Welcoming Wednesday
- Thoughtful Message Thursday
- Fortunate Friday



Ask your child what these activities looked like in their classroom!

Bike to School Week

Bike Month kicks off with Bike to School Day across Ontario on Monday, May 27th.

We hope to see students, parents & teachers bike, scooter or skateboard to school during that week.

There will be a kickoff event out front of the school starting at 8:30am on Monday, May 27th where there will be a chance to win prizes for those participating.

For more information, go to www.bikemonth.ca and enter a draw for a chance to win a Mountain Equipment Co-op gift card. Get ready to roll!



Thank you to our
wonderful volunteers!
We couldn't do what we do
without your help!



Volunteers Needed for Cootes Draw

On June 6th we will be having our annual Cootes Draw and are looking for volunteers to help students during their drawing sessions. Volunteer signup sheets will be sent home shortly.



Class Placements 2019/20

With a new school year approaching, many parents wonder about who their child's teacher will be. This process for organizing classes is now underway. When creating classes, teachers meet with each other and school administration to discuss the needs of each student. Some of the issues that are discussed are:

- Balance of ability, interests, and talents
- Balance of males/females
- Learning styles of students
- Teaching styles of teachers
- Resources and remedial needs, enrichment needs
- Students to be kept together or separated because of the positive/negative influence on each other's learning.



We appreciate your trust in our professional judgement in balancing the considerations mentioned above. The final decision for class placements is the responsibility of the principal. If you have further information regarding your child's learning needs that we should consider, please send me an email or note with the specifics **due by May 31st**. We will not entertain requests for specific teachers. Please consider the bullets listed above. We will do our best to accommodate your child so that we can maximize their learning opportunities thereby, increasing their chances for success. Please note that all class placements are tentative until the end of September.

Grade 3 Trip!

Miss Houston, Mrs. Mastro's (Grade 3 only) and Mrs. Rock's (Grade 3 only) are going to Battlefield House Museum on May 1st.

Mme Trepanier's (Grade 3 only), Mme Galli-Lamarche's, Mme Titians (Grade 3 only) and Mrs. Zhang's (Grade 3 only) will be going on June 11th.



Handbells and Choir to visit Shalom Village

The Junior Choir and the Handbell Choir will be putting on a concert for the residents of Shalom Village on Monday, May 6th. Since this is Music Monday, the handbells will accompany the choir in the singing of "Hymn to Freedom", the Music Monday song.



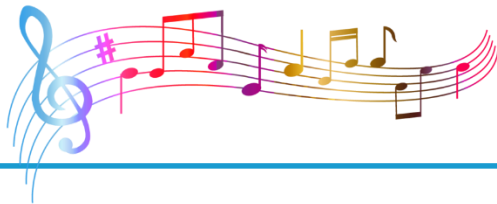
Junior Choir is going to Choirfest!

On May 2nd, the Junior Choir will be participating in Choirfest. They will be singing "Circle of Song" and "A Banana Split for my Baby", and will listen to 4 other choirs perform. There will be an adjudicator there to give feedback on the performance.

Music Monday

On Monday, May 6th, our school will take part in the 15th annual 'Music Monday' celebration, organized by the Coalition for Music Education. This celebration recognizes the importance of music in our schools and communities. Children from across Canada will sing the same song at the same time. This year, our song is "Hymn to Freedom" by Oscar Peterson.

Please join us on the back playground at 11:45 a.m. to listen to past Music Monday songs, and then to join in the singing of this year's song at 12:00, joining thousands of students from across Canada. Be part of this national event! Music is for everyone!!!

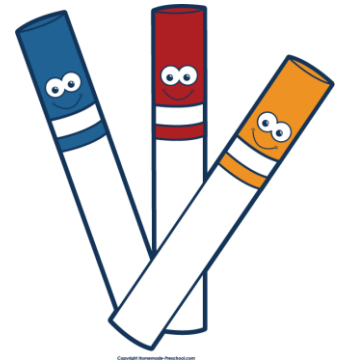


Crayola ColourCycle

Ms Henkel's class is collecting markers to send back to Crayola so that they can be recycled!

We would happily accept old markers from home if they are no longer needed. The markers can be any brand or style of marker.

Thanks for your support!



Water Walk

On Thursday, April 25th all of our students participated in our first Water Walk to show our appreciation for fresh water. We raised \$600 from the Water Walk and this money will be donated to the Campaign Water Aid Canada. Thank you to Mrs. Mastro and her class for organizing and leading such a wonderful event!



Oral Communication Festival & Concours Oratoire

As part of our Language curriculum, over the last few weeks, each grade 4 and 5 student prepared for and participated in the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's Oral Communication Festival or the Concours Oratoire. For this Festival, which is a public speaking contest, the students were responsible for the writing and delivery of short, researched speeches. The first stage was the competition at the classroom level where students presented their speeches to classmates.

Congratulations to all our grade 4 and 5 students who did an amazing job!

Special congratulations go out to Irina K. and Peter S. who represented Cootes Paradise at the Board Level!

They represented Cootes Paradise well and we are very proud of them!

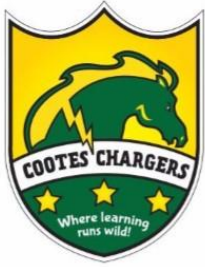


Try This At Home...

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





Cootes Paradise Elementary School presents A Parents Information evening

Happy Parents Happy Kids

with Ann Douglas



How does one balance parenting, with work, self care, relationships, social media and the general demands of life ? Best selling author and CBC radio parenting columnist, Ann Douglas has some proven strategies and advice that can help you on your parenting journey. As a keynote speaker, she is engaging, entertaining and practical. If your kids are between Kindergarden and Grade 12, this is for you!



Date: Thursday June 6th 2019

Time: 7pm - 8:30 p.m

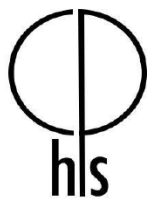
**Cootes Paradise School Gym
900 King St West, Hamilton**

Cost: Free (please register for childcare by June 3rd)

<https://cooteswithann.eventbrite.com>



This event was proudly sponsored by the
“Parents Reaching Out” grant through HWDSB



Cootes Paradise Home & School Association

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, we wanted to say thank you for supporting Home & School and highlight some of things Home & School did this year, such as:

- ★ Outdoor Movie Night
- ★ Pumpkin Night Hike
- ★ Family Skate
- ★ Read-a-thon
- ★ Staff Appreciation Lunch
- ★ Paisley Coffeehouse Art Exhibit
- ★ Lunch Clubs (Fall & Spring)
- ★ Grade Five Farewell (coming in June)

In addition, fundraising money from Home & School events and activities helped to fund:

- Artist in the Classroom
- Cootes Draws (coming in June)
- Fans for 3rd floor classrooms
- Hydration station for 3rd floor
- All of Me Day
- 2 theatre productions (grades 1-5)
- Scientist in the Classroom (JK/SK)
- Outdoor equipment for recess
- Indigenous resources for teachers
- DPA resources for teachers
- Subsidies for class trips
- Snack Program

Home & School Final Meeting – May 22

Please join us at our May meeting on Wednesday May 22 at 7:00pm in the library to have your say in how we spend this year's fundraising dollars for next school year. If you are interested in organizing an activity or have an idea, please come out to the meeting and send us an email beforehand.

Home & School Executive – WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for parents to participate on our Exec. In particular, we are in need of a President and Treasurer. If you have bookkeeping or finance experience or if you're interested in taking on more of a leadership or coordination role, please consider joining the Executive. Questions? Email us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Grade 5 Farewell – June 26

We're looking 2-3 parents to volunteer to coordinate a small celebration for the Grade 5 students and their families following the Grade 5 Farewell. You're needed the morning of the event (June 26) to help decorate, set-up, put out food and then clean up following the event. It's not too much and the Grade 5s and their families really appreciate it. Please email cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com if you're interested.

Spring Lunch Clubs

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Spring lunch clubs a success! These are always popular with the students and we really appreciate everyone who has given their time to make them happen. Thank you also to Erin Lepischak and Sarah Henderson for helping to coordinate lunch clubs this round.

Cootes After Dark Silent Auction

THANK YOU to the parents, friends, family, teachers, administration and custodians for attending the Silent Auction on April 5th and making it a huge success! The evening brought in around **\$7600** - with **\$835** of that being raised at Sir Wilfred Laurier's table, which will go straight towards their Gr. 8's attending their end of year class trip. After expenses, Home & School will have made around **\$5870**. All 23 pieces of Classroom Art found homes - they alone, raised **\$740**!

This night could not have been made possible without the help of so many people! So hats off to the parents that helped set up/take down the evening, the food donors, auction prize donors, and the musical entertainment - you know who you are! We are looking forward to next year's Auction. See you there!

For more information about any of these items, please email us at cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com.



As you are our partner in your child's learning, we have put together some math resources to help you support your child.

These resources:

- Highlight student learning in each grade through the Ontario Curriculum
- Show an example of a math lesson in a classroom in Student Learning
- Hear from children about why they are learning math this way in Change in Teaching
- Link to resources for parents to support their child at home in Helping Your Child
- Explain HWDSB's Renewed Math Strategy and how we are supporting students and staff

To view and use these resources, please visit:

www.hwdsb.on.ca/mathhelp

With all of us working together toward shared goals, we can ensure that students make progress each year and graduate prepared to build a strong future for themselves.

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