

The Paradise Chronicle

As we head into the final weeks of school it is time to reflect on the amazing school year we had. As a school community we have accomplished so many great things and we have many people to thank.

Thank you to:

- Our Trustee Christine Bingham and Superintendent Sue Dunlop for their support throughout the school year,
- The parents and caregivers of Cootes Paradise for their ongoing support and assistance,
- Our Home and School, School Council and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our school community,
- Miss Marrone and Mrs. Baines for all their help and constant support,
- Our custodians for keeping our school and the yard safe and clean for all of our students,
- All of our wonderful teachers, EA's and DECE's for making a difference in the lives of their students, &
- All our Cootes Paradise students who always put so much into everything they do and set out to accomplish!

We hope that everyone has a safe and exciting summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.



Mr. D. Fede



Ms. L. van der Put



Dates to Remember:

- June 5 – Raptors Day
- June 5 – Final School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the Library
- June 6 – Special Olympics @ Saltfleet
- June 6 – Cootes Draws
- June 6 – Parent Information Session with Ann Douglas @ 7:00 pm
- June 7 – PA Day
- June 8 – Spring Cleanup Postponed
- June 13 – Cootes Draws (Raindate)
- June 11 – Gr. 5 Orientation at Dalewood
- June 11 – Gr. 3 Trip to Battlefield House (Trepanier, Titian, Galli-Lamarche, Zhang)
- June 14 – Subway Lunch
- June 20 – HWDSB Track & Field Meet
- June 21 – Pizza Day including FDK
- June 25 – Grade 5 McMaster Altitude Trip
- June 26 – Report Cards Sent Home
- June 26 – Grade 5 Farewell @ Westdale Theatre, Reception provided by Grade 4's at Cootes gymnasium
- June 27 – Last day of school for our students
- June 27 – Grade 5 Clap Out @ 3:00pm
- June 28 – PA Day
- July 1 – Canada Day



To our Grade 5 Students!

Best wishes as you leave us for Grade 6. Your many accomplishments and contributions to our school will be fondly remembered. Continue to be the best that you can be and influence one another in the most positive way. Congratulations from the staff and students of Cootes Paradise. Parents are invited to join us at Westdale Theatre for our Graduation Farewell ceremony on June 26th. Doors open at 9:00 and ceremony is scheduled to begin at 9:30am. Students and families are then welcome to the reception at Cootes Paradise in the gymnasium.



Parents of our Grade 4 students

As a send off to our Grade 5 students, our Grade 4 parents traditionally bring in food items for their farewell reception. If you are interested in being part of this, please contact Mme. Titian at the school, or Meredith Denkers at Meredith.denkers@gmail.com to let them know what you will be bringing. Food drop off can be made the morning of at Cootes Paradise School. Please no nut products.

Clap out for our Grade 5 students!

Parents are strongly encouraged to be at the school on June 27th at 3:00 pm on the black top.



EQAO

Congratulations to all students on the completion of EQAO.

Thank you very much to our Grade 3 teachers, support staff, and all our Grade 3 students for their hard work during the recent EQAO testing.

Thank you also to our parents for their efforts in ensuring their child's attendance at school during the assessment period.

Student results will become available in the fall.



Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, June 26th. If you have any questions and/or would like to discuss the report card, please contact your child's teacher by the last day of classes.

Please note that the next school year's teacher will be posted on the report card. Classes have been built with the best interest of all students. No change in teachers will be made and all placements are tentative until the end of September.

Raptors Day

On Wednesday, June 5th we invite all of our students and staff to show their support for the Toronto Raptors by wearing their Raptors shirts/jerseys or Raptors' team colours which are: red, black, silver, gold and white.



Before and After-School Program

Our school has a Before and After-School program for children in Kindergarten to Grade 5. If you completed the Before and After-School survey earlier this year, and you provided consent to release your information, we will be providing your contact information to our existing child care operator. For more information on the Before and After-School Program you can reach the program at **YMCA**. If you require information on the City of Hamilton's child care subsidy program you can call 905-546-4870 or check their website

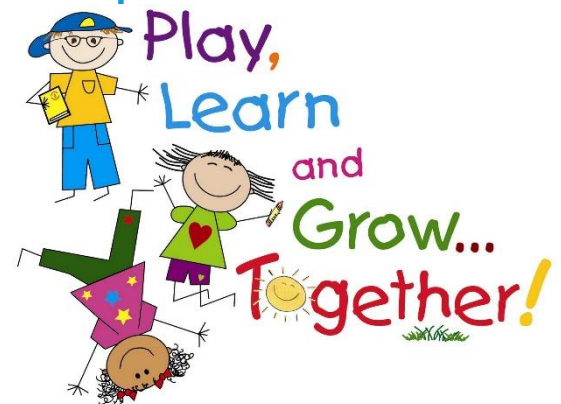
<https://www.hamilton.ca/social-services/early-years-and-child-care-services/financial-support-child-care>.



Looking Ahead...

Projected Organization For September 2019:

FDK A	GRADE 3/4	FI GRADE 3/4
FDK B	GRADE 3/4	FI GRADE 4/5
FDK C	GRADE 4	POC FDK F
FDK D	GRADE 5	POC GRADE 1/2
FDK E	GRADE 5	POC GRADE 3/4/5
GRADE 1	FI GRADE 1	
GRADE 1/2	FI GRADE 1	
GRADE 2	FI GRADE 1/2	
GRADE 2	FI GRADE 2	
GRADE 2/3	FI GRADE 2/3	
GRADE 3	FI GRADE 3/4	



Please note that all classes are tentative until possible re-organization which takes place towards the end of September.



Design the Agenda Cover

Thank you to all the Grade 4 students who submitted their art work for the Agenda Cover contest for the 2019-20 school year. All entries were voted upon last week by Cootes students. We are proud to announce that the winner for the 2019-20 agenda cover contest is Lucy A. from Mme. Titians class!

Congratulations to all participants for an amazing job!

Outdoor Activities

The wonderful weather brings the opportunity to take our learning outside. Students are reminded to stay hydrated, wear a hat and use sunscreen. Tick checks will be done after returning from Churchill Park. Parents are advised to do a more in-depth check during the daily bath/shower routine. The following link provides more information on ticks: http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Lyme-Disease-Letter-to-parents_March-28.pdf Students participating in DPA and Physical Education must have running shoes. *Sandals do not protect the feet from injury or ticks.*

BEYOND
THE
CLASSROOM!

After School Dismissal

With the warm weather finally here, we understand that some students wish to stay back and play on the school grounds. Please note that supervision ends at 3:35 pm and a teacher will no longer be on duty after that time.

On behalf of the
Cootes Paradise Staff
we would like to wish all
the Fathers out there
a wonderful day on
June 16th!

HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!

Are You Moving? We Are Closed to Out-of-Catchment!

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. **Please note that you will have to register your children at the home school. We cannot accept Out-of-Catchment students.**



Cram-A-Cruiser Food Drive Update

The Hamilton Police Service has sent a Thank You after overwhelming success for this year's Cram-A-Cruiser Food Drive. Cootes Paradise collected 38 boxes of food!

Thank you to Mme Ly for leading this amazing initiative.



Grade 5 Art Initiative

Our Grade 5 students have been busy working with The Art Gallery of Hamilton: In-Class and Metrolinx LRT Art Project. Their work will be posted on a boarded up building on Main St. and Bond St. to help beautify the area! Check out some of their fantastic work!



Bus Information

Please note: The school office is closed at 4pm and therefore there is no one to answer inquiries regarding late buses. Parents please contact Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) at 905-523-2318 regarding any busing issues and to check on arrival status. HWSTS regularly updates its website <https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/index.aspx> for parents to check on the status of their child's bus. Parents can also visit the website to access the Parent Portal, an information tool to provide parents / guardians of students enhanced information and features regarding their student transportation services.



Library/ Learning Commons News

Just a reminder that **ALL** Cootes Paradise library books are due to be returned no later than Thursday, June 13. If you have misplaced a book, please look for it very carefully. Notices will be handed out to students who have overdue, misplaced or damaged books. Thank you for your co-operation!!

Don't forget to keep up your reading in the summer months! Find a great place to cozy up with a book.

Mrs. Rich 





Mrs. Rudzroga, Mrs. Tiringier and Mme. Francis have been part of our school community for many years! They have always been team members supporting our school community with various extra-curricular activities. Each one has always put the students first and has provided many, many children the foundation and nurturing they needed to be their best. On behalf of staff and students at Cootes Paradise, we wish them well in this new chapter of their life!

FAREWELL

This June brings farewells to our school community as several staff and students leave us. As another year draws to a close we must say good-bye to staff members who are moving on to other school communities.

I would like to thank these staff members for the many contributions they have made to our school:

Mrs. Deboer (DECE)
Mr. Tuttolomondo (DECE)
Mrs. Corbeau (DECE)
Mrs. LeDonne (Core English)
Miss Collin (EA)
Mrs. Hathaway (EA)
Mrs. Lee (EA)
Mrs. Gailbraith (EA)



Dear Cootes Paradise Community,
For twenty-seven out of twenty-eight years of teaching for the Hamilton-Wentworth School Board, George R. Allan/Cootes Paradise School has been my second home. From day 1, I have embraced every moment and felt part of your community. The dedicated families, the smiling children, and my wonderful, hard-working colleagues have helped me achieve my seven-year-old dreams of being a teacher. Thank you for the beautiful memories. Merci a tous.

Sylvie Francis –Grade 2 French Immersion



Heat Events

The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. **A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40°C or higher humidex reading.** Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- Limit physical outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes and blinds
- Move students through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress



News from our Cootes Paradise Arts Council

Please pass by and join the students, staff and Arts Council on June 6th for the annual Cootes Draws!

Grade 1 to 5 students will get the opportunity to sketch their school and community in this wonderful outdoor event. Their artistic endeavors will be guided by local visual artists.

Please find the schedule per grade as follows:

9:40 am -10:40 am:	Grade 1 & 2 – Architecture of the School
10:40 am -11:20 am:	Break
11:20 am -12:20 pm:	Grade 4 – Still Life
12:20 pm -1:20 pm:	Grade 3 - Portraits
1:20 pm - 2:00 pm:	Potluck for school staff, artists and volunteers
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm:	Grade 5 - Landscape

Activities will take place in the front garden of the school. Rain date will be on June 13th.

Many Thanks to the Cootes Paradise Arts Council for organizing this wonderful day for our students!



Growth and Development Curriculum

The Ministry of Education directed that the Ontario Curriculum Grades One to Eight: Health and Physical Education, provided in 2015, be placed on hiatus and replaced with the 2010 version of the Ontario Curriculum Grades One to Eight: Health and Physical Education. Forms have been sent home regarding the Growth and Development part of the unit. Please be sure to send all forms back as soon as possible.

Please feel free to review the curriculum at:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/healthcurr18.pdf>;

The parent guide is available to all parents on the HWDSB public website and by clicking on the link <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/supports/healthy-schools/parent-guide-health-and-physical-education-interim-edition/>

Bike to School Week at Cootes!

Bike Month kicked off with Bike to School Day across Ontario on Monday, May 27th. During the week of May 27th-31st, it was amazing to see so many Cootes students who biked or "rolled" their way to school to show their support!

Our kickoff event was held out front of the school on Monday, May 27th starting at 8:30am with a lot of high energy, music, students, parents and a special visit from our Trustee Christine Bingham and Ward 1 Councillor, Maureen Wilson.

Students entered a draw for a chance to win a gift card or bike. The draw will be made this week.

A special thank you to Mr. Fox, Mlle Ledlie and Mrs. Tang for organizing this amazing initiative!



Volunteers Make a Difference

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the many parents and members of our school community who have given generously of their time, energy and talents to benefit the students of Cootes Paradise. Volunteer contributions have made a positive difference in the lives of our students. Together we make our school a success.

Maintenance of Cootes Paradise's Naturalized Playground



With the foresight of our parent community, we have inherited a gorgeous naturalized playground that requires our attention both spring and fall. Buist Landscaping will be delivering 80 yards of soil which will be distributed at the base of many of our newer trees to cover exposed roots. All our trees will receive professional pruning service that will also help to ensure strong healthy trees.

Much needed sand will also be added to our kindergarten sand pit. All this essential maintenance work is made possible through the financial support of Cootes Paradise Home & School Association.

The City of Hamilton will be contacted in the second week of June to determine the availability of free mulch. We will reach out to our parent community for assistance to spread mulch in various areas of our playground later this month.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



As the end of the school year approaches, I want to send out a heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers! Thank you. Thank you, honestly, for all you do.

A huge thank you to Angeline Navaruban for stepping up as school council Secretary and Min Wang who took on the role of Treasurer. It has been an absolute pleasure

getting to know each of you and I couldn't have done a better job without the both of you sharing your words of encouragement. Special thanks to Deborah Denman, our community representative, who joined mid-season and supported our goals.

Many thanks to all the parent representatives who attended the meetings and shared your concerns and idea's in helping make a better school community. Because we all worked together, we were able to learn more about the different roles involved with school council, focused on improving EQAO scores, and saw continued growth throughout the year.

Thank you all for making Cootes Paradise Elementary a better place!

Parents,

Please consider being a part of next year's School Council! Parent involvement is one of the most significant factors contributing to a child's success in school.

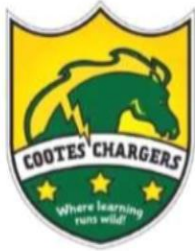
The advantages of becoming a school council member include; being an important partner in the education system, contributing to the shared goal of improving student achievement, having a vehicle through which to express opinions, being informed about what is happening at the school and the board and at the provincial level of education. Participating on the school council can truly be a rewarding experience for all!

Elections will be held in September 2019 for the following executive positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer & Community Representative. We hope to see you there!

Reminder: We have our PRO-Grant event ("Happy Parents, Happy Kids") June 6th, 7pm-8:30pm. Don't forget to register at: <http://coteswithann.eventbrite.com>

Respectfully,

Marissa Sawatzky, School Council Chair 2018/19



**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 Kindergarten and Grade 12, this is for you!



Date: Thursday June 6th 2019

Time: 7pm - 8:30 p.m

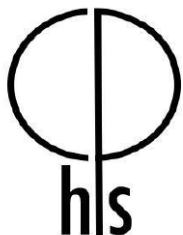
**Cootes Paradise School Gym
900 King St West, Hamilton**

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

With the end of the year here, we wanted to say a huge thank you for supporting Home & School. Through the help of volunteers, Home & School was able to run the following:

- ★ Outdoor Movie Night
- ★ Pumpkin Night Hike
- ★ Family Skate
- ★ Read-a-thon
- ★ Friday lunches
- ★ Move-a-thon
- ★ Staff Appreciation Lunch
- ★ Paisley Coffeehouse Art Exhibit
- ★ Lunch Clubs (Fall & Spring)
- ★ Grade Five Farewell (later this month)
- ★ Tastebuds Snack Program
- ★ Silent Auction
- ★ Poinsettia Sales
- ★ Bake Sales

These events and fundraising activities couldn't happen without an incredible group of volunteers who have given up their time and energy to make sure these run successfully. We really appreciate those of you who have been able to help, in a big or small way. Unfortunately, there isn't space enough to list everyone, but please know that we appreciate you and we couldn't do it without you!

Thanks to our outgoing Home & School Exec:

President – Heather Harvey
Vice-President – Molly Griffioen
Secretary – Erin Lepischak
Treasurer – Steven Lott
Class Rep Coordinator – Michelle Balcers

Welcome to our incoming Home & School Exec:

President – **vacant**
Vice-President – **vacant**
Secretary – Allison Henderson
Treasurer – Erica Hemsworth
Communications – Molly Griffioen
Class Rep Coordinator – Michelle Balcers

In order to keep offering these great events, we need a full executive. We're still looking for a president and vice-president for next year. This is a great opportunity to give back to the school community. Please email cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com if you have questions.

At our last Home & School meeting, we allocated approximately \$19,000 from this year's fundraising efforts to fund activities for next year at Cootes Paradise. Here are some highlights:

- Artist Council (\$3050)
- Outdoor Space upkeep (\$3000)
- Daily Physical Activity equipment (\$1000)
- 3 theatre productions (\$2500)
- Scientist in the Classroom for JK/SK (\$1400)
- Subsidies for class trips (\$2050)
- OSMO Genius kits (robotics) (\$900)
- Snack Program (\$500)

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

Try This at Home:

'What brought you joy,' and other questions to ask your child as the school year ends!

1. What is something you did well this year? What are you most proud of yourself for?
2. What brought you joy?
3. What was your biggest struggle?
4. Do you think there are things you could do next year to make this better?
5. What have you learned about yourself?
6. How do you think you do at reaching out to other people?
7. If your peers were honest, would they describe you as a person who is nice to everyone?
8. What is your best quality as a friend?
9. How could you improve the way you interact with others?
10. Do you think you were respectful to your teachers?
11. Do you think your teachers thought you were respectful?
12. How can you improve the way you interact with your teachers?
13. When you think about the things you want to do and become, did your choices this year help you get closer to those goals?
14. What could you do next year to make more progress toward these goals?
15. If you were only graded on your attitude, what would that grade be?

****Taken from the Spectator May 25, 2018*

HAVE A GREAT

