

The Paradise Chronicle



March 2020 Edition

Dear Parents/Guardian:

After a long winter, I know we are all ready for spring and all the wonderful things that come with it. Families are getting ready with excitement for March Break which begins on March 16th and we will all come back refreshed and ready to continue with all the wonderful learning that happens at Cootes Paradise on March 23rd!

Staffing update:



After 2 wonderful years, Ms. van der Put has been requested to make a difference somewhere new! I know I speak on behalf of all of us when I say we will miss her vibrant energy, nurturing heart and her compassion

for both staff, students and the Cootes community. She will leave behind her tremendous impact on Cootes Paradise, a legacy of safe space, positivity, and generosity. She will bring the passion we have been so lucky to witness everyday as she begins her new experience on March 23rd at Helen Detwiler Elementary.

As a result, we would like to welcome our new Vice-Principal Mme Gojsic to our Cootes family. We know that she'll be a great addition to our community and we look forward to all the passion and enthusiasm she will bring to our school.

Dates to Remember:

- Every Wed. is Lunch Lady
- March 6 – PD Day
- March 8 – Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 16-20 – March Break
- March 26-27 – Dental screening for FDK and Grade 2 students
- April 1 – Home & School Meeting @ 6:30pm
- April 3 – Cootes After Dark Silent Auction
- April 8 – International Day of Pink
- April 10 – No School
- April 13 – No School



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Stableford to our Cootes Family.

Ms. Stableford is our new Office Administrator and brings much positive energy and knowledge to her role. Please feel free to come by and introduce yourself to her.

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act

Smoking cannabis or tobacco and vaping any substance is prohibited anywhere on school property and in public areas within 20 metres of the perimeter of the school grounds. If you are caught smoking or vaping in school or on school property, you may be ticketed and fined. Fines start at \$305.



Thank you to our Home & School and all the parent volunteers for the amazing staff appreciation luncheon you provided on February 27th. You generously go above and beyond! The food was delicious and the attention to detail made it even more special for us.

We are forever grateful – from the Cootes Paradise Staff!

Art Gallery

Thank you to the following classes for featuring their art work on our Gallery Wall: Mr. Robinson, Mme Trepanier & Ms. Skinner. A special thank you to our parent volunteers who set up our Gallery Wall each month.



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!





Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2020- 2021 school year!
Please come into the office and see Miss Marrone or Ms. Stableford to fill out a registration package or complete your registration on-line.



Important Notice

School Parking Lot

Just a friendly reminder that when drop off or pick up your child please do not block the bus loading zone or enter the parking lot. We want to ensure the safety of all our students as they are being transported to and from Cootes. Please leave all accessible parking spots free unless you have a valid permit.

Drop Off/Pick Up

If your child is late or returning from an appointment, please drop them off at the office and we will direct them to their classroom. Please do not go to your child's class without signing in at the office first. This applies with our pick up procedure as well.



**Let's talk
about bullying!**

SAFE SCHOOLS:
Bullying Prevention
& Intervention
REVIEW PANEL

The Safe Schools Review Panel session dates are now live! Tell us how you think schools can better address the challenge of bullying. Your voice can make a difference! Click the link to let us know if you can attend:

<http://bit.ly/safeschoolreview>



Earth Hour

Our connection to Earth and nature is undeniable: our planet's gain is everyone's gain.

Nature makes our life healthy by providing us good food, clean air, and fresh water - but it is all under the threat of climate change. Our #Connect2Earth campaign aims to raise awareness on the important role of nature in our lives and the benefits nature provides, from good food, clean air, fresh water, to so much more.

This Earth Hour, join millions around the world to turn off the lights and speak up why nature matters.

World Water Day

World Water Day (March 22) tries to remind people about the significance of fresh water and to promote sustainability for fresh water resources' management. It's a day to celebrate water. It's a day to prepare for how we manage water in the future.

Let's all do our Part!



2020 Water and climate change

Library News

Just a friendly March reminder from the Library/Learning commons: please return your library books in a timely manner and keep them clean and dry. Thank you for your responsibility and awareness!

HAPPY READING!!

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

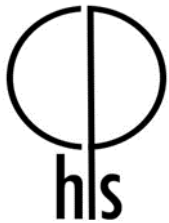
8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



Cootes Paradise Home & School Association

Staff Appreciation Lunch

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who contributed to the staff appreciation lunch. It means so much that you took the time out of your very busy schedules to provide food for the staff and to let them know how much we appreciate them.

Cootes After Dark Silent Auction Fundraiser

Book your babysitters now! Planning for the 3rd Annual 'Cootes After Dark' Silent Auction Fundraiser is underway for April! There will be lots of amazing items to bid on, live music, food to enjoy and drinks to purchase - this event will be licenced and held off the school property this year, so it will be a 19+ event only. The past events were a huge success and we are excited to be holding it again for parents and the community to enjoy. With this event potentially being the only fundraiser happening during this half of the school year - we hope to have a great turn out and support!

If you are interested in making a donation to the event (time/food/auction item/raffle basket item) - please contact Molly and Nicole - cootessilentauktion@gmail.com

Check out the Events page on the Cootes Paradise Elementary Parent Community Facebook page for more details (Date/Time/Location).

Home & School Meeting – Wednesday April 1

Join us for our Home & School meeting on Wednesday April 1 at 6:30pm in the library. Child minding is available.

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Get to Know Your Parent School Council!

Are you interested in supporting the success of your child's educational path and building a better community? Then come out to our next School Council meeting!

Did you know that School Council has a legislated role within the school and plays a significant role? We work with the principal, vice-principal and staff to ensure the best possible education for students by:

- reviewing the school's priorities, and
- supporting the development and implementation of plans to achieve the desired goals.

Each meeting is an opportunity to learn more about what is going on in your child's classroom, and you don't have to be a member to attend! If you have any questions, please reach out to co-chairs, Isabelle DeFaria at iekoko5@gmail.com or Ahmed Abdelrahman.

See you there!

After School Drawing Lesson

What: Techniques of children's drawings, watercolor painting, sketch and crafts.

Where: Cootes Paradise School, Room 131

When: Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 pm, March 25-June 10 (Except for PA Days and Holidays)

Age Group: G1-G5

Registration: From now until filled. Please get and submit the registration form along with the payment (if applicable) to Room 304 or 305, Monday to Thursday after school till 6:00 pm.

Fees and Payment: \$19/session, \$25 materials fee. 12 sessions, \$253.00 in total. Cash, Cheque and E-transfer are acceptable. Cheque is payable to Golden Horseshoe Education. E-transfer is made to jjin.zang.canada@gmail.com (password: Art).