

The Paradise Chronicle



Hello to our Cootes Families!

What extraordinary times we are living in! I know that although we are able to enjoy quality time indoors; this is also a difficult time to navigate. We have all been impacted by COVID -19 in some way.

This week, the Minister of Education extended the order to close schools until May 4, 2020, based on the best advice of Ontario's public health authorities. This means that the Board will implement plans for Virtual Delivery of Learning phase 2. For this reason, over the course of this last week, staff contacted families to say "hello" and to begin to take steps towards our new reality of distance learning. The Board is currently implementing a plan to ensure all students will have access to the tools and learning platforms that they need.

In the next few days, your teacher will be sending you a Guideline for Virtual Learning for Students and Parents. This tool will support families to set up the proper home conditions for distance learning. Throughout the course of the week, the Board will begin to roll out learning. As we begin this new reality, please know that learning from home may look different from class to class and school to school. Programs such as MS Teams or through the HWDSB student-learning platform, the HUB, may be used. Both of these programs can be accessed on our home page for students: <https://students.hwdsb.on.ca/>

I know that this is an extremely challenging time for families. Please know that each and every one of you are missed and that the staff at Cootes Paradise are here to support you. We will continue to check in with you and respond to your feedback as we navigate this new way of learning.



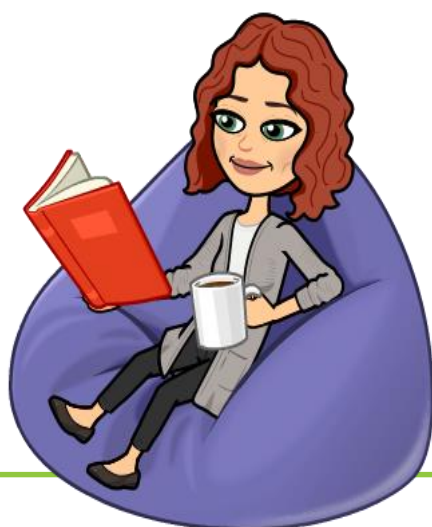
Please stay safe and healthy!

D. Fede & S. Gojsic



Dear Friends, You are all missed dearly, please remember what I say often to you all: The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go! Mrs. McDonald P.S. Keep reading using Epic or RazKids and hoping to see you all sooner than later 😊

Mrs. McDonald



Please stay safe and healthy! I miss you all and I can't wait to see your smiles again when we return to school!

Mrs. Wang



I hope all of our families and students are hanging in there during this uncertain time. Your teachers and school staff miss you very much and we can't wait to connect with you soon! Keep looking for opportunities to sing and make music a part of your day, remember that listening to and creating music can have various positive effects on your mood and mental health! Stay healthy and well...

Miss Harrison

Quote of the day: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are" - Theodore Roosevelt

Ms. Ly



Grade3/4 I miss you! I miss your smiles, laughs and funny stories! Stay safe and have fun learning at home! Mrs. Maas



Hello my Kinders in Room 125! I miss you all very much!
I hope you know how much I am thinking of you!
Can't wait to be back together again soon. I hope
your still continuing to be creative, and having fun.
Stay safe, stay healthy and keep smiling. Hugs to you
all and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Mrs. Higginson



Wishing everyone health and happiness
during this time! Stay safe and can't wait
until we are all together again ☺

Mr. Johnston



Hello Everyone! Miss you all! Hope you are
doing well. I've used some of this extra time
to do some great reading and I hope you
have too. Stay safe!

Mrs. Cornett

I hope everyone is doing great, I
miss you all very much. My kids
and I talk each day about when
we were in school that makes us
smile; today my thought was, my
students always asking if they
could read on their ipad during
silent reading time, I guess most of
you get to do your reading online
now and maybe remembering
that Ms. Skinner isn't there to say,
"no ipads for reading, we are all
looking at actual paper books,
like the good old days". Our home
motto is, remind yourself what you
CAN do, not what you CAN'T :)

Ms. Skinner



Hi all, What an interesting time it has been for us all. At my house we have started texting poems to our family members near and far. My son Christopher in Ottawa has real potential. This is just one of the ways we are trying to keep cool during this unusual experience.

Mrs. Dumitru

Mes élèves, je vous manquent énormément. It is way too quiet here at home. I miss your stories and your not so quiet whispering. Stay safe! We shall see each other soon. J'ai très hâte que nos vies retournent à la normale.

Mme Trepanier

"But the children knew, as I'm sure you know, that the worst surroundings in the world can be tolerated if the people in them are interesting and kind." - The Bad Beginning, by Lemony Snicket.

Hoping everyone is staying healthy and safe - all your teachers miss you very much. Bonne fête to the friends who have birthdays during this time! Always reach out to us online if you need help or need to chat. Don't forget how awesome you are, and don't panic. See you soon!

- Mlle. Metni :)

(Flippy says hi!)



Dear Students, Parents/Guardians of room 307: Remember all of the strong characteristics that make you the amazing individuals that you are! Focus on the positive! As Christopher Robin says: "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think!" Sending you lots of positivity! Just breathe/Respire!! A+!

Mme Campanella. :)



To all of the SUPERSTARS in room 123 we miss you! We hope you are having fun learning and exploring! Take good care.

From Mrs. Ascencio and Mrs. Gardner



I miss you guys! I cannot wait to see you all soon! Hope you stay safe and healthy!

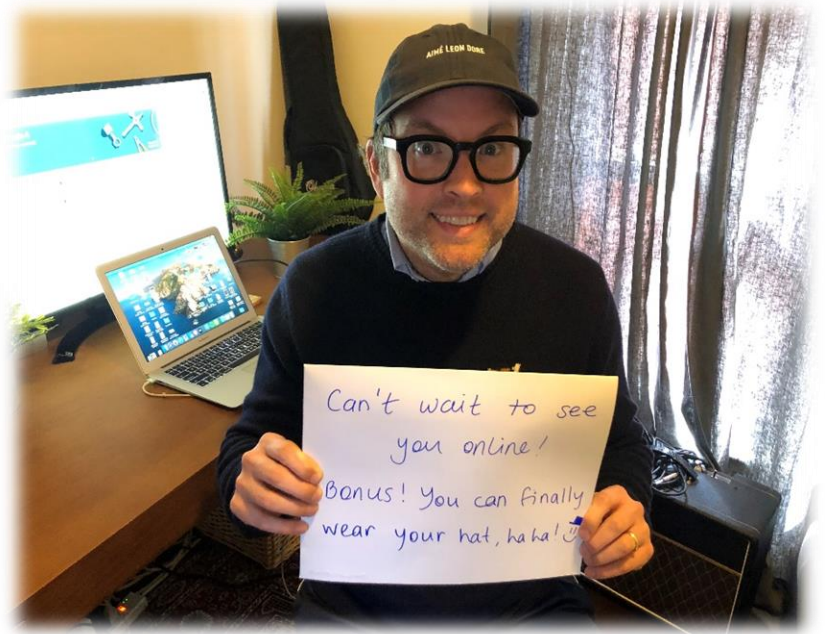
Mrs. Tang

Hello Everyone! I hope you are all finding ways to play and have fun each day. I miss seeing all your beautiful smiling faces in the office! Remember that we are all doing our part to keep our community safe right now. Take good care of your family and we will see each other soon!

Ms. Marrone

Bonjour les amis de salle 217!
I'm looking forward to planning some learning for you to do at home and I can't wait to see your work (online)! I miss being with you so much. Right now, the most important thing is for all Canadians to stay safe. I have been so happy to hear from families and to know that you are all doing well. Like I always tell you, you are AMAZING! Vous êtes FANTASTIQUES! Stay motivated to learn... Keep stretching your brains. Je suis fière de vous!

Mlle Rodrigue



As your teacher librarian, I feel lucky to see so many Cootes Paradise student's faces each day. I miss you and hope that you are staying safe, keeping healthy and of course reading!

Mrs. Rich



When it rains, look for RAINBOWS. When it's dark, look for STARS.

Mrs. Ding

We are all in this together, helping to save the world! Please stay home, stay safe, and stay healthy. Missing all of your smiling, friendly faces! Until we can return to school, I am really looking forward to getting in touch with students and families through new online platforms.

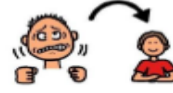
Mrs. Morgan

From my family to yours...

✓ **Stay Safe**



✓ **Stay Calm**



✓ **Be Kind**



Things will get better!

Mrs. Paric



I hope that your family is finding ways to navigate these difficult times. Many things are not available to us, but within each of us exists the ability to be kind. We see this in our students; your children. We know Cootes is a caring community. May you find comfort and reassurance where you can, and strive to acknowledge when good things happen, no matter how small!

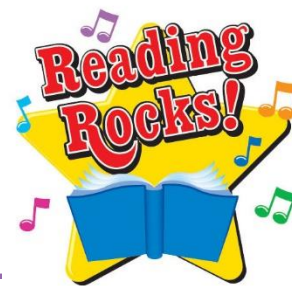
Mrs. MacKenzie

The real work will begin on April 6th while there will be 'talk time' via Microsoft Teams. Thank you for your feedback as we are all trying navigate how things will move forward. Stay safe!

Mrs. Zhang

Hello Cootes Paradise Families! I miss seeing you all - students and parents. Please tell your children that I miss working with them, and I also miss hearing their important news and stories! I hope that you are all well and managing to have some routine in your day. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers! A special message to our lovely students: Remember to spend time **READING EVERYDAY** and to find ways to be helpful to your parents and your siblings! Looking forward to seeing you all as soon as it is possible!

Mrs. Booth



A shout out to all my Empower friends. Keep using your Empower reading Strategies at home and don't forget: "In EMPOWER you NEVER lose you can ALWAYS re-CHOOSE!"

Ms. Swan

Hello Cootes Families! Hoping this finds everyone healthy and happy. Although we'd all rather be at school, take this unexpected time to appreciate and enjoy your family and friends. At the Titian household, we've been keeping busy by playing board games and cards, trying new recipes (some good, some not so good), listening to music, painting, drawing, and reading some great books.

Take care, Mme Titian



Hi families and students! I hope everyone is staying healthy, strong and remaining calm. I miss you all ! I can't wait to see your smiling faces again and hear about how you spent your "extended break" :D

Until next time.... Ms. Haley

Vous nous manquez et nous avons hâte de vous revoir!
We miss you and look forward to seeing you soon!

Mr. Jouini



Dear Friends and Families,

Thank you for your patience and support through this time. Lots of you have told me that your children miss school, and I miss you all too. We'll continue to communicate through Twitter and through our online classroom. Thank you for supporting your children and me through this, and thank you for helping them with their schoolwork. Explore and wonder, talk together, rest, play, eat healthy, wash your hands well, and sleep with peace and thankfulness for what we have. Tomorrow is a new day and a new beginning. I miss you, and I can't wait to see you again!!

Ms. Henkel

Miss you all
Read every day
Stay healthy

Enjoy your family
Do something kind
Go and play a game
Always wash your hands
Really looking forward to seeing everyone soon



Greetings Cootes,

I hope that this message finds you and your family in good health and great spirits given these unusual circumstances. I am excited to see all of our students again when the time is right. Until then, please be safe, happy, and kind!

- Mr. P

I miss you and hope you all are doing well. I miss your smiles, laughs and inter-acting with you. Keep reading and writing about things you enjoy. During this time, let's remember our school motto "It's cool to be kind"

Mrs. Carter

Hello Cootes Paradise families, I hope that you are all doing well during this unprecedented time. Please know that my thoughts are with all of you as we try to get back to a sense of normal. To my grade 5 students: please know that I am thinking of you and miss each and every one of you. I hope to be back in the classroom with you all again in the near future. Be well and safe everyone!
Mr. Daniel



Mrs. Blonski, Mrs. King Rankin and Mrs Patterson want to say hello to all our children and their families. We can't wait to see and play with you again!

A very special thank you to our front-line and essential services workers and to everyone else who is doing their part to combat Covid-19! In the words of the Dalai Lama, "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive." Stay healthy and safe!! Mme Galli Lamarche.



Hello from quarantine!

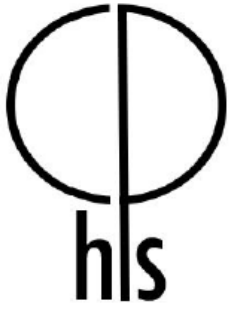
Hoping that all families are staying healthy and happy right now! I hope you are all keeping busy - like many of you, making bread is my new passion! Missing you all and looking forward to our eventual return:)

Mme Ledlie



Hey Room 120 Kinders and the Cootes Paradise community! Mrs. Feil, Mrs. Rajsic, Ms. VanBlaricum and Mrs. DeCoste miss you and hope that you are having fun, staying safe and healthy at home with your families. Hope to see you soon!





**Cootes Paradise
Home & School Association**

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The Home and School Association wishes everyone in our community to keep safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. While it will be a challenging time for all of us, as we adjust to our *new normal*, we hope you are able to enjoy this time with your family.

Cootes After Dark Silent Auction Fundraiser

We are postponing the Silent Auction until the 2020/2021 school year. All of the items that have been graciously donated will be kept safely until that time.

Pizza and Sub Lunches

Due to the EFTO Job Action some students missed 2 sub days and/or 1 pizza day. If your child was effected by this, then you have three options:

- 1) Donate the money you spent on the pizza and subs to the Home and School Association. Due to the disruptions cause by the EFTO Job Action, Home and School was not able to run all the fundraising activities we usually do and therefore have limited funds for next years' activities. The donation of your pizza/sub money would be greatly appreciated.
- 2) Email cootesparadisehsa@gmail.com to request a refund which would be as follows:
 - \$2 for 1 pizza slice
 - \$4 for 2 pizza slices
 - \$10.50 for 2 sub days
 - \$12.50 for 1 pizza slice + 2 subs
 - \$14.50 for 2 pizza slices + 2 subs

CRISIS: Call 911 / Visit your local hospital emergency room

URGENT:

Kids Help Phone 

24/7 counselling and information for youth:

- 1-800-668-6868
- kidshelpphone.ca

COAST

Mental health crisis outreach and support for all ages.

- 905-972-8338
- coasthamilton.ca

NON-URGENT:

HWDSB *Helps.*

Get help or share anonymous tips using...

- Text to 905-963-0066 Standard rates apply.
- The HWDSB Helps app for iOS and Android.
- Web chat - www.hwdsb.on.ca/wehelp