The Paradise Chronicle

As we head into the final weeks of this school year, let us take this time to reflect as a community on all we have accomplished and the many people we have 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, especially during distance learning.
- Our Home and School, School Council and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our school community.
- Ms Marrone and Ms. Stableford 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 and transitioning our classrooms into a virtual space.
- All our Cootes Paradise students who always put so much into everything they do and set out to accomplish their goals!

We hope that everyone has a safe and exciting summer and we look forward to our next school year! – Mr. Fede & Mrs. Gojsic







Edition



To our Grade 5 Students!

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.

Best wishes as you leave us for Grade 6 and transition to Middle School.

A short farewell video will be sent to all of our Grade 5 students.

Thank you to all staff and students who contributed to it, and a special thank you to Mlle Metni for putting this video together!

Every Summer has a story...

Page 1 of 11

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 this school year:

Mrs. Higginson (DECE)

Mrs. Maas

Ms. Skinner

Mr. Daniel

Mr. Jouini

Miss Harrison

Mrs. Kiriakopoulos

Ms. Brennan (EA)

Mrs. North (EA)

Mrs. Haley (EA)

We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!





Projected Organization For September 2020:

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

GRADE 2 FI GRADE 2 GRADE 2/3 FI GRADE 2/3 GRADE 3A FI GRADE 3 GRADE 3B FI GRADE 3/4

Please note that all classes are tentative until possible reorganization that takes place towards the end of September.

HWDSB



School Access

On June 2 and 3 families visited the school during pre-booked time slots in order to retrieve personal items. A final opportunity to retrieve items will take place this Wednesday, June 10 between 2pm – 8pm.

We encourage you to visit the school to also return any library books or classroom books that are no longer needed. These should be returned on the table in the front hall.

A reminder that when you visit the school, please simply get what you came for, avoid touching any other student's belongings and socializing with others before sanitizing your hands again and checking out.



Steps for picking up student items:

- Disinfect your hands upon entry.
- Go directly to the classroom that you need to access.
- Do not socialize.
- Touch only the items that you need to access.
- Retrieve your items as quickly as possible.
- Return to the Check-In desk to sign out.
- Disinfect your hands before leaving.
- If you are returning any school text books or library materials, drop these off at the front foyer. Place a sticky note with your child's name on the item.

Distance Learning Etiquette

It's COOL to be KIND Online!

Our Virtual Classroom is For Learning:

- Avoid messaging the teacher or classmates just to "chat" especially late at night.
- Use meeting chats only during the class meeting.
 - Post any follow-up questions in the discussion area for your class.
- Avoid filling the chat with Emojis, GIFs or pictures.
 - Use this as a space to ask questions about the lesson.

Be Positive Online:

- Don't write in all CAPS because others might think you are angry or that you are shouting.
- Always re-read your message before posting to make sure it is clear.





Be Kind - Think Before You Post:

- Using appropriate language is being kind.
 - Remember: everyone can see your posts – even if posted before or after a meeting.
 - Post only messages that include school-appropriate language. Always ask yourself, "would I be ok with my family and friends reading this?"
- Ask an adult before sending something to your teacher or friends if you're not sure if it's appropriate or relevant.

We Always Leave A Digital Footprint:

- A digital footprint is a term used to describe the traces of yourself that you leave online. With every website you visit, you leave a trail or footprint showing that you've been there - much like the footprints you leave while playing outside in the snow.
- When we post online, everything we type, post, and say (even Emojis) stay within the platform – even if deleted.
- Always assume someone is reading or watching!



Kindergarten registration is well underway for the 2020- 2021 school year!

Please complete your registration online at hwdsb.on.ca!

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

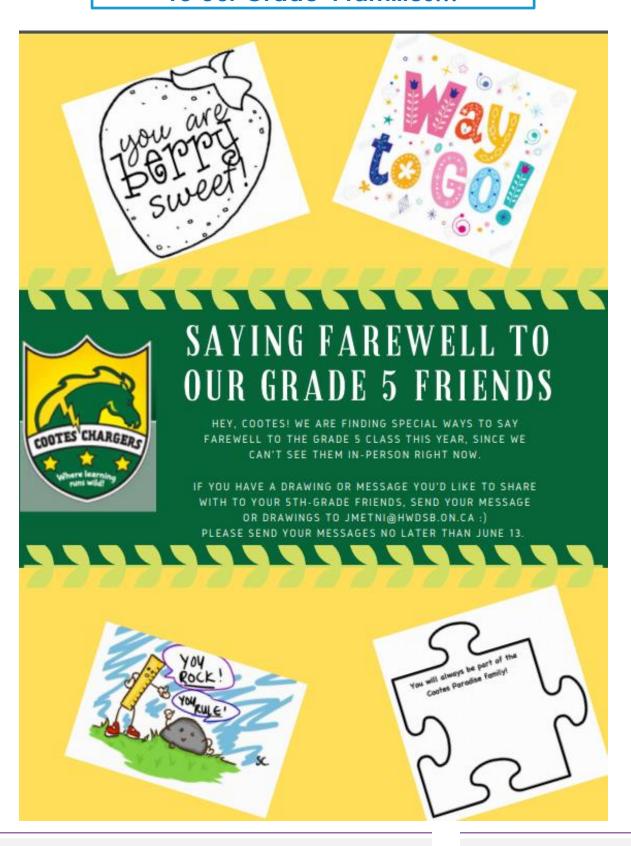




Are You Moving? We Are Closed to Out-of-Catchment!

To help us with our planning for the September 2020-21 school year, it would be appreciated if you could notify us 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.

To our Grade 4 families...



Virtual Spirit Days for the month of June!

Join us for our virtual Spirit Days! Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @CParadise_HWDSB and post your pictures!

June 12 - Favorite Hat Day!



June 19 - How are you stayin' cool?



June 26 - Red and White Day – It's Canada Day soon!





Design the Agenda Cover Contest

Thank you to all the Grade 4 students who submitted their art work for the Agenda Cover contest for the 2020-21 school year. All entries were voted upon last week by Cootes staff. We are proud to announce that the winner for the 2020-21 agenda cover contest is Otis Lewis from Mme Trepanier's class.

Congratulations to all participants for an amazing job!



Every Summer has a story...

Page 7 of 11



Report cards will be distributed by email on Wednesday, June 24th. A hard copy can be requested but will not be available until September.

Classes for next year are currently being built with the best interest of all students. Further information will be communicated.





News from the Hamilton Public Library

New early literacy activities for June are available here: https://www.hpl.ca/sites/2%20KIDS%20calendar%20JUNE%202020.pdf



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 2020 for the following executive positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer & Community Representative. We hope to see you there!

Every Summer has a story...

Page 8 of 11

Cootes Spirit!



Every Summer has a story...

Page 9 of 11

Thank you to all of the Grade 4 students who submitted an Agenda Cover!







Every Summer has a story...

Page 11 of 11