

The Paradise Chronicle

Dear Families,

We want to begin by thanking you for the amazing support you continue to show for the safety of our school community. The students have adapted to all the new protocols seamlessly, and we could not have done this without your support. As a staff we were humbled for the amazing act of kindness you showed towards us through your posters, emails and continuous encouraging words. As we move forward in our new reality, we ask for your continued patience and understanding throughout each day. Please know that the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff has been, and will remain our number one priority.

Please be reminded of the following protocols:

- call in student absences in advance
- parent access is strictly limited and must be reported to the office before entry
- continue to use the walkways in the playground during drop offs and pick ups
- students must arrive as close to 9am as possible. Supervision begins at 8:45.
- no toys or gadgets should be brought to school. Please keep these items at home.
- for safety reasons, no invitations will be distributed by students or teachers at school, and no snacks of any type will be shared between students
- access to the parking lot is closed

Sincerely,

Mr. Fede & Mrs. Gojsic

October Happenings

Dates to Remember:

Photo Day will be postponed until further notice.

Oct 5 – Terry Fox Run



Oct 5 – iPad Collection due

Oct 29 – Progress Reports Sent Home



Home & School

On behalf of Cootes Paradise we would like to extend a very big thank you to our Home & School Association for continuously supporting our staff and students. They have recently met and have agreed to fund many items that will help support our students, ranging from DPA equipment to a new hydration station!

Screening Before School

As agreed in the attestation, families have a responsibility to screen their child daily to ensure that they stay home from school if they have COVID-like symptoms. The daily screening checklist has been updated and can be found using the following link:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid19-cms-assets/2020-10/Screening%20Children%20v1.0%202020-10-01%20FINAL%20EN%20AODA.pdf>

Pre-Existing Health Conditions

If your child has a symptom that is normal for them related to a known cause or condition, parents/guardians/caregivers are strongly encouraged to provide this information as early as possible to the office and the teacher before the symptoms display themselves. If we are not made aware of these pre-conditions your child may be sent home as per the COVID 19 school screening protocol.

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!



iPad Collection

iPads that were distributed for student use in the spring for online learning are now due back to the school. If you were assigned a school iPad and the charging cable, please return the device to the school with your child. The child will then hand it in to the teacher. Please do not drop the devices off at the main office.



Halloween!

We are still looking at what Halloween can look like at Cootes Paradise. More information to come!



Library News!

If your child has a library book at home, we are asking them to return it to their classroom as soon as possible.

Please remember to treat school materials with respect and keep food and liquids away from books and other reading materials.

Remember to put your books in a safe spot, away from younger siblings, animals or where they may get lost.

Happy Reading Everyone!!



School Newsletter and School Website

Just a reminder that our school chronicle will be posted at the beginning of each month.

Our School Website is also always up-dated with new information. Once there, you can subscribe to have an email sent to your in-box whenever new information is posted to the website. Please visit our website at:

www.hwdsb.on.ca/cootesparadise

Follow us on Twitter at: @CParadise_HWDSB

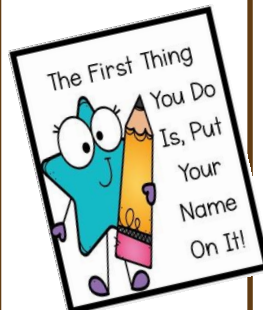
Parent Parking

Just a friendly reminder that when you are picking up your child at dismissal, **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.



Parent Survey for Remote/In Person Transition

Parents/guardians are able to choose between remote and in-person school programs at specific times throughout the year. The first transition date has been delayed to November 3. The optional survey for parents will be available in the Forms section of the Parent Portal starting Monday, October 5 at 9:00 a.m. The survey will close at midnight on October 12.



TasteBuds Snack Program

Our snack program will begin shortly. More information to follow.

Lost and Found Update

Due to safety reasons we will not be having a lost and found for the time being. Please ensure that all your child's items are labelled with their first and last name (masks, coats, boots, water bottles etc).

Walking Path

When dropping off or picking up your child, please use the walkways between the pods. For safety reasons we do not want parents crossing within pods. We will be marking the walking paths with foot prints in the very near future to make these walkways more visible.



Masks

Please check the fit of your child's mask daily to ensure no gapping by the cheek, chin and nose area. It is also a good idea to send in more than one mask in a baggie in case one gets dirty or lost. We do have extra masks at the school if your child does require one.



Secure School Announcements

During the fall 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 Cootes's Emergency Plan of Action.



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 Parents Portal tool, an information tool to provide parents / guardians enhanced information and features such as email notifications for bus delays.



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Parent School Council 2020-2021

As a school council member, you can help your council discover new and exciting ways to contribute to the education of students in your school. Education is a partnership and your involvement gives you the opportunity to strengthen that partnership, and to be part of a dedicated team working to ensure a high quality of education for all students. Your participation can make a difference!

Nomination forms and Virtual dates will be announced shortly to vote on our Executive and begin our School Council!