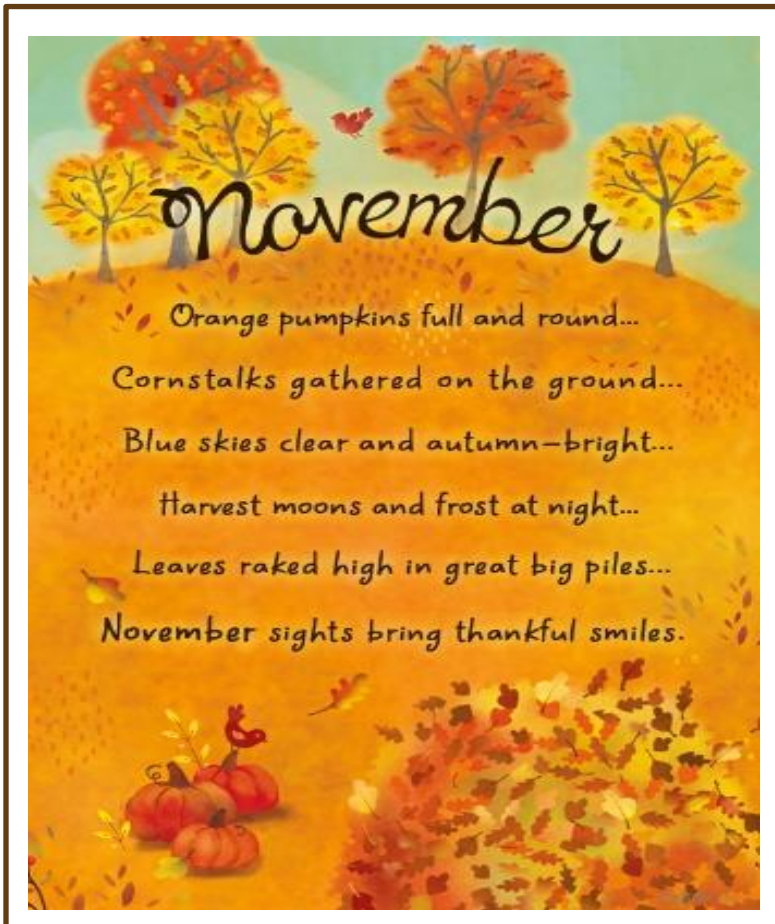




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Please be reminded of the following protocols:

- 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.
- pick up is @ 3:20 & supervision ends at 3:35.
- 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
- any student returning from an illness related absence must have an attestation form completed before returning

Progress Report Cards

Progress Reports were sent home on Oct. 29th! This is a great opportunity for you and your child to celebrate their accomplishments, and review some next steps and to set some goals. If you have any questions about the progress reports, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher!



Class Reorganization

This school year has presented unique challenges to Ontario schools, as well as new options for students to learn in - person or remotely.

Each fall, HWDSB reviews elementary student enrollment in schools, and reorganizes staffing if actual enrollment differs from spring projections.

This year, the fall reorganization is more widespread due to the in-person/remote option for students, as well as the ongoing need to meet provincial class size requirements.

We apologize for any disruption this has caused and appreciate your understanding.

Specifically, at Cootes we had lower enrollment than expected and the following teachers will now be supporting students at the Virtual School:

Mrs. Ding, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Johnston, Ms. Metni, Mrs. Feil, Mrs. Mastroluisi, Mrs. Wang, Mrs. Black, & Mrs. Tang. We thank these educators for all they have brought to Cootes Paradise and wish them well in their new positions.

We also would like to thank Mrs. McGreal for her time with us a DECE and our EA Mrs. Decoste who has been placed at another school.

As always, our team of dedicated educators will work with you to ensure your child is well cared for and experiences educational success.

Meet Your TEACHER

Mrs. Vanzwol/Mrs. Ristic	JK/SK
Mrs. Henkel/Mrs. Rajsic	JK/SK
Mrs. King-Rankin/Mrs. Patterson	JK/SK
Mrs. Berdula/Mrs. Harper	JK/SK
Mrs. Sirb	JK/SK POC
Mr. Persaud	Grade 1
Mrs. Edgar	Grade 1/2
Mrs. Dumitru	Grade 2/3
Mrs. McDonald	Grade 2/3
Ms. Houston	Grade 3
Ms. Turco	Grade 3/4
Mr. Fox	Grade 4/5
Mrs. Reeson	Grade 5
Mlle Delaney	Grade 1 FI
Mme. Ledlie	Grade 1/2 FI
Mme. Titian	Grade 2 FI
Mme. Wright	Grade 3 FI
Mme. Trepanier	Grade 3 FI
M. Barry	Grade 4/5 FI
Mme. Campanella	Grade 4/5 FI
Ms. Zhang	Grade 1-5 POC
Mrs. Holden	Music/Core Eng
Mrs. Rich	Library
Mrs. Carter	Core Eng.
Mme. Ly	Core Eng/FSL
Mrs. Mackenzie	Phys. Ed/Dance
Mr. Robinson	JK/SK Prep
Mrs. Morgan	LRT
Mrs. Booth	ESL
Mrs. Puric	ESL
Mrs. Cornett	Reading Spec.
Mrs. Blonski	EA
Mrs. Broemser	EA
Mrs. Clark	EA
Mrs. Regliszyn	EA
Ms. Vanblaricum	EA



Every year, Canadians pause on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to honour and remember the thousands of men and women who have sacrificed their lives in military duty.

On Remembrance Day, we take the time to think about all of the men and women who have served and continue to serve during times of war, conflict and peace.



Please note that **Student Information Verification forms**, and **Early Closure and Emergency Evacuation Information Forms** are now available on the Parent Portal. Please complete these at your earliest convenience so that we have the most accurate and up to date information.

The Attestation for Return to School Following Illness or Self-Isolation is now also available on the Parent Portal.

Parents and families please complete this form to document that it is safe for your child to return to school or child care.

Halloween at Cootes!

It was great to see so many students dressed up in their costumes or in orange and black!

The students had an amazing time during their fun filled classroom activities



Dressing for the Cold Weather

A reminder that with winter close upon us, please make sure students are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. On days where cold weather and snow are in the forecast, boots, mittens or gloves, a warm hat and a winter jacket should be worn. Snow pants may also be needed for children who often play in the snow.

Let's have a warm winter!



A gentle reminder that there is no smoking or vaping allowed on school property.





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!

Tastebuds Snack Program

The Tastebuds Snack Program is up and running again at Cootes! Thank you to our parent volunteers Mrs. Parlar and Mrs. Steele who ensure healthy snacks are ordered and delivered to classrooms every Monday and Wednesday. Thank you also to our student volunteers Anna, Asna, Peyton and Michael who help deliver the snack bins to classes throughout our large school.

Also to our parent community: please keep bringing in your Fortinos grocery receipts from purchases made at the **1579 Main Street West location**. Parent volunteer Mrs. Oleksiak spends times adding up the amounts on the donated receipts and any funds raised from these receipts goes directly to supporting our Tastebuds Snack Program at Cootes. Last year new, sturdy bins were purchased and are now used in classrooms every Monday and Wednesday. A special thank you to Receipt Courier, Kalina who ensures the receipt envelope on our 'Parent News' bulletin board is emptied on a regular basis.



Follow Us!

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 inbox 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

School Council

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 involving parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards, government, and the community. Your involvement in the council gives you the opportunity to strengthen that partnership, and to be part of a dedicated team working to support a high quality of education and an accountable education system for the children of Ontario. Your participation makes a difference!

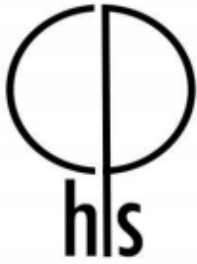
If you are interested in joining our executive council please send an email to dfede@hwdsb.on.ca
In your email please state the position you are interested in:
Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Community Rep.

To prepare for our new Council, School Council Start-Up virtual training is available.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our first meeting held virtually on October 28th. This was a great time to exchange our ideas, ask questions and to speak more about our school reorganization!

Our next School Council meeting will be on December 9th at 6:00 pm. More information to follow.





Cootes Paradise Home & School Association

As with many things in 2020 - Home & School is also looking a little different! Unfortunately we were unable to run the Outdoor Movie Night as well as the ever favourite, Pumpkin Night Hike. With that said, we successfully ran our first virtual fundraiser through our Facebook page this past week! Thank you to the families who participated, we were able to raise \$227 through auctioning off 5 Fall Festive packages. Our next big fundraiser will be the *Cootes After Dark Silent Auction*, which we will run through the FB page before Christmas. Be sure to join the group, so you don't miss out on any of our virtual events!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/709088722567940/>

If you have Fortinos receipts from the Main St. West store - we are still accepting the ones dated Sept 2019-March 13, 2020 and any dates from Sept. 8, 2020 onward. You may send them to school with your child in an envelope labeled Fortinos Receipts. Each year we receive a percentage of the total of these receipts which in turn supports the *Snack Bin Program* that is run at the school.

Playground Clean-up! If anyone has a connection to a local business who would donate wood chips - can you please let us know! Unfortunately the city's free wood chip program is not running during this time and the kinder pen and natural playground could really use a lift! As in previous years, we can organize a group of volunteers to come on a Saturday to spread it around.

Please join us at our next virtual meeting - Wednesday, November 18th, 6:30pm. You can email cootesparadisehsa@gmail.com and we will send you an invite to join.

Try This at Home!

Are you having a hard time getting information from your child about their school day? Instead of asking "How was your day?" consider one of the following:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Tell me about what you read in class.
- Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
- What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
- Who made you smile today?
- What new fact did you learn today?
- Who brought the best food in their lunch today? What was it?
- What challenged you today?
- If school were a ride at the fair, which ride would it be? Why?
- If one of your classmates could be the teacher for the day who would you want it to be? Why?
- If you had the chance to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?
- What is your teacher's most important rule?
- What is the most popular thing to do at recess?
- Does your teacher remind you of anyone else you know? How?

