

# The Paradise Chronicle

Dear Families,

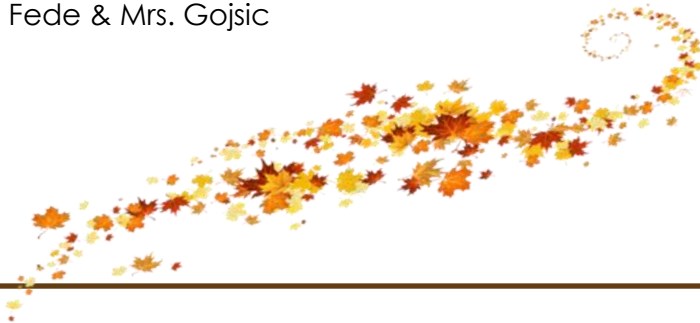
We want to begin by thanking you for the amazing support you continue to show for the safety of our school community. The students have adapted to all the new protocols seamlessly, and we could not have done this without your support. As we continue to move forward, we ask for your continued patience 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 Public Health protocols:

- Screen your child each day
- Initial the Covid Screener Calendar – return it to school each morning
- call in student absences in advance
- parent access is limited. If you are picking up or dropping off your child please ring the bell and remain outside.
- continue to use the walkways in the playground during drop offs and pick ups
- Supervision begins at 9:00am.
- no toys or gadgets should be brought to school. Please keep these items at home.
- access to the parking lot is closed

Sincerely,

Mr. Fede & Mrs. Gojsic



## October Happenings

### Dates to Remember:

October 2 - National Custodial Workers' Day  
October 11 – Thanksgiving (No School)  
October 29 – Pumpkin Hike  
October 31 - Halloween  
Picture Day is on Pause!

### Cootes Cross Country

HWDSB will not be offering Board wide cross country or swim meets for Grade 3 - 5 students this year. However, Cootes Paradise will hold an event at Churchill Park for students in Grades 3, 4, 5. This event will follow the Covid protocols currently in place for nutrition break. Permission forms and more information will be sent home next week.

Thank you to Mrs. Mackenzie for leading this great opportunity for our students!



### Daily COVID-19 Screening

Just a reminder that all students must submit a daily screening either on paper or a device to an educator for review. If the student does not have verification, they will remain in class, with a mask and distanced as much as possible from others. Parents will be contacted to verify screening.

### Mask Requirements



Masks are mandated for all students, including kindergarten students. Reasonable exceptions on the requirement to wear masks will apply. No medical notes are required. Please complete the form in the Parent Portal if an exemption is needed.

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.

### 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!



### Halloween!

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



### 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).



### 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](http://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.



### 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.

### TasteBuds Snack Program

Our snack program began on September 28. Thank you to Mrs. Parlar and Ms. Wiesma for volunteering their time to such a great initiative!



### School Council Meeting Dates!

November 10th, 6pm  
January 12, 6pm  
March 9, 6pm  
May 18, 6pm

## Bus Information

Please note: The school office is closed at 4:15pm 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.



Every year, school communities are required to engage in a number of Secure Schools drills to ensure all students and staff understand how to participate in the case of an emergency situation. These drills include: 6 fire drills (3 in the fall, 3 in the spring), 1 hold and secure drill, 1 shelter in place drill, 2 lockdown drills and 1 bomb threat drill.

For more information about the specific circumstances involving each of these emergency situations, please see this link on the HWDSB website: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Secure-Schools-Protocol.pdf>

However, the Office of the Fire Marshal has indicated that it is essential to conduct drills that also align with current public health advice. As a result, our drills this year will be conducted while maintaining physical distancing. A focus on discussion, visual demonstration or a combination of both will be used when possible to help our students understand what to do in an emergency.

**Please note that in the event of an emergency or crisis, public health advice related to COVID-19 may not be achievable, based on the response required. In an emergency/crisis event, priority is on the imminent threat, not enhanced public health measures.**

The dates of future drills will be posted on the school website at least one day prior to our scheduled drill. If weather conditions do not allow for a safe drill, the drill would be pushed to the next available school day.

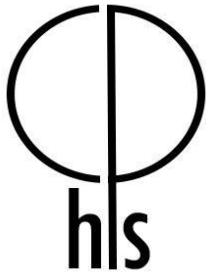
To learn more about HWDSB's approach to secure schools, please go to: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/supports/secure-schools/>





VANZWOL, L / RISTIC, M	FDK
JOHNSTON, I / MCGREAL, S	FDK
FEIL, L / RAJSIC, B	FDK
KING-RANKIN, S / PATTERSON, C	FDK
KOSTANDOFF, T / BLACK, L	FDK
HENKEL, L / TANG, L	FDK
PERSAUD, S	Grade 1
MCDONALD-SULYMKA, J	Grade 1/2
DUMITRU, S	Grade 2
HOLDEN, C	Grade 2/3
HOUSTON, S	Grade 3
AMIS, C	Grade 3/4
HARRISON, K	Grade 4
YOUNG, H	Grade 4
FOX, I	Grade 5
ROBINSON, B	Grade 5
GALLI-LAMARCHE, S	Grade 1 FI
DELANEY, E	Grade 1/2 FI
TREPANIER, S	Grade 2 FI
RODRIGUE, C	Grade 3 FI
WRIGHT, J	Grade 3 FI
TITIAN, A	Grade 4 FI
KAY, M	Grade 4/5 FI
HAZELL, S	Grade 5 FI
WAN, S	POC FDK
ZHOU, Z	POC 1/2
ZHANG, N	POC Grades 3,4,5

FINELLI, V	Core French
MACKENZIE, K	Gym/Dance
GALE, K	Music/Media
EDGAR, C	Library/Media
KURTZ, M	FDK/Media/Gym
CARTER, S	Core English
GRAD, J	POC FDK
BOOTH, L	ESL
SCALI, V	ESL
MORGAN, C	LRT
SWAN, V	LRT
CORNETT, K	Reading
BLONSKI, T	EA
BROEMSER, K	EA
CLARK, A	EA
REGLISZYN, L	EA
VANBLARICUM, J	EA
SUTHERLAND, J	EA
MYKE, C	Custodian
BURKE, J	Custodian
COLESON, K	Custodian
EHLER, J	Custodian
STEELE, C	Office
MARRONE, V	Office
GOJSIC, S	Vice Principal
FEDE, D	Principal



## Cootes Paradise Home & School Association

Welcome Back to a new school year! While things are still a little different, we are very excited to announce that we will be running the **Pumpkin Night Hike** this year! Please see the information below – hope to see you there!

### **Pumpkin Night Hike - Friday October 29th!**

Come hike our beautiful Westdale woods lined with jack-o-lanterns! This magical event is open to all Cootes Paradise families and friends. You can start the hike anytime from 6:00pm until 8:30pm on Friday Oct 29th.

This year, in order to stay within attendance limits, we will be selling timed entry tickets. We have tried to keep the ticket price reasonable to ensure everyone can participate. In order to stay within COVID-19 attendance limits, every person who enters the hike, **must** have a ticket. We cannot admit people without a ticket.

The hike starts at the Hamilton Aviary on the west side of Churchill Park (85 Oak Knoll Drive, Hamilton) at the start of the Caleb's Walk trail and finishes up the Ravine Road trail exiting at the corner of Marion Ave and Dromore Cres. The walk is about 1 km and is a mix of boardwalk, narrower dirt trail and wider, packed gravel trail (not fully stroller friendly).

Also, we ask that anyone at the event physically distance and wear a mask. Please do not attend the hike if you are feeling unwell.

If you would like to attend the event, but are unable to manage the cost of tickets, please contact us at [cootesparadisehsa@gmail.com](mailto:cootesparadisehsa@gmail.com) for assistance. If you would like to sponsor a family of four to attend the hike, you can do so by selecting a *sponsor a family ticket*.

**To buy tickets, sponsor a family, or simply make a donation,** visit <https://cootesparadisepumpkinhike.eventbrite.ca>. Money raised goes towards improvements to the school's Natural Playgrounds as well as Arts programming at the school.

It takes many volunteers to make this event a success, if you have some time to give, please sign up online at <https://signup.com/go/yyUHROE>