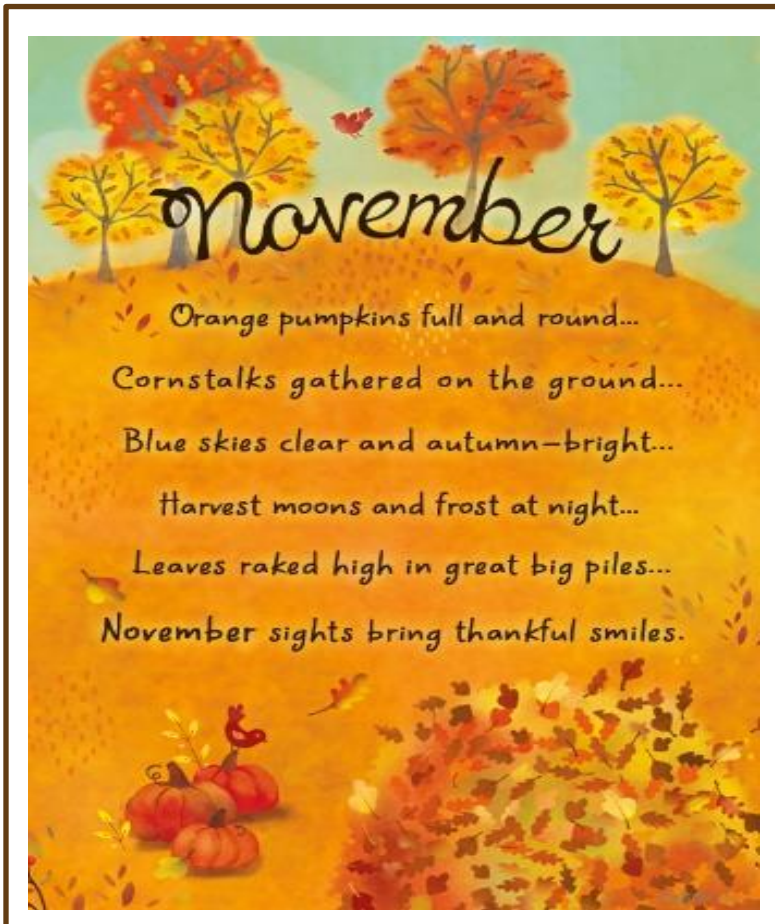




## The Cootes Chronicle



### Staffing Updates at Cootes Paradise

Due to enrollment, effective November 1, Mrs. Gojsic will become .5 Vice-Principal at Cootes Paradise and .5 Vice-Principal at Winona. We are very happy that Mrs. Gojsic is able to remain with us. Mrs. Gojsic will be here every Monday, Tuesday and alternating Thursday.



### Please be reminded of the following protocols:

- call in student absences in advance in Safe Arrival
- continue to use the walkways in the playground during drop offs and pick ups
- students must arrive as close to 9:15 am as possible. Supervision begins at 9:00 am.
- pick up is @ 3:35 pm & supervision ends at 3:50 pm.
- no toys or gadgets should be brought to school. Please keep these items at home.
- parent access to the parking lot is closed
- any student returning from an illness related absence must have an attestation form completed before returning
- please refrain from picking up your children during scheduled nutrition breaks (10:55-11:35 & 1:35-2:15). It is very challenging to locate a student when class cohorts have already been dismissed.

Picture Day is coming to Cootes Paradise! Please smile on:

Wednesday, November 10, 2021



### Progress Report Cards

Progress Reports will be sent home on November 19<sup>th</sup>! 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!



### Bus Safety Presentations

Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services, is providing Intertrain's NEW and INTERACTIVE school bus safety presentations online this year, due to the continuing pandemic. With the return of many students and the re-introduction of field trips, this training is more important than ever.



Cootes students were part of one of two age-appropriate, interactive, 30-minute school bus safety shows. Students participated in either a program for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 students, or another for those in Grades 4 & 5. Both programs were interactive and engaging. Most importantly, they addressed many safety issues that must be followed when on the bus!

### Thank you!

Thank you to our Home and School Association for your donation in supporting our classroom programming needs. It is very much appreciated!



### Open Gym

Students in Grades 4 and 5 have the opportunity to participate in Open Gym during Nutrition Break once a week. This will run from November 8 - December 10/2021. Students will participate with their class cohort in activities such as soccer penalty kicks, shooting a basketball, hula hoops, skipping etc. Running shoes are required. Open Gym will be supervised by one of the following staff members: Mme Titian, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. MacKenzie. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. MacKenzie @ [kmackenz@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:kmackenz@hwdsb.on.ca).





Every year, Canadians pause on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### School Council

Thank you to all the parents who attended our first meeting held virtually on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This was a great time to exchange our ideas and ask questions!

Our next School Council meeting will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Please use the following link to join us virtually:

[School Council Meeting November 10](#)



### 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!



### Cross Country

On Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 participated in our cross-country event at Churchill Park. Students had the option to join the participant group or the timed virtual race. Classes also created a class flag and a cheer! On October 20<sup>th</sup> we gathered on our playground to celebrate our accomplishments at an outdoor assembly. It was wonderful to see our students putting forth their best effort and cheering others on!

Thank you to Mrs. Mackenzie for organizing this amazing opportunity!





## 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!

### 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](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cootesparadise)

Follow us on Twitter at: @CParadise\_HWDSB



### 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?



# HWDSB

## *Snow-clearing at HWDSB Schools*

A responsibility shared by  
Board staff, contractors  
and the City of Hamilton



### HWDSB Staff

*Clear, salt and/or sand...*

- walkways from the city sidewalk to the school
- school steps and portable steps
- walkways to the portables
- ramps to schools and portables
- area outside entrances and Fire Exit Doors
- Fire Exit stairs & ramps



### HWDSB Contractors

*After 5cm+ of snow, will...*

- Plow parking lots and sidewalks when HWDSB Facilities staff deem it necessary
- Salt and sand the parking lot before school starts
- If required, Head Caretakers may also salt or sand parts of the parking lot



### City of Hamilton

*Responsible for clearing...*

- Snow and ice from sidewalks directly in front of schools, a top priority for the City.
- **Note:** It may take up to 24 hours after a snowfall for sidewalks to be cleared. Report a sidewalk fronting a school in need of clearing at **905-546-CITY (2489)**

## What about playgrounds?

Playgrounds **are not** plowed or cleared. Head Caretakers inspect playgrounds and sand and/or salt areas made slippery by changing temperatures.

Students, take extra caution when walking or playing on school property that may be slippery. Principals concerned about weather or playground conditions may hold indoor recesses and lunch/nutrition breaks.



## Benefits of outdoor play

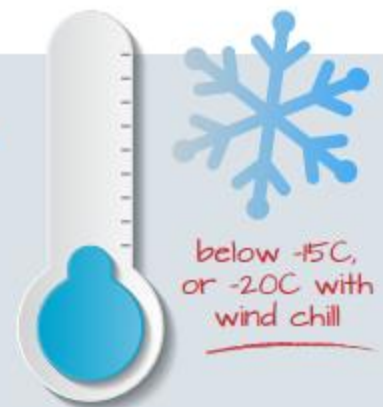
Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience **fresh air, exercise and time spent time outside**. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom.

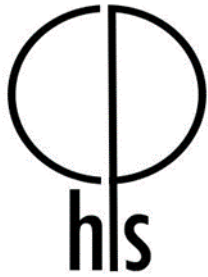
## Preparing for the outdoors

It's important that children come to school **prepared for the cold**. This means boots, mittens/gloves, hats and even extra mittens and socks in case they are needed.

## When is it too cold for outdoor play?

Principals decide whether to send students outside for recess. HWDSB asks Principals to follow the City of Hamilton guideline that we stay inside when it's at or **below -15C, or -20C with wind chill**.





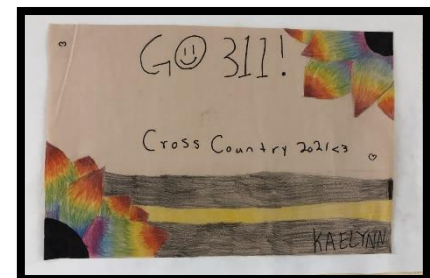
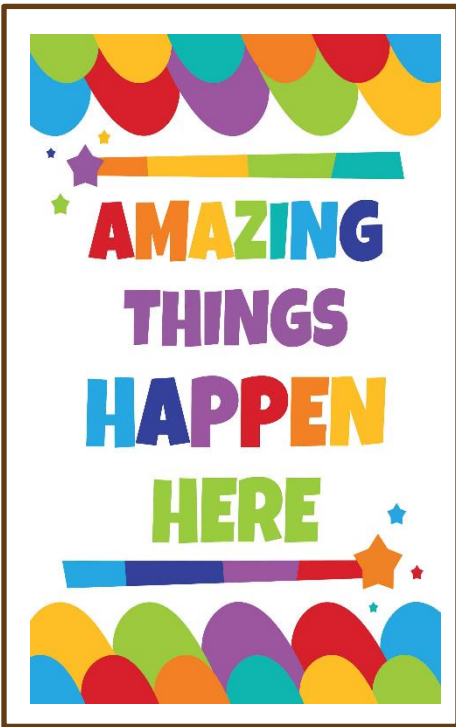
## Cootes Paradise Home & School Association

**Pumpkin Night Hike:** It was a dark and stormy night; the rain was pouring down and the Pumpkin Night Hike went on. Thank you to the brave volunteers and Night Hikers that persevered. We couldn't have done it without the support of so many Cootes families, friends and McMaster students. Thank you to the classroom teachers, staff and students for carving the 200 pumpkins that lit the trail. A special thank you to Heather Harvey, the unstoppable force that organized this wonderful event. From the funds raised, a donation will be made to the RBG for use of the trail and McMaster Smiling Over Sickness for carving pumpkins. The remainder of the funds will be used to support school enrichment activities and in-reach for Cootes families.

**Gift Card Drive:** Each holiday season, the Home & School (H&S) Association supports Cootes Families with our in-reach program. Mr. Fede anonymously notifies H&S of the number of families that could benefit from some additional support over the holidays and we provide gift cards. If you are able to assist with donating a gift card or money for H&S to purchase gift cards, please contact us at [cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com](mailto:cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com) (Walmart gift cards preferred). If your family is in need of additional support this holiday season, please contact Mr. Fede directly.

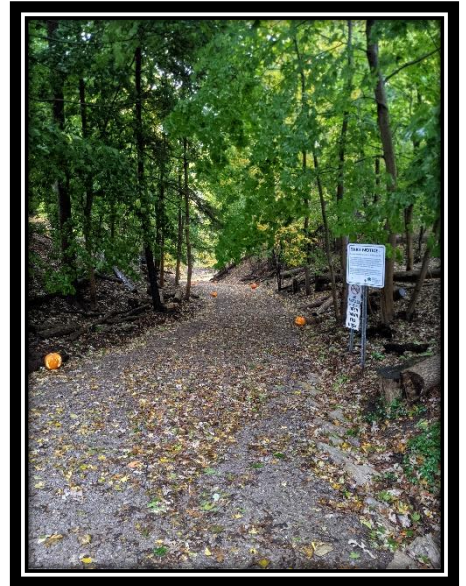
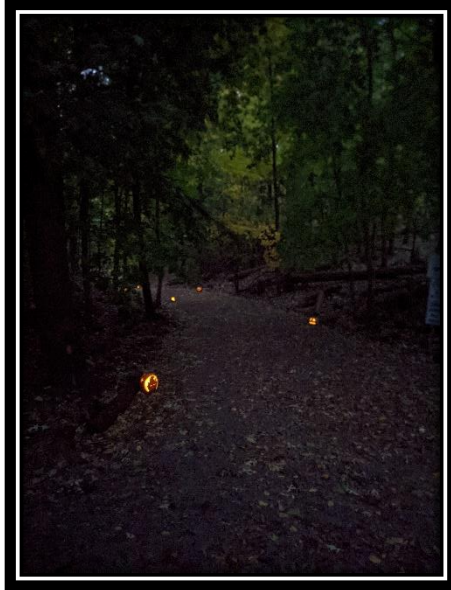
**New Event Ideas:** With the weather becoming cooler and activities returning to indoors, our fundraising and community activities will need to change. We are looking for your creative ideas to help us continue to build community and raise funds for enrichment activities and in-reach support for Cootes Families. If you have an idea, please bring it forward at our next Home & School Meeting on November 25, 6:30 to 7:30pm via Zoom. To attend, please email [cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com](mailto:cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com) for the link.

# Grades 3-5 Class Flags Supporting Cross Country!





# Pumpkin Hike



# PHOTO DAY IS COMING UP SOON!



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Students will be photographed at school
- Please do not bring money to the camera as a proof will be sent home within 2 weeks of photo day
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!

## REMINDER!



- Please do not wear green to avoid blending into the background
- Sign up for notifications at [edgeimaging.ca/photoday](https://edgeimaging.ca/photoday) to be reminded about your photo date and stay in the know with updates from Edge.



Over 150 backgrounds to choose from online!



For any inquiries, please contact our Customer Care team at [customercare@edgeimaging.ca](mailto:customercare@edgeimaging.ca)

Wednesday, November 10th, 2021