



Paisley Road Public School

MARCH NEWSLETTER

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STUDENT ILLNESS

Recently, we have had a significant number of students absent from school due to illness. In order to help illness from spreading and to help your child get better, please make sure he or she is healthy before returning to school. We have received many calls from parents asking if their child can stay in at recess because they are not quite better. We do not have the ability to supervise students inside at recess.

Teachers are often at in school meetings, having lunch, or running clubs and teams, so their classroom is not being supervised. When children return to school after illness, please make sure they are ready to participate in a full day, including recess. Thank you.

HOLIDAYS

March Break 13-17
Good Friday April 14
Easter Monday April 17
Victoria Day May 22nd



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VISITORS

Visitors are always welcome at Paisley Road. We do ask, however that all visitors, parents or guardians coming into our school report to the main office upon entering the building. Parents that are picking up their children at dismissal time are asked to please wait outside the school at the appropriate pick up locations, this helps elevate interruption to classrooms, and ensures your child is dismissed in a safe manner. A huge thank you too all the parents helping with elevating interruptions to classrooms by sending notes in agendas for changes in pick-up, or for appointments.....truly appreciated.

Special points of interest:

- *March 2nd - Mocassin Project
- * March 8th - Drumming with John Somosi
- * March 10th - Panther Pride
- *March 13-17-March Break
- *March 28th - Gr.3/4 River Run



Absences and Lates

As part of our attendance procedure we need to account for every child in the school first thing in the morning. Please continue to call the school if your child will be absent or late (519-822-0675).

A message can be left at any time of day or night at extension 100. This will save time and worry during Ms. Erskine and Ms. Wozniak safe arrival check.

Also, if your child is arriving late to school, please check him/her in at the office. Thank you!

YOUR CHILD'S HEARING

Seventy-five percent of a child's day is spent listening; listening to complex language, directions and instructions which need to be comprehended. Being able to hear peers is important for developing social skills and friendships. That is why it is important that any hearing difficulty be discovered as soon as possible because even mild hearing loss can put a child at risk for academic and communication difficulties. Audiologists are experts who assess hearing sensitivity and functioning that provides a window into the language/listening parts of the brain. Since listening is a critical learning skill, test results can be

helpful in planning a program of intervention. Students who wear hearing aids, cochlear implants, or use personal FM systems should routinely visit an Audiologist to have their equipment checked. If you suspect your child has difficulty with hearing or attention it is recommended that you have your child tested by an Audiologist. To find an Audiologist in your community, visit the website of the College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists of Ontario (www.CASLPO.com) and click on "Find an

Audiologist" and search for Private Practice.

At UGDSB you can call 519-941-6191 ext. 231 for information.



TECH REPAIR CLUB

The Tech Repair Club is looking for more used Personal Computers (PCs) and components. First, students took apart the PCs and learned about the components. Next, they are working on putting them back together to use for

projects of their choice. If you have an old PC that you would like to donate please contact Mr. Woolfrey (519) 822 -0675 x448 or ewoolfrey@ugcloud.ca



VISION

If you suspect that your child is struggling with vision issues, there are several things that you can do. First, book an eye exam with an optometrist. Basic OHIP coverage for eye exams, is available free of charge, for children from birth to age 19. Speak with your child's teacher regarding your concerns and encourage your child to clearly express to the teacher the difficulties they are having (Are they having

trouble seeing things on the board? Are they having trouble copying information? Are they having trouble seeing the information in novels/textbooks/notebooks etc.?) There are a number of accommodations that can be made to quickly address potential problems, including seating closer to the board or larger print on computers or photocopies. You can also discuss with the

classroom teacher or SERT the possibility of making a referral to one of the Vision Itinerant Teachers who provide support to your school.



EARTH HOUR

Join the global Movement! Celebrate Earth Hour on March 25th at 8:30pm.

Earth Hour's mission is uniting people to protect the planet by raising awareness of about climate change and encouraging positive action.

"Earth Hour was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 172 countries and territories worldwide."

Earth Hour is more than an event. It is a movement that has achieved massive environmental impact, including legislation changes by harnessing the power of the crowd."

Click here to see a short video clip of Earth Hour's story around the world and click here for highlights of 2015.

Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

Earth Hour belongs to you. Celebrate your commitment to the planet with your friends, family, community or at work - in your own way.

A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 25th from 8:30-9:30 pm. For one hour, focus on your commitment to our planet. To celebrate, you can:

- prepare a candle lit dinner,
- talk to your neighbours, or invite people over

-stargaze, or go camping in your backyard

-play board games, or charades

-host a concert, or a sing-a-long

-create or join your own community event

-have an Earth Hour every month

The possibilities are endless!

Quotes and information taken from: <https://www.earthhour.org/>





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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19	20	21	22 Tech Repair Clup	23 1 st Nations Elder visit gr 5 Pizza 🍕	24	25
26	27	28 River Run grade 3 & 4	29 Tech Repair Clup	30	31 Panther Pride	