



Paisley Road Public School

April Newsletter



LATE ARRIVALS

Chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience. Missing just 10 percent of the school year in the early grades causes many students to struggle in primary school, and lateness in later grades is associated with increased failure and dropout rates. Fortunately, parents can help prevent tardiness from becoming frequent enough to negatively impact their child's school life.

****Our school has between 30-52 students who come late each morning. ****

Disrupted Routines

One of the most important aspects of school is that it is organized, scheduled and predictable. When students are repeatedly late, these routines are disrupted.

Social Criticism

The social experience has a powerful impact on a child's feelings about school and his or her ability to be academically successful. When a child continuously shows up late to class, other students are distracted. Attention is drawn away from the teacher or assignment and toward the child

just arrived.

Responsibility

Part of your child's education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. They learn to follow rules and routines, assignments and keep track of their materials.

Attendance is one of the ways children show they can meet their obligations. In many cases, a child's attendance depends on his parents' ability to help him be on time. But parents who drive their children must also remember to be punctual and responsible. After all, you are the primary role model.



Principal, R. Wagner
Vice Principal, S. Hare

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Pink Day – April 12
- Movie Night – April 13
- Good Friday – April 14
- Easter Monday – April 17
- Earth Day – April 22
- PD Day – April 28th



DRAFT POLICIES - UGDSB

The Upper Grand District School Board is welcoming public input on draft policies. Currently under review are the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Self-Identification Policy. You are invited to review the draft documents and submit online feedback at www.ugdsb.on.ca/policy. The deadline for public input is April 13, 2017 at 4 p.m. EST. Persons without internet access may call 519-822-4420 (or toll-free 1-800-321-4025) ext. 723 to request a printed copy of the draft documents.

EARLY PICK UPS

Except in cases of emergency, your child should know that you are picking them up. End of day dismissal begins at 3:10 p.m. All students are expected to be picked up by 3:20 p.m.

Other Non-Routine After-School Pick Ups or Early Appointments:

To avoid unnecessary disruptions to classroom learning, we request that **all** early pickups be arranged with your son/daughter before school or a note placed in the child's agenda. We cannot guarantee that your child's class will be in their normal classroom for messages to be relayed appropriately.

Your help with is greatly appreciate.



Language choice can be found at top right corner of our webpage!

Panther Prides Update

Making Earth Responsibility Stones inspired by First Nations Woodland style artists

We have been continuing to learn about how we can care for the earth from First Nation culture and earth knowledge. This past month we have made stone art inspired by the art of Moses Beaver and Norval Morrisseau. Moses Beaver was a Woodland style artist from Nibinamik, a fly in community in Northern Ontario, who worked with the students of Paisley Road from 2007-2010. We say Miigwetch to him for our wonderful welcoming foyer mural art and the art murals in the Library. Unfortunately he passed away last month but will be forever able to continue to influence our school community through his artwork. Your child may have come home with a rock they decorated to help them remember one way they can take care of the earth. Students are learning that we have a responsibility to care for the earth for future generations and the small actions we do together make a difference.

FIRST NATION KNOWLEDGE

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Guests help us learn about First Nations Knowledge and work towards Truth and Reconciliation

Thank you, Chi miigwetch and Niá-wen to John Somosi, Kathryn Edgecombe, Maurice Switzer, Jan Sherman, Dan and Marylou Smoke for coming to our school to help us learn. We will have John Somosi returning to our school to work with a few more classes in Grade 1 and 2 on April 18th. We also hope to have a Wampum maker help us create our wampum belt to represent our Earth Treaty with St. Joseph's Catholic School in April or May. We have worked to ensure every class from Grade 1-6 has at least one experience learning with a First Nations guest this year and hope to continue this in years to come. Students

have really enjoyed the drumming, activities and learning!

- Many students have expressed pride in their First Nations heritage. If your child has Indigenous ancestry and you would like to know more about what we are doing as a school and/or special opportunities for cultural learning please contact Julie Richer at (519) 822-0675 Ext 417.

EARTH DAY

April 22nd is Earth Day! Are you looking for an easy way to celebrate Earth Day every day? Walk, bike or wheel to and from school! In addition to reducing air pollution around school, kids will benefit from more exercise, social time, independence and concentration at school.

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Active & Safe Routes to School (WDG

ASRTS) encourages families to walk, bike or wheel to and from school safely every day. @WDGASRTS posts useful tips, news and information on Twitter to help your family's feet hit the pavement on your school commute.

Follow & you could win!! If you begin to follow @WDGASRTS in the month of April and retweet one of our tweets, your name will be entered to win a grocery gift card!

@WDGASRTS #wdgwalkstoschool



THE MOCCASIN PROJECT



Our students, families and community volunteers have worked together to make 41 pairs of baby moccasins! The moccasins will be given to a First Nations Community to give to babies in the hospital that will go into non-Indigenous foster care. Each of these pairs will make a difference for a child and have had an impact on us as we learn about First Nations issues and demonstrate what a caring community is. Many of our students are continuing to do fancy beadwork for the moccasins giving them that extra bit of loving care. Bravo tout le monde! Miigwetch! Niá-wen!



LIBRARY NEWS

FOREST OF READING VOTING APRIL 20 AND 26TH

Wow! So many incredible readers again this year! Our Paisley students have really taken to the challenge! We have lots of students reading in Silver Birch Clubs and/or Le Prix Tamarac clubs. Those students in Grade 3-6 that have read a minimum of 5 books in one club will be able to vote for their favourite books this April 26th and attend our Celebration May 16th at the Boathouse Restaurant and Royal City Park. In the case of bad weather we will reschedule for a date in early June. Students who miss the voting day can still see Mrs. Richer for a ballot on the 29th. It has been a pleasure to conference with students about the books, read their blog posts, e-mail and written paragraphs. Our students really seem to enjoy the books this year! Thank you to Parent Council for their ongoing support of the Forest of Reading.

Keep up the great reading Paisley! Continuer à lire!

Primary Blue Spruce and Le Prix Peuplier Clubs

Our Kindergarten and Primary Paisley Panthers have also been participating in our Forest of Reading Clubs in their classrooms and during Library times. Students will be voting for their favourite books on April 20th during our voting events in the front Foyer. The winning books will be announced and celebrated during special Library events in May.

LOST AND DAMAGED BOOKS

Thank you to the families who have paid or provided quality replacements for lost and damaged books. Accidents happen. When they do we appreciate your support of our library. Please let your child's teacher or Ms. Richer know of any issues of lost or damaged books so we can help you resolve it and make sure your child continues to enjoy exchanging books.

THANKS TO OUR LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers in the library. Having parents and community members working in our Library is such a gift. I am very grateful and so are the staff and students. You are amazing!

LITERACY NIGHT MAY 3RD 6-7:30 PM

Come out and have fun reading and doing literacy based activities! The Dragon Graphic Novel Bookstore will have a Book Fair set up, there will be a Free Book Swap, the Public Library will be here and hopefully your family will too! Come check out lots of hands on activity centres, games, 'Get in a book' area and the big Flashlight reading tent! Let's get kids excited about literacy!









BOOK DRIVE COMING SOON!

Please save your books that would make good donations for Schools in Haiti, St. Lucia and Grenada. We hope to have students who will take charge of this initiative in May and June.

APRIL LIBRARY CONTEST!

Design a Bookmark for the Public Library and be entered to win \$20 in free books from the Dragon Book Store. Come to the library to pick up a blank bookmark. Bonne chance! Good luck!



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9	10	11 	12 Pink Day	13 	14 NO SCHOOL 	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL 	18 Kautz & Clarke Bucket drumming 	19	20 Primary Forest of Reading Voting	21	22 
23	24	25 River Run 5&6	26 Junior Forest of Reading Voting	27 McCrae Open House FI gr 3 Turtle Island Kaufman/Hamilton Shark Swim 	28 PA DAY 	29
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