



# Paisley Road Public School

**May Newsletter**

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## CLASS PLACEMENTS



Making a request for a specific class placement for your child(ren) is an extraordinary step which must be supported by specific and detailed reasons. If you are going to make a request please outline in detail the extraordinary circumstances and needs of your child. This must be done in writing and addressed directly to the Principal.

Please note that when school staff draft class lists a variety of factors are taken into consideration and some of these are as follows:

- \*total number of students
- \*balance of male/female
- \*balance of ability
- \*number of exceptional students and programming
- \*positive and negative combinations of students
- \*formation of interactive learning groups
- \*teacher experiences

Split grades are a direct result of staff being allocated by total student population. The most important factor is not whether your child is in a split class - it is the teacher that makes the biggest impact. Excellent teachers will provide great program in either a split class or a straight class.

## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

### ART IN THE AFTERNOON!

Our end of year celebration, Petite Blanche Arts Festival raises funds for art related experiences in the classroom. This year there will be local artists coming into the school for four Wednesday afternoons in May. Each grade will have the opportunity to participate in a different type of art experience including: drama, music, puppetry, architect and design plus much more!

If you are interested in finding out more about 'Art in the Afternoon' or available to help in the classroom, please contact your child's teacher.

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks about our Petite Blanche Arts Festival. This is a celebration and a way to raise funds for art related experiences in the school. It will be held Thursday June 22nd, 5pm – 8pm at the school. Planning has already begun and we are looking for help in many ways. For more information, please contact Leah Sadler at leah.sadler@gmail.com.

We have a Facebook page- search for Petite Blanche Arts Festival – Paisley Road Public School Parent Council to find us and receive updates.

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### Special points of interest:

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Literacy Night
- May 5<sup>th</sup>, Music Friday
- May 9<sup>th</sup>, CFRU Radio Visit – Elder
- May 16<sup>th</sup>, Silverbirch Boathouse Trip
- May 19<sup>th</sup>, Panther Prides
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Victoria Day
- May 26<sup>th</sup>, VIP Celebration

## PAISLEY ROADS HAS TWO NEW MASCOTS!



Two baby squirrels have fallen from their nests above our side door. These are the second tipsy squirrels that have fallen out of a nest at our school, and how we have become connected with Stormhaven.

Our little bundles were being cared for by several staff, Mrs. Wetstein and Mille Vollrath, Ms. Wozniak and Ms. Erskine until our furry friends could be transported to our local Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.

Stormhaven is a small wildlife rehabilitation facility in Ontario. They work with small mammals, small carnivores, possums and bats. The rehabilitation is staffed by one person. Not all their patients stories end with a happily ever after.....but their stories are still important. Their goal is to raise/heal and release their patients back into the wild.

Stormhaven Garden Wildlife Rehabilitation is taking exceptional care of our "tipsy" squirrels who we've affectionately name PJ (Paisley Junior) and Ernest (thought of through my name Erskine – thanks Stormhaven.

PJ and Ernest are approximately 3 weeks old and opened their eyes on Easter Monday. When it is feeding time in the morning PJ lets out a little growl and pulls her blankets over her head, PJ doesn't like mornings.

### *A squirrel after my own heart!*



## INTERRUPTIONS TO CLASS TEACHING TIME

In order for your child to get the most from the instructional time allotted to the classroom each day, we must put into practice the following:

1. Be on time. Please have your child at school on time every day. Children arriving late interrupt the start of class causing lost instructional time for everyone.
2. Be prepared, make sure your child has everything necessary for the day before leaving home such as backpacks, homework, lunches, snacks, sharing items, permission slips, jackets, etc. Please instruct your child to check in the school office to see if any of the above items have been dropped off for him/her.

If your child does not check the office, he/she may

not get the items that were dropped off.

Calls will not be made to the classrooms regarding items which are dropped off after the bell rings.

3. Everyone is required to check in at the office – No Exceptions. Please do not circumvent the office by going directly to the classrooms for any reason. This ensures the safety of all students in the school.
4. "Pick-up" arrangements should be made and conveyed to your student before you drop him/her off for school in the
5. Contact with a teacher can be made by leaving a message on teacher voicemail or e-mailing the teacher and the teacher will get back to you. Calls will not be put through to a classroom during instructional time.

# Biological Diversity on May 22nd!



International Day for  
Biological Diversity |

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22, The International Day for Biological Diversity to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

Biodiversity, a simple word with some very broad reaching implications quite simply means: 'A wide range of life'" We need to learn more about it in order to protect it.

"Biodiversity, at the level of species and ecosystems, provides an important foundation for many aspects of sustainability."  
António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Ideas for your family to celebrate Biodiversity Day!

- Visit farmers markets in your local area to try new types of produce. Whether you incorporate heirloom tomatoes into your cooking, or try one of the rainbows of colors of carrots out there that aren't orange, biodiversity can bring a great new experience to your table.
- View photos of endangered species on the Internet and discuss the reasons why these animals are threatened and why they should be protected.
- Join a community group and help to remove invasive plants from your local environment. These teams of volunteers will gather to remove plants that are impacting the local fauna's biodiversity by taking over natural grow areas.
- Get out into the world and enjoy all the different types of life your local area offers. Even a local park can have an amazing variety of life you've never noticed, from the insects crawling through the grass, to the flowers we so clumsily lump together as 'wildflowers'.

Celebrate the diversity of our natural world every day.

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## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

600 students from the Upper Grand District School Board and Wellington Catholic District School Board will be joining together to celebrate sport at the Special Olympics, May 17, 2017. The event will be held at St. James sports fields, and includes track and field events as well as adaptive events. Athletes flock to the sports fields for the opening ceremonies at 10:00, and compete in 3 events each throughout the day. Family and friends are welcome to join in the fun and cheer on the athletes. Parking is available at the Grange plaza.











## WATCH FOR OUR TULIPS



We have 150 tulips that will be blooming on our property soon. Please watch for these little lovely's that will be sprucing up the Paisley grounds.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Kastner/Nielsen R.A.R.E. trip  Art Afternoon  Literacy Night	4   Shark Swim	5   Shark Swim	6
7	8	9 Radio Trip Elder/MacDonald   Shark Swim	10  Art Afternoon	11	12   Shark Swim	13
14 	15	16	17  Art Afternoon	18 Wampum Belt Maker visit   Shark Swim	19   Shark Swim	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL 	23	24 Bike Safety Gr. 3-5  Art Afternoon	25	26 VIP Celebration	27
<b>EQAO GRADE 6</b>						
28	29 Wellness Night	30	31			
<b>EQAO GRADE 3</b>						

## FOREST OF READING EVENTS

Blue Spruce and Le Prix Peuplier:

Kindergarten and Primary students have cast their ballots choosing which Blue Spruce Book they think was the best. Our Paisley and Provincial results will be shared with the students during our Blue Parties on June 7th. Wear BLUE and show your school spirit and love of books! The Le Prix Peuplier Party will also be held on June 7th in the Library. Students are invited to wear Purple. I can't wait to get some great pictures of kids! We will celebrate the winning book and author together in the Library. May the best book win! A suggested donation of a good condition used book for our book drive would be appreciated!

## Silver Birch and Le Prix Tamarac:

Our students participated in 3 different Silver Birch clubs and Le Prix Tamarac. For each club students read the minimum of 5 books they were able to vote and cast a ballot. Those eligible students will also be invited to attend a special walking Trip on June 12th to the Boat House for complimentary ice cream and to take part in games and activities at the park (weather permitting- date will be rescheduled in the event of poor weather conditions- June 15).

A suggested donation of a good condition used book for our book drive would be appreciated!

Thanks to Parent Council Fundraising for the support of this programme!

Family Literacy Night - May 3rd- 6-7:30 pm- Come have some fun as a family and get your kids excited about Literacy! Come snap a picture in our Book character Photobooth, make mega and mini books, Scavenger hunt for letters, check out our Creative Role Play Paisley Restaurant, use flashlights reading in a tent and sit around the campfire to tell stories inside the school! Lots of great Community Partners will be here including Sheldale center, the Public Library, The Dragon Book Store, and our English Second Language Community. Don't forget to bring books to trade at the Book Swa! We can't wait to see you there!

Graphic Novel Book Fair at our School hosted by the Dragon Book Store 2pm-5 and 6-7:30 pm

Help! Book Drive for Schools in Haiti, St. Lucia and Grenada!

Wanted: Kids books for donation. We can take any children's or Young Adult books in English or French. We are trying to gather books for the One World School House Organization who deliver books to schools in Haiti, St. Lucia and Grenada again this year. Some of our students are working to make a difference globally. Please bring in donations to the collection box in the front foyer. Donations will be accepted until June 15th. Together we can reach out to help set up schools with books where they are desperately needed.

## CFRU Partnership

Tune in to CFRU to hear Paisley's Grade 4 students on the air! Later this month we anticipate hearing Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Elder's students on the radio as they share important healthy messages with our community! They enjoyed a day recording in Studio at the University of Guelph and represented our school well! Great work Grade 4's!

## May Library Contest

Come to Literacy Night to enter to win \$20 in free Scholastic Books! Everyone who comes gets a ballot!



## DRESSING FOR THE WARMER WEATHER

Warm weather is just around the corner (and on some days its here already), please remember to send your son/daughter to school with hats and sunscreen also a reminder tank tops must be two fingers wide to be appropriate for school. Winter clothing should be making its way home, please remind your child to bring home boots etc that are no longer needed at school.