



SEPTEMBER 2018

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! The staff at Paisley Road P.S. have been working hard to ensure our year is a successful growing and learning experience for all of our students!

I would like to welcome some new staff to our Paisley Team: Aaron Senitt, Ruth Robinson, Kimberley Stark and Sonia DiLeardo. A warm welcome back to Cheryl MacDonald and Emily Sehl

You will recognize many familiar returning faces as well!

As always, we value and welcome your input. We truly believe that a child is best raised in a community of caring adults.

I would like to thank you, in advance, for all of the hard work that you have done and continue to do, to support our educational efforts. We look forward to another exciting and positive school year!



Terry Fox

We look forward to celebrating one of our country's true heroes, Terry Fox. At 1:35 p.m. on September 27th we will meet as a school in the Gymnasium and have a brief Terry Fox Assembly, which will be followed by a school run/walk in our schoolyard. Terry was a remarkable man and inspiration to people all over the world. If you have a story you remember about Terry, please share it with your child. A donation of \$2.00 per child (a "Toonie for Terry") would be appreciated and all money collected will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation on behalf of our school.



Attendance Calls

If your child is going to be late or absent, please call our automated message system at 519-822-0675 ext. 100. The system is open 24/7. If you know your child will be away for an extended period of time, such as a trip, please inform us of the duration and the office will note that for all of the days you specified. However, if an absence has been called in for one day and a student is away the following day, we cannot assume the reason, so please give us an accounting of each day's absence. Your support in helping us do this as efficiently as possible is greatly appreciated. The children's safety is our number one priority.

What Makes Us Unique

It's important to us that everyone feels included and a valued member of our school. We all bring our unique perspectives, cultures and experiences to school with us each day and together this is our strength as a school community. We will be discussing what makes us unique this week. A quick conversation with your child about what makes them unique (abilities, culture, heritage, ancestry etc...) would help them to fully participate in the lessons. We look forward to sharing what helps to shape our perspectives. We will also review our Panther Strategies for Success. (Agreements, WITS, zones, think). Ask your child to share!

New Pedestrian Crossover

A new pedestrian crossover was installed in the Paisley Road neighbourhood over the summer. The crossover is located on Waterloo Avenue, west of Beechwood Avenue.

The crossover has the following features:

- Ladder style crossover pavement markings
- Sharks teeth yield lines
- "Stop for Pedestrians" traffic signs
- Flashing lights
- Overhead pedestrian crossing traffic signs

Crossover rules and tips for pedestrians:

- Make it clear that you want to cross the road, make eye contact and ensure drivers and cyclists see you
- Make sure drivers and cyclists have enough time to stop, and have fully stopped, before you cross

[Click here for more information on pedestrian](#)

The "School Cash Online" is an online free payment system that allows parents to pay online for student's fieldtrips, Agendas, Pizza etc.

For reasons of safety (students don't have to carry money) and efficiency, the UGDSB implemented this service to reduce the amount of cash coming into our schools.

Please go to: ugdsb.schoolcashionline.com to set up your account

Paisley Road will be using School Cash Online for all payments this school year.

**School Agenda payments are available online now.

Reminder for parents/guardians:

Accidents happen - be prepared with Student Accident Insurance

Parents/guardians are responsible for expenses related to student injuries on school premises during school activities. Accidents can and do happen and the costs involved might not be fully covered by Provincial Health Care or employer group insurance plans.

The Upper Grand District School Board is empowered under The Education Act to offer Accident and Life Insurance for students.

Information will be sent home with respect to Student Accident Insurance.

The cost must be paid by parents/guardians.