

# PAISLEY ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



October 2018

## NUMBER TALK

Upper Grand students are doing well with basic math knowledge and skills. We see this from EQAO data, from PRIME diagnostic assessments, and from observations and conversations with students. However, our students are struggling with number fluency and flexibility. They often have a single strategy or procedure to solve a problem and when that one doesn't work in a particular situation, they are out of luck. Our students also struggle to judge the reasonableness of their solutions. We want our students to demonstrate accuracy, flexibility, and efficiency in math and Number Talks can support the development of all three.

The goal behind Number Talks is to fill students' toolboxes with multiple strategies (fluency) and for them to get better at communicating their mathematical thinking. It has been stressed in face-to-face PD sessions that we have to provide students with opportunities to independently practice the documentation of their own thinking. Once a week, instead of conducting a number talk, have your students answer a similar question on GOOS paper or a whiteboard.

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## PICTURE DAY IS COMING

*Life touch*

Mark your calendar!  
Paisley Road Public School  
Friday, October 12, 2018

Send no money now; view and order images after Picture Day.



## Pizza Days Begin Again!



Pizza will be available to order **ONLINE ONLY**. Please do not send cash as it cannot be accepted for Pizza orders, parent council are no longer organizing Pizza envelopes. The first order will run from October 11th to December 13th inclusive. If you do not wish to order online you can send \$1.50 per slice with your child to purchase on pizza day. Note: there will be a limited amount of pizza to purchase that day.

\*\*\*\*\***School Cash Online** is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. We accept many different payment forms so come in and check us out! If you are having any difficulty registering an account please contact the school office, we are happy to help out.

GO to [ugdsb.schoolcashonline.com](http://ugdsb.schoolcashonline.com)



## Black and Orange Day – Wednesday, October 31st

Students who wish to participate in Halloween at Paisley will have the opportunity on the afternoon of the 31st. Classroom teachers will send more information home.

Costumes need to be appropriate for a Kindergarten to grade 6 schools. Please label all costume pieces.

Please note: Students may also wear sports jerseys, orange and black or their Halloween costume.



**JOIN US**

**OCTOBER 3RD**

Walk to School Day is an annual awareness event that typically takes place on the first Wednesday in October. It was established in 1997 and has been held each year ever since.

Walk to School Day was created in order to raise awareness of the importance of improved, safer and more accessible streets, less traffic, and reduced air pollution in communities across the USA. It also aims to promote healthier habits and active lifestyle from an early age. The first campaign was held in 1997, it was called Walk Our Children to School Day.

Since 2006, informational and technical support and resources for National Walk to School Say in the United States have been provided by the National Center for Safe Routes to School, an organization that helps states and communities implement Safe Routes to Schools programs. These programs aim to enable and encourage children to safely walk or bike to school.

Over time, Walk to School Day has become an international event. Each October, thousands of children from more than 40 countries walk to school instead of taking city/school buses or being driven by their parents. Parents, schools, community leaders and all levels of government join efforts to organize Walk to School Day events and spread the word.



## Greeting from School Council

Welcome all new Paisley Road students and family as well as returning students and families!

Our first school council meeting was held on Tuesday September 18th at 6:30pm. Minutes for the meeting are posted onto the Paisley Road webpage.

### Parents Reaching Out Grant

Each year school council applies for a provincial grant to support activities that build communication between parents, teachers, and administration. This year our theme for these activities is Building Healthy Relationships. Healthy relationships and communication are foundational for our student well being and development. Not just for academic success but for peer to peer interaction as well. Healthy relationships support our students self esteem, helps address bullying and social conflict, and can have great impacts to our students mental health.

We would invite all parents and teachers to a conversation cafe, to be held in the school library on Tuesday October 23rd from 6pm-7:30pm. The goal for this event is to participate in meaningful conversations about the needs of our students when it comes to dealing with social situations and bullying. Students will participate in their own social skills night in the gym. Please rsvp to the school office if you plan on attending so we can plan for student supervision.

### Fundraising Events and Activities

One part of what we do as a school council is fundraise for many additional activities and resources for our students. Some of our resources go to library and technology enhancements, building our music and arts programs, as well as outdoor greening. We are always looking for volunteers to help support our events. It is a great way to stay in touch with the school community! Keep in the loop of volunteer needs through the school newsletter and website.

**Pizza Day** Thursday's are a weekly event that students, teachers (and parents!) look forward to. It is also one of our biggest fundraisers and supports school field trips, library programs like our forest of reading, as well as other more specific programs. We are currently looking for volunteers to help serve pizza on Thursday afternoons from 12:15-1:15. If you are available for even once a month, we would appreciate your help! Please contact [paisleyroadparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:paisleyroadparentcouncil@gmail.com) if you are able to help. Also keep a look out for notices about our upcoming Movie nights in November! Dates are scheduled for Thursday November 1st and Thursday November 29th. Movies titles and details will be available soon.

October intends to be a busy month for school council. All parents are always welcome to our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be held in the school library Tuesday October 16th at 6:30-8pm. Childcare is available, please contact [paisleyroadparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:paisleyroadparentcouncil@gmail.com).



## October News from the Library

### October Library Contest

Hey students...it is that time of year again! The Library shelf marker contest is on. Come to the Library to pick up a blank shelf marker and create a design to show your love of reading, our Library Star Wars theme or to remind others of the "Ways of our Library". All completed shelf markers will be laminated for use on our shelves and the winning design will receive a \$20 online order from Chapters! Good luck! Bonne chance! Contest begins October 1st. All entries due October 19th.

### Library Book Exchange

Our Library is open and students are taking out books to bring home. Kindergarten - Grade 2 students come once a week to choose 2 books to bring home. Grade 3+ students come anytime after second recess with a pass from their teacher. Please help your children avoid disappointment by helping them have their book bag in their backpack on Library days. Every student has been given a plastic library bag to help keep books dry and safe from leaking water bottles and wet mitts (I know...we don't want to think about them yet). If the bag needs replacement, please provide one from home to protect our books.

Over 2000 E-books and Audio Books available to students:

The Upper Grand District School board has Overdrive! Students can access over 2000 titles of e-books and audio books through UG2G0 including French titles using their UGcloud accounts. Students can download these books to devices or read them on computers. Books can be downloaded in a variety of file types and formats and are available to students for 2 weeks at a time. They can check out as many as 3 titles at a time. Enjoy accessing more great resources.

### **Technology for Students**

Students in the Upper Grand District School Board each have a UGcloud account that allows them to access excellent resources and Google apps for education. One excellent app for students is Google Read and Write. This app works in French and English and provides word prediction tools, a translator, speech to text and will read to students in the selected language.

### **Maker Spaces in the Library**

Libraries are evolving and include Makerspaces. This movement is to encourage STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) based activities as well as creative endeavours. Our Library features new stations and challenges each week. This year there will also be a VR and AR station for students to have a short view of 360 environments related to areas of study.

### **Smartphone donations for our Library**

If you have a cellphone that you are not using we could make excellent use of it in our Library Learning Commons. We can use them for everything from taking photos, virtual manipulatives in math, language learning, translation, film making, virtual reality experiences, green screening, animation, coding and robotics! Please wipe your data and remove your SIM card before donating. Any brand is fine.

Your cellphone donations will really help us build Makerspaces and support student learning!

### **October 1st- Orange Shirt Day**

Students are invited to wear Orange to show that they believe EVERY student matters. This is a cross Canada initiative in alignment with the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Report. It supports Residential school survivors and focuses on the way forward where we say "Every child matters". People from across the country are invited to wear orange on September 30th. The Upper Grand District School Board will recognize this day on October 1st as we learn from the past to make a brighter future for all kids.

### **Junior Choir/Rock Band and the CBC Music Contest**

Students in Grade 4 and up are invited to join a special Relationship building choir. Our choir will involve students from other schools coming together to sing a Buffy Ste Marie Song. The song aligns with our Two School One World treaty purpose...building relationships to take care of the earth together. Our band has already begun practicing under the direction of Jenn Gareau. We are excited to begin choir practices this October. Students who have good attendance at choir practices will be invited for a special day where 3 schools will come together for activities together and work on the song with Elders Marylou and Dan Smoke. Marylou is a musician and has spent much time doing Buffy Ste Marie covers. She will work with the choir and by the end of the day we hope to have a recording honouring the strengths of the kids in the different schools to enter for the CBC Music class of the year contest.

### **Grade 3 Knitting Club**

Cast on...knit...purl...untangle...fix stitches... If this sounds like fun to you maybe you would consider helping out. Knitting club will begin late this month for Grade 3's. Knitting club is a chance for students to learn a valuable skill to create something that will be given as gifts to Seniors in the Community. If you are interested in lending a hand please contact Mme Thompson or Ms. Richer. Knitting club will begin in the last week of October and through the month of November. We hope to visit the community members at Norfolk Seniors Home in December with specially crafted gifts from our Grade 3's.

### **Grade 2 e-club**

This is will be an electrifying experience for Grade 2's to learn about electricity, circuits and more during second recess on Day 1's in October and November. We will draw working electrical circuits that will actually do functions, use Makey Makey to create inventions, explore snap circuits and more.

### **Music Fridays**

Throughout the year we will have short Music assemblies on some Fridays. Students will be given the opportunity to lead a song that the whole school can learn. Students share their song with Ms. Richer and Mme Gareau the Monday before the assembly, practice that Wednesday and perform on the Friday. Families are welcome to come and watch. A note will go home on Monday if they are sharing a song on the Friday. Assemblies are from 1:50-2:25. Parents who wish to come and be a part of the "band" are welcome to bring an instrument and join as we chord through simple songs together to support the songs led by the kids. If you have a cultural song you would be willing to share, we appreciate opportunities for students to learn music from the communities that make up Paisley Road P.S. Come meet u

# October Happenings



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p><b>ORANGE SHIRT DAY</b></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Online Pizza orders due</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>THANKSGIVING</b></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Hooray!</p> <p>It's <b>PIZZA DAY!</b></p>	<p>12</p> <p>Photo Day</p> <p> Panther Pride Assem.</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>School Council Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Converstaion Cafe 6-7:30</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Music Friday</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>Black and Orange Day</i></p> <p><b>HALLOWE'EN</b></p>			

