

# PAISLEY ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2019

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## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

During times of inclement weather, please listen to our local radio stations: 1460 AM CJOY, 106.1 Magic FM or 900 AM CHML, 107.9 FM CJXY, Oldies 1090 AM, 105.3 FM CHYM, 1150 AM CKOC, 102.9 FM CKLH, 820 AM CHAM, CKCO-TV for school transportation cancellations. Information on bus/taxi cancellations and school closures are posted on the Upper Grand District School Board's website: [www.ugdsb.on.ca](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca)

Be sure to sign up for notification of bus delays or cancellations.

Go to <https://www.findmyschool.ca> Click on "Delays & Cancellations" and then "Subscriptions". This will eliminate the guesswork when the weather is bad. Please try to avoid calling the school for this information as it bogs down the phone lines and makes for an extremely busy office. Your consideration with regards to this is greatly appreciated.

## **LATE ARRIVALS/ABSENCES**

We ask that every effort be made to call the school at 519-822-0675 ext. 100 each time a student will be absent or late for school. There is a voicemail available 24 hours a day to take these messages and they are picked up daily at 9:00 a.m.

When our office has to make several phone calls to track down students, it takes a substantial amount of time. This is a matter of safety and is in place to ensure that all children are accounted for. For instance, if a child is truly in distress and the office is occupied for a long time making calls, valuable time may be lost in locating this child.

We sincerely hope this doesn't happen to anyone but our goals to ensure safety for all our students. Thank you for being understanding and diligent in this matter.

A huge thank you to all the families who have been calling and leaving messages regarding late arrivals or absences from school these calls are greatly appreciated.

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten registration will take place from Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in the UGDSB.

Again this year; all Junior and Senior Kindergarten students who are new to the UGDSB must pre-register online. (SK students who attend JK in the UGDSB do not need to pre-register online).

The link to pre-register can be found at [www.ugdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://www.ugdsb.ca/kindergarten). Documentation (immunization, proof of address and birth certificate) must still be brought into the school to complete the registration process.

Anyone registering for JK French Immersion must complete their registration process and document verification by Jan. 18 at 4 p.m.

For more information on how to register and the JK FI selection process, parents/guardians should visit [www.ugdsb.ca/jkregistration](http://www.ugdsb.ca/jkregistration).

## **STUDENT SAFETY**

Thank you for diligently using the sign in and sign out procedures and wearing a visitor's badge when at Paisley Road P.S. Please also note that adult supervision begins at 8:35 a.m. each morning. Children should not be dropped off prior to 8:35 a.m. unless previous arrangements have been made.

Procedures:

1. All visitors must check in the school office/ Kindergarten Family Day sign in at the classroom.
2. Late students are to be signed into the office, and will be walked to class by administration (JK/SK).

\*\*\*We ask that parents do not walk children to their classrooms\*\*\*

3. When leaving the school, all visitors and volunteers must sign out and return their visitor badge to the office.
4. Early pick-ups or dismissal changes. Whenever possible, we ask that these arrangements be made ahead of time (note in the agenda; or communication bag). This prevents numerous interruptions to the classroom and instructional time. Students are required to be signed out in the office if leaving before dismissal time.

## **Library Contests**

1- December Library Contest will continue until January 18th

Help other students find something new to read! Come to the Library and complete a book recommendation for a chance to win a prize!

2-Make a Reading Poster to win a poster

January 27th is Family Literacy Day in Canada! Make a poster before January 24th to promote reading.

In order to be eligible to win a poster from Ms. Richer's Poster Collection:

- Make sure your poster has a message that will encourage people to read or read with family
- Create a colourful and eye catching design
- Make sure it is neat so that it is easy to read
- If you are in French Immersion ensure your poster includes French text.

Come to the Library for a large piece of paper to make a poster for our school.

\*The first 15 students to make a poster meeting the criteria will win a poster; the rest of the students will win a bookmark.

3-Family Literacy Bingo Card Contest -Will go home in the Family Literacy Day Flyer later this month. Fill in a row and get a ballot to enter our contests for a Family Fun Pack.

## **Family Literacy Week January 21-27th**

Try to read with different family members (parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins) throughout the month. The draw will be held on January 25th and the winner will win a Family Surprise Pack donated by Simply Wonderful Toys.

Paisley Road P.S. Celebrates Reading and Literacy on January 25th!

- Book Swap- bring books to trade and take home new books to read!
- Book Character Look Alikes - dress up like a book character (no weapons please)
- Family Literacy Contest - Be sure to enter your completed game cards before the end of the day on January 25th. The winner will receive a Family Literacy Prize donated by Simply Wonderful Toys!
- Guest Readers - Family Members are encouraged to contact teachers to offer to read to classes on Family Day. We would love to have you join us to read to kids!

Enjoy time reading with family!

### ***Forest of Reading Coming Soon...***

The popular Forest of Reading Program is coming to Paisley this February! The countdown is on!

### **Music Friday's**

Singing together brings us together as a community! Thank you to all the students who led songs in 2018. We look forward to another musically magical year in 2019!

### **Languages Club - Grade 3+**

Come join Ms. Anshu Khurhana and Ms. Richer Thursdays first recess beginning this January! Students may wish to share a language they speak with others or learn a new language. Students may wish to learn an Indigenous language or any language they have an interest in. Students will create something to showcase their new words. We wish to celebrate the many languages within our school community, the original languages of this land and languages students wish to explore!

### **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

Pedestrians play a role in keeping school crossing guards safe

We all know that motorists play a crucial role in school zone safety, but did you know that pedestrians also play an important role in helping keep school crossing guards safe?

Our municipal partners are asking all school communities to obey the rules of the road when crossing at guarded intersections.

School crossing guards must stay on the road until everyone is safely on the sidewalk. When pedestrians start walking across the road after the 'Don't Walk' signal has started, they put the crossing guard at risk if the light changes before they can safely exit the intersection.

Pedestrians can help keep crossing guards safe by following these tips:

- Always obey walk signals and crossing guards

- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing
- Get off of bikes, skateboards and scooters before crossing
- Never stop in the middle of an intersection; stopping may confuse waiting drivers
- Always yield to emergency vehicles; if you've already started crossing, clear the road quickly and safely
- At crossings with signals:
  - Only cross when the pedestrian walk signal is displayed
  - Never start crossing with the 'Don't Walk' signal is flashing; this signal means you don't have enough time to cross safely

For more information on school zone safety, please visit the board's website: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/community/school-zone-safety/>