

# Paisley Road Public School

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## Newsletter for June 2023

### From the Principal's Desk

It's hard to believe that we have come to the final weeks of classes for the 2022/2023 school year. I would like to extend my appreciation to our lunch hour supervisors, School Council members and our dedicated staff for the support, encouragement, patience, and assistance they have provided to benefit all our students at Paisley Road Public School this year. I want to congratulate our Grade 6 students who will be moving on to John McCrae Public School or Willow Road Public School in September. I wish each of you the best of luck in your new schools and your future endeavors. In closing, I hope our entire school community has a safe, healthy and happy summer. I look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

K. Runciman  
Principal

### School Council's Family Fun Night

School Council's Family Fun Night returns to Paisley Road Public School after a three-year absence. Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Some of the fun at this event includes the Guelph Grotto climbing wall, Scienstational SSSnakes, a drumming circle, fun games and prizes, samosas, beef hotdogs and more!!

We would love your help filling the bake sale table. Please bring your baked goods to the school office on the morning of June 8<sup>th</sup>. *Please indicate if items are gluten free or dairy free. As always, please be sure all items are peanut and nut free.*

### Sunscreen and Hats

Just a brief reminder that all children should be wearing sunscreen and hats on high UV days. Please be sure to check the morning weather reports regarding the UV levels for the day to help ensure your child is appropriately protected from the sun's harmful rays.

### Paisley Road PS Is Raising the Pride Flag

To support inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community, Paisley Road PS will be raising the Pride Flag on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, for the entire month of June. Flying the Pride flag not only signals that our school is a safe space for everyone, it also aligns with the Board's Vision Statement and Guiding Principles of inclusion and student and staff well-being, as well as its new Equity Plan. We hope that everyone can be inclusive of the LGBTQ+ community and they use the raising of the Pride Flag as a learning opportunity.

### Report Cards

Second term report cards will once again be available to parents electronically. Students' report cards will be available on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## First Day of School In September

Students will find out who their teacher will be, for the 2023/2024 school year, on the first day of school in September. Our first day plan for students will be posted on the school's website [www.ugdsb.ca/paisley](http://www.ugdsb.ca/paisley) prior to the first day on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware that the school organization on the first day is *"tentative"*. Should the number of students registered at the school change significantly, a re-organization of classes *may* be required.

## Summer Reading

Summer is quickly approaching and while the school's library will not be open during summer break, your child can access the Board's digital collection 24/7! Help your child keep their reading skills strong this summer with eBooks and audiobooks from Overdrive accessible through UG2GO.

Students can login to Overdrive using their Windows network login. Digital books can be enjoyed on a computer, tablet, smart phone or E-reader device. Read right in the internet browser or download using the free Over Drive app. At the end of the lending period, titles automatically expire so there are never any late fees. Our digital collection can be accessed anywhere in the world, as long as there is an internet connection. Visit our digital collection at <https://www.ugdsb.on.ca/ug2go> and make sure your student starts summer vacation off right! Look for the Overdrive button under the Read section of UG2GO.

## Reading over the Summer

As a parent, you are your child's first, and most important, teacher. Here are eight ways you can help your child become a better reader:

1. Read yourself. Your actions really do speak louder than your words. When your kids see you reading the newspaper or curling up with a book, they will want to follow your example.
2. Make sure your children read every day. Reading, like shooting baskets and playing the piano, is a skill. Like other skills, it gets better with practice. Researchers have found that children who spend at least 30 minutes a day reading for fun – whether they read books, newspapers, or magazines – develop the skills to be better readers at school.
3. Get in the library habit. Make sure everyone in your family has a library card. Schedule regular trips to the library. While you are there, check out a book yourself!
4. Read aloud to your children. Research shows that this is the most important thing parents can do to help their children become better readers. Here are some tips:
  - Start reading to your children when they are young. It is never too early to begin reading to your children.
  - Don't stop reading to your children as they grow older. You will both enjoy the chance to do something together.
  - Set aside some time each day for reading aloud. Even 10 minutes a day can have a big impact. Bed time is a natural reading aloud time. Other busy families read aloud at breakfast or just after dinner.
  - Read books you enjoy. Your kids will know if you are faking it.
5. Here is a way to use your newspaper to encourage reading: a scavenger hunt. Give your child a list of things to find in today's newspaper. Here are some ideas:
  - A map of Canada.
  - A picture of your child's favourite athlete.
  - Three words that begin with "w".
  - A movie that is playing at a nearby theatre.
6. Give books as gifts. Find a special place for your children to keep their own library.
7. Make reading a privilege. Say, "You can stay up 15 minutes later tonight if you read in bed." Or you might say, "Because you helped with the dishes, I have time to read you an extra story."
8. If you are not a good reader, you can still encourage your children. As your children learn to read, ask them to read to you. Talk about the books your children have read. Ask a friend or relative to read aloud to your

children.

## Summer Safety

Summer is a care free time for children and with school nearly out and warm weather now upon us, we need to reinforce the need for safety. Construction is increased and there are more heavy vehicles on the roads, which can pose a danger for our children. At the school we are reminding our students about keeping safety in mind when they're playing outside during their break from school and classes. Parents can do their part too, by reinforcing the road safety rules so our children are aware when they're out and about, riding their bikes and having fun with their friends.

## Medication Pickup

This is a reminder for any parents who have medication for their children currently stored at the school. We cannot leave it in the school over the summer. Medication can be brought back to Paisley Road PS if needed, in September.

## Summer Moves

If you will be moving out of our school area over the summer, please let the school know. This will help in determining our new classes in September. Please send this information to Ms. Erskine as soon as possible. Similarly, if you have new neighbours moving in, please direct them to the school before the end of June, to register for September.

### Monthly Environmental Activities to help celebrate our planet



### June 5<sup>th</sup> is World Environment Day!

*Protecting the planet is everyone's responsibility*

## Celebrate World Environment Day on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2023

**A Platform for Action-** *World Environment Day is the United Nations' most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment and is widely celebrated in over 100 countries.*

### **This year's theme – Ecosystem Restoration!**

*Urge governments, industry, communities, and individuals to come together to exp <http://worldenvironmentday.global/en> 'lean up rivers and coasts. We are the generation that can make peace with nature. <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>*

## Ideas for your family to celebrate World Environment Day!

- **Create an event for family, friends and neighbours** -There is no end of ideas that you could take forward for World Environment Day. Surprise yourself! Think about ideas that we can do to help the planet like fixing a problem in your community. It can be as simple as a community clean-up, to a tree planting activity.
- **Get out into nature** - World Environment Day is all about appreciating the beautiful planet we inhabit. Why not spend time in a park, hiking a trail or appreciating a forest walk? Or, have a picnic in the back yard!
- **Inspire others** –A great idea will naturally attract others who will join and make your idea awesome. So, take your idea to reduce single use plastics, or to lug a mug to events or to promote an ecofriendly product and share it! Or ask everyone to make their own personal pledge to change one wasteful or harmful habit for the better. Share what you're doing using the hashtag: #WorldEnvironmentDay

- ***Make sure you have fun:*** *Make your event for World Environment Day fun, inspiring and interesting. Google events happening locally that you can attend with family or friends, or check out Pinterest for fun, recycled crafts ideas.*

For more information go to: [What can schools do?](#) Or [What can individuals do?](#) Or Google 'World Environment Day activities'