



COOTES PARADISE WEEKLY UPDATE



Monday, May 4th	Tuesday May 5th	Wednesday, May 6th	Thursday, May 7th	Friday May 8th
-Start of Education Week	-Cinco de Mayo -National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women	-Pizza Day -Open House	-Cookie Day	
Monday, May 11th	Tuesday, May 12th	Wednesday, May 13th	Thursday, May 14th	Friday, May 15th
		-Pizza Day -Forge FC School Day Match	-Cookie Day	

UPCOMING DATES:

- May 9 - Cootes green and Clean & bike swap
- May 10: Mother's Day
- May 18: Victoria Day (Canada)
- May 21 - Kindergarten Orientation
- Pizza Day- June 3 is the make-up day due to school closure on Wednesday February 18

Letter From Admin

Dear Cootes Paradise Families,

As we begin the month of May, we are pleased to share highlights and upcoming events from our school community. As the final stretch of the school year approaches, we remain focused on fostering a positive, inclusive learning environment for all students.

May also marks Education Week, a time to recognize and give thanks to the dedicated educators and staff who work together to create a welcoming, inclusive, and engaging learning environment for all students. We are grateful for their commitment, professionalism, and care, which make our school community such a positive place to learn and grow. This month, we are excited to welcome families to our upcoming School Open House. This will be a wonderful opportunity to visit classrooms, celebrate student learning, and connect with staff and other families. We look forward to sharing the vibrant learning taking place throughout our school.

As we approach Mother's Day, we would like to extend warm wishes to all mothers and caregivers, and we thank you for the care, encouragement, and support you provide to our students each and every day.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

J. Hogan and J. Corbin- Harper



OFFICE UPDATES

Keeping Student Information Up to Date

Over the past few months, we have experienced some difficulty reaching a small number of families. This is a reminder of how important it is for the school to have current contact information on file for every student. Accurate and up-to-date records—including home address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts—are essential so that we can reach you promptly if needed, especially in the event of an emergency. Student Verification Forms were sent home in September 2025. If any of your contact details have changed since then, please notify the school office as soon as possible so we can update our records. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us ensure the safety and well-being of all students. If you have questions or need assistance updating your information, please feel free to contact the office.

Dressing for May Weather

As we move through the month of May, we are reminded just how unpredictable the weather can be. Cooler mornings can quickly turn into warm afternoons, and occasional rain showers are always possible. We kindly ask parents and guardians to ensure students come to school dressed for changing conditions. Layered clothing, light jackets or sweaters, and weather-appropriate footwear help students stay comfortable throughout the school day, especially during outdoor breaks and transitions. Having clearly labelled items is also helpful, as extra layers are more likely to be removed and set aside as temperatures change. Thank you for your continued support in helping students be prepared, comfortable, and ready to learn each day.

For safety and school cleanliness, please ensure that your child has clean indoor shoes. Running shoes with non-marking soles are required for gym. Flip flops or Croc-style shoes are not safe for gym classes.

Lost and Found Reminder

Our school Lost and Found continues to grow, and we appreciate students who have already taken time to check for missing belongings. Items such as sweaters, jackets, hats, lunch containers, and water bottles tend to accumulate quickly at this time of year. To help reunite items with their owners, Lost and Found items will be set out during our School Open House next Wednesday, May 6, and we encourage parents and guardians to take a few moments to have a look.

As a gentle reminder, labeling student clothing and personal belongings makes it much easier for lost items to be returned. Even a first name on tags, lunch containers, or water bottles can make a big difference. Any unclaimed items following the Open House will be donated, so we encourage families to check soon. Thank you for your support in helping us keep Lost and Found manageable—and belongings where they belong!



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COOTES PARADISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S



OPEN HOUSE



MAY 6, 2026, FROM 4:30 – 6:00
900 KING ST. W., HAMILTON, ON.



YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO:

- CHAT WITH TEACHERS**
- VISIT OUR BOOK FAIR**
- TOUR THE SCHOOL**
- VISIT CLASSROOMS**
- INTERACT WITH OTHER PARENTS**
- TAKE PART IN SOME FUN ACTIVITIES**

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the school at 905-522-0601 or email us at cootesparadise@hwdsb.on.ca. Thank you.
(Just a reminder that all monies raised from School events will be going towards School Support Subsidies and can be used to enhance student activities around the school. E.g., our sensory room equipment; help subsidise school nutrition program, etc.)

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

BRING ON THE BOOKJOY!

COME TO OUR FAMILY EVENT

Student Book Fair: Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 6 during school hours
(CASH ONLY for students)
Family Book Fair: Wednesday, May 6 from 4:30 - 6 PM in the gym
Cash, debit, and credit are all accepted forms of payment during family event

**MORE BOOKS!
MORE READING!**



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Fundraiser at Open House!

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO PRE-ORDER A BOX OF 6 ASSORTED DONUTS FROM DONUT MONSTER THROUGH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE FROM MONDAY, APRIL 20 TO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29. EACH BOX IS \$20 AND INCLUDES AN ASSORTMENT OF:

- CINNAMON SPICE
- VANILLA BEAN
- GLAZED MAPLE DIP
- LEMON LAVENDER
- COCOA DIP
- VANILLA SPRINKLE



PICKUP: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 AT OUR OPEN HOUSE

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD PURCHASING ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR OUR SENSORY ROOM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR PURCHASE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!



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COOTES GREEN AND CLEAN & BIKE SWAP

In honour of The Provincial Day of Action on Litter, the Cootes Paradise Home and School Association is hosting a spring clean-up event!

Help clean up Cootes Paradise and surrounding areas!

- **May 9th** 11-2 pm
- Garbage bags and gloves provided
- Family friendly activities



The back yard of Cootes Paradise will be our “home base” where you can collect supplies, participate in Earth themed activities, and visit our Bike Swap (details to come!)

We recommend everyone bring a reusable water bottle