



COOTES PARADISE WEEKLY UPDATE



Monday, June 1st	Tuesday June 2nd	Wednesday, June 3rd	Thursday, June 4th	Friday June 5th
		-Last Pizza Day (make up day)		-PA Day No School. -World Environment Day
Monday, June 8th	Tuesday, June 9th	Wednesday, June 10th	Thursday, June 11th	Friday, June 12th
			-Little Caesar's Fundraiser	

UPCOMING DATES:

- June 18th - HWDSB Track & Field
- June 15th - Grade 5 Farewell
- June 25th - Last Day of School

Letter From Admin

Dear Cootes Paradise Families,

As we head into the last week of May, it's hard to believe that the final month of the school year is fast approaching! This is always a busy and exciting time in our school, with many learning opportunities and activities still ahead.

With the warmer weather arriving, we kindly remind families to send students to school each day with a refillable water bottle to help them stay hydrated and comfortable throughout the day.

We would also like to ask for your support in helping keep our students safe during arrival and dismissal times. Please be sure to use the pathway along the school and avoid walking through or using the staff parking lot, as there is frequent vehicle movement and it can be unsafe for pedestrians.

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, we would like to take this time to express our gratitude to each of you for your commitment to our school community. This year has been a testament to our shared dedication to fostering a sense of belonging where every student, parent, and staff member feels valued and respected. We haven't always gotten it right and we appreciate your trust in working with us to improve - We are incredibly grateful for the strong partnership we have cultivated with families throughout the year.

Wishing everyone a wonderful end to May!

Warm regards,
J. Hogan and J. Corbin- Harper



OFFICE UPDATES

NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL ABOUT ABSENCES

Reminder to parents and guardians to use Safe Arrival or call the school office before 9:15 a.m., if your child is going to be late or absent from school due to an illness, appointment or a family holiday. It is the policy of the HWDSB to contact parents in the event that the student does not arrive at school and the school has not been notified about an absence or late arrival. Please understand that not all students begin their day with their homeroom teacher so messages regarding attendance that are given to the homeroom teacher do not always make it to the office. A message in School Arrival; note to the office or a call to our 24hr answering machine (905-522-0601) will ensure that student absences will be received. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with us in this important daily activity to make sure that your child arrives at school safely.

***We would also ask that if your child needs to be excused early from school, that he/she brings a note to the office in the morning so we can have them properly signed out and ready for when they are to be picked up. This will help everyone to be organized and on time as much as possible. Thank you. ***

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

June has finally arrived and we have a very busy month ahead of us. This month is filled with many fun activities for our students. Please check our school calendar to ensure that your child is prepared for all events. Since the warm weather is upon us I would like to remind all families to ensure that your children comes to school prepared for the warm weather. Please send your child to school with a hat, sunscreen and a reusable water bottle (that can be filled from our hydration station throughout the day). These items will help keep our students safe and comfortable during the hot days ahead!
environment.

SAFE CONDITIONS AT SCHOOL

As the 2025–2026 school year draws to a close, we would like to remind families of the importance of continuing conversations at home—just as we do at school—about maintaining Cootes as a safe, caring, and inclusive learning environment for all students. Unkind behaviour is not acceptable, as it negatively impacts students' well-being, their ability to learn, and the development of healthy relationships. When instances of bullying occur, school and/or board staff do our best to respond promptly and appropriately to address the situation, stop the harm, hold individuals accountable, support those involved, and work toward restoring relationships.

Cootes is committed to fostering a safe, caring, and inclusive environment for every member of our school community. Our staff take all incidents affecting student well-being seriously and appreciate the shared commitment of families in reinforcing these expectations.



Cootes Paradise
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



RECOGNITIONS IN JUNE

National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis. It's a time to honour the stories, achievements and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to impact the evolving Canada. The House of Commons designated June as National Aboriginal History Month in 2009. The name was changed to National Indigenous History Month in 2017. The best way to gain a deeper understanding of First Nations, Inuit and Métis experiences is through their own voices. Enjoy Indigenous storytelling by picking up a book, attending a show, watching a movie or listening to music from Indigenous artists.

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, which also coincides with the summer solstice. This specific day has profound spiritual and cultural significance for many Indigenous communities and marks a major focal point for celebrations. If you are participating in the Hamilton area, check the [Hamilton Public Library](#) for local, in-branch events such as film screenings, Indigenous storytelling, and musical performances.

PRIDE MONTH

In 1995 Canada's supreme court finally considered sexual orientation a prohibited ground of discrimination in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. LGBTQ+ members who faced, hate, exclusion, and often lived in fear for their lives long fought for these rights and believed in a better future. Pride is the promotion of dignity, equity and increased visibility for 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples. It is a celebration of life, rights, dignity, equity and difference. This year's theme is "We Won't Stop". The month of June is recognized as Pride Month in Canada. In support of our commitment to providing a positive school climate for all students, staff, and community, all HWDSB Board offices and schools will fly the Progress Pride flag alongside with the Canadian flag during the month of June.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Every year, [World Environment Day](#) is celebrated on June 5, led by the [United Nations Environment Programme](#). This year, the focus is a global call for climate action. This theme recognizes that addressing climate change is no longer just a moral obligation; investing in a clean future is an economic imperative. Canada is committed to fighting climate change and to leading in a global economy that needs decarbonized goods, services, technologies, and expertise. Through initiatives like [Canada's Rapid Extreme Weather Event Attribution System](#), we are strengthening the scientific evidence that links extreme weather events to climate change. This helps Canadians better understand climate risks and inform action. It is a global effort to take care of our shared planet.



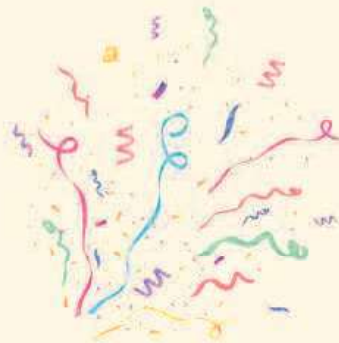
STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

Every year Home and School provides the staff at Cootes a potluck style lunch to show how much we appreciate all that they do for our students throughout the year



We are looking for families who would like to contribute to this event either through food, beverages, supplies etc...

This year, the lunch is on
June 4th 2026
Drop off for items will be
at the **main doors** from
9 am - 10 am



Please sign up below or email us at
cootes.paradise.hsa@gmail.com



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you



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