



Paisley Central School

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Dear Paisley Panther Families,

Well, the start up and the finale to the 2020 school year has been like no other. However, we have stood together and endured unprecedented times. I am proud of this school, our students, our families and the community in which we represent. I'd personally like to wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2021 😊

Holiday Shenanigans

We love to learn but we also love to have fun here at Paisley Central. If you haven't had a chance to follow the Paisley Principal page on Face Book, I would encourage you to do so. I post all of our spirit day pictures and important messages there. Recently, I have posted the links to our holiday presentations that your child(ren) have prepared for you. Our spirit day pictures are also posted on our school website at: <https://pai.bwdsb.on.ca>.

Raffle Draws

'Tis the season to give things away! We were fortunate to have 9 back packs stocked with school supplies to give away. The winners of the back pack raffle draws were: Gracie Thomson, Abbygail Kenyon, Colby Lechlitter, Colten Crouse, Phoebe Wells, Emmett Dagenais, Tanessa Fitzsimmons, and Grayson Muma. Congratulations!

Donations

We have been very fortunate to receive several donations during this last month. Bruce Power donated \$1600.00 to our breakfast club. The also sent us 5 gift cards to Loblaws that were distributed to students through a draw. We also received \$500.00 from the Tim Horton's smile cookie event. This week we answered an exciting call that announced that one of our students - Emma Dudgeon nominated our school for a prize through Master Feeds. Paisley Central School was one of the lucky winners and we received \$500 to use for anything of our choice! THANK YOU, EMMA, for taking the time to submit our school in this draw.

Thank you to all of the families who supported our soap, coffee and Scholastic On-Line Book Fair. Over the years, your support has helped us to buy hundreds of books.

Staffing Update

We would like to wish Mrs. Denouden (our Early Childhood Educator in JK/SK) all the best in the New Year. Mrs. Denouden will return in the Spring once she has healed from her pending surgery. We will be thinking of you Mrs. Denouden. We are also saying good-bye to Helan Hall who is teaching JK/SK on Thursday afternoons. We wish Mrs. Hall all the best in her future endeavors. Job postings are out for these positions.

On a happy note, we have officially welcomed Mrs. Mary Stortini to our staff as an Educational Assistant. Welcome to Paisley Central Mrs. S.

Student Belongings

You might notice that your child is bringing home a lot of their personal belongings from school. In order to do a thorough cleaning over the holiday, we have sent home all student belongings. Please take some time to wipe down learning materials such as pencil cases, binders, lunch bags, etc. with disinfectant wipes. Face masks and gym clothes should also be washed thoroughly.

Snow Days

January and February often bring blizzard like weather here in Bruce County. Bus cancellations for Paisley buses will be on local radio stations and you can subscribe to notifications from the bus company by visiting: www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca. Due to COVID 19 protocols, we are unable to combine classes for supervision purposes. As a result, if there is insufficient staff to provide proper supervision, we may need to close the school. School closures will be announced through local radio stations as soon as possible as we recognize that a school closure has a significant impact on your plans for the day.

REMOTE LEARNING VS. IN PERSON LEARNING

The opportunity to transition into a different learning experience is available NOW. Families can choose the following:

- 1) Stay in current learning model – Remote School or In School
- 2) Move FROM remote school TO In School/In Person
- 3) Move FROM In School/In Person TO Remote School

If you are staying in your current learning experience you DO NOT need to contact the school. If you are CHANGING your LEARNING EXPERIENCE, please notify Principal Bell NO LATER THAN – **January 8th, 2021** at Krista.Bell@bwdsb.on.ca or call the school at: **519-353-5691**.

The start date for the new placement is **Wednesday, February 3, 2021**.

Important Message From the Ministry of Ontario

I know many of you are likely wondering if students will return to school on January 4th, 2021. At this point, only the following statement has been issued by the Ministry:

We encourage boards to continue to ensure that students and families are provided the resources required to successfully participate in remote learning, including ensuring the availability of remote learning devices for all students.

As a reminder, we are recommending that boards encourage students and staff to take home any materials that they may require for remote learning before they leave school for the holiday period so that we can continue to be ready for all scenarios.

If for some reason we move to remote learning, messaging will be shared through the news, social media and messaging from the principal to your email. At this point, we are not sending home computers but if we move to remote learning and a device is required, the school will provide one. If you require a device and have not returned the TECHNOLOGY LOAN AGREEMENT form that was sent home to families who expressed that a device would be needed, please do so by **4:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18th, 2020**. Please let us know if you need another copy.

When we return to school in January, the same COVID 19 Protocols will apply:

- Sanitizing hands upon exit and entry of the building
- Frequent hand washing with soap and water
- Minimal student belongings
- Physical distanced seating
- Face masks required for all staff and students in Grades 4-8
- Face coverings for students JK-Grade 3 will remain optional
- No parent access to the school and yard
- Student arrival **NO EARLIER THAN 8:45 a.m.**
- Students will remain in their “zone” for breaks
- Water fountains remain closed – water filling station is open so keep bringing your water bottle
- No field trips are being planned at this point
- Pizza days and milk days are still cancelled
- Breakfast club delivery program will continue and so will Breakfast club



FRIDGE PAGE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Monday, January 4	Return to school
Saturday, January 8	Deadline for expressing transition into a different learning experience
Friday, January 15	Spirit Day – Twin Day
Friday, January 29	Spirit Day – 80’s Day
Wednesday, February 3	First Day of Term 2
Friday, February 12	Spirit Day – Red/Hearts Day
Monday, February 15	Family Day – No School
Wednesday, February 24	Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
Friday, February 26	Spirit Day – Inside Out Day
Monday, March 15- Friday, March 19	March Break