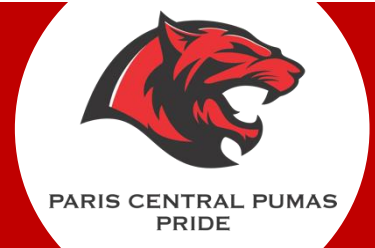


# PARIS CENTRAL

## PUBLIC SCHOOL



### SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | EDITION 3 – MARCH 2023

Dear Paris Central Families,

The past couple months have been busy months for us at Paris Central. Here are some of the highlights: In January, our staff were busy with assessments and completing Term 1 report cards. Grade 1 students visited the local library in January. Junior and Intermediate classes enjoyed a Valentine's Day dance in the gym. Student council sold candy grams and chips to raise funds for our grade 7/8 year-end trip. On Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, six classrooms visited BCI to watch the play Jacob Two-Two. This month grade 1 - 8 students also enjoyed Scientists in School. Thanks to our Parent Council committee for subsidizing part of the program cost for this amazing learning session. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who supported classrooms during these sessions. The school was a sea of pink on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> as we promoted Pink Shirt Day/Anti Bullying Day. Perseverance was the character attribute that was recognized and awarded during our whole school assembly on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Our Junior and Intermediate students travelled to Burford and PDHS for their basketball tournaments on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls basketball team who have qualified for the Elite 8 playoff games scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are incredibly lucky and grateful to have staff who volunteer their time to coach and organize all extracurricular activities.

Our classroom teachers continue to work diligently with students and pay attention to their academic, physical and emotional growth. Our current school improvement plan focuses on Mathematics. We encourage students to be curious, engage with their peers and teachers when discussing math questions and answers, elaborate on their ideas and strategies, and make sense of their errors so they become critical thinkers. Our detailed school improvement plan is posted on the school website under School Achievements.

There are many exciting academic projects that our students continue to be engaged in. Throughout February, students celebrated Black History Month, learning about Canadian Heroes who contributed greatly to our society. Our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students enhanced their creativity and math skills, learning how to count to one hundred in various ways leading up to their hundredth day celebration in the classrooms. It is always amazing to see students applying various skills and strategies to learn.

We appreciate your ongoing involvement in making our school an amazing place to be.

Kindest Regards,  
Ms. Reuben

## Important Dates to Remember

Wed. Mar 1	School Speech Contest
Mar 13-17	<b>MARCH BREAK</b>
March 20	School Reopens
March 22	Whole School Assembly "Earth Rangers"
March 28	6:30 pm Parent Council Meeting
April 7 & 10	<b>Board Holiday – Good Friday and Easter Monday</b>
April 21	<b>PA Day – Supporting All Students: Cyber Protection</b>
April 26	Grades 1 & 1/2 visit local library
May 16	Grades 1 & 1/2 to Glenhyrst Art Gallery
May 22	<b>Board Holiday – Victoria Day</b>
May 30	Parent Council Meeting
May 24-26	Grade 7/8 year-end trip
June 2	<b>PA Day – Curriculum and Assessment</b>
June 28	Last day of school for students
June 29	<b>PA Day – Student Achievement: Reflection and Planning</b>

**P**aris Central Eco Club is working hard to maintain an eco-friendly school. Remember to bring litter-less lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you for helping us reduce waste at our school.



This April, in honour of Earth Day, Earth Rangers and Call2Recycle are partnering on a program where elementary schools in Ontario will compete for who can collect the most used batteries and for the chance to win 1 of 7 amazing cash prizes.

**Paris Central School's mission is to collect as many used batteries by encouraging students, parents, staff, and community members to bring them to our school and dispose of them in the Call2Recycle collection boxes.**

The challenge will kick off the week of April 3 and participating schools will have 4 weeks to collect used batteries.

## Outdoor Recess

Unfortunately, when we are hit with a snow storm and/or icy weather, the school yard is usually a huge ice rink, and it becomes unsafe for staff and students to be in the school yard. We will need to wait for the ice to melt to enjoy recess outdoors.



Amidst these conditions, some teachers have been able to take their students to designated outdoor areas (where there is no ice) and on community walks on other days so students can enjoy some fresh air.

We require permission forms for your children to participate in community walks, so if you have not completed them, please take a few moments to do so and return it to the respective classroom teacher as soon as you can.

## End of the Day Pick-ups



At the end of the day, when students cannot be dismissed from the school yard because of ice or rain, we will be dismissing them through the large doors by the stairs on Broadway Street. We have many students boarding onto school buses and we need to make sure that every student is safe and on the correct bus. We are asking parents who walk their children home

from school, to kindly steer clear from this area during this hectic time to avoid congestion and confusion. Please leave the area immediately after you pick up your child/children to create a clear path so students can walk safely to their buses. We truly appreciate your cooperation and patience in this matter.

### **Parent Council News**

*Come and join our Parent Council Committee. All parents/guardians are invited to attend our in-person Parent Council Meetings.*

*Our next meeting date:*

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

**at 6:30 p.m.**

*Hope to see you then!*

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