



**LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**45 Berko Drive**  
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**October 2017, Volume 2**

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 Mr. B. Patton

**Vice-Principal:**  
 Ms. R. Moules

**Office Administrators:**

Mrs. Keddy  
 Mrs. Russell

**Superintendent:**  
 Mr. P. Denomme

**Trustee:**  
 Mrs. D. Danko

**Special points of interest:**

- School Council
- Pizza/Pita Pit Lunch
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## From the Principal's Office

Lawfield has had an excellent start to the school year! As we walk the hallways and visit classrooms, we are seeing students and staff engaged in meaningful learning. We are very proud of our students and staff for these efforts and their positive attitudes. This year, we would like to foster student pride and personal ownership in each student's learning.

Our student enrolment remained the same from our June Projection to September attendance. A few student changes were required to comply with the Ministry of Education Primary Cap Size. These changes occurred the week of September 22nd. Mme Gale has accepted a permanent teaching position at Michaelle Jean Elementary School. A Long-term Occasional Teacher will be hired within the next week.

Our Meet the Staff event was well-attended by many families. We collected food donations to support Neighbour to Neighbour Food Bank. Thank you for your support.

Our grade 4-6 students participated and thoroughly enjoyed the Ride Smart Program from New Hope Bike Community. Lawfield School Council and School Fundraising subsidized this opportunity.

*Mr. Patton and Ms. Moules*

## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
Sept 25 -Oct 10	Fresh from Farm Fundraiser	Sept 30-Oct 13	Spirit Wear Orders
October 9	Thanksgiving Holiday	October 10	Cross Country Meet
October 4/11/18	Pizza Day	October 26	Lunchlady Lunch
October 30	Progress Reports Go Home	October 31	Halloween Activities
November 3	PA Day: Parent/Teacher	November 10	Remembrance Day
November 9	Class Photo/Retake Day	Nov 1, 8, 15, 22	Pizza Day

### **PLEASE SUBSCRIBE TO LAWFIELD EMAIL**

Due to Anti-Spam Legislation, schools cannot use email to communicate with parents unless you "opt in" through an on-line process. All parents are asked to go to the Lawfield website and click on "Subscribe" (or go directly to the link below). This will enable us to update you when new items are posted to our website. Helping us in this way will allow us to save hundreds of dollars in photocopying/paper charges that can then be redirected to purchases for classrooms (not to mention saving a few trees). You may "unsubscribe" at any time in the future. <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/lawfield/subscribe>

## Continuous Learning and School Improvement

September 22nd was a PD Day where all staff came together to review our school goals.

We have identified our goals:

1. Students reading by the end of grade 1
2. Improvement in math.
3. Build a school community full of kindness, care, pride and joy.

This year, Ms. Moojean Seo has been assigned to Lawfield as a math facilitator. She will support staff and students in their math learning. Ms. Laura Cassano is our reading specialist teacher who will support our Kindergarten and Grade 1 staff and students.

There has been research about math learning and growth mindset. A positive attitude and willingness to make mistakes allows students to be more successful. As a school, we would like our students to persevere with difficult learning tasks and show a growth mindset or flexibility in their thinking. We will continue our professional learning at our monthly staff meetings and future PD Days.

## Terry Fox Walk/Run



On Friday October 6th, Lawfield will host its annual Terry Fox Walk and Run. This year, we have made a collective goal to walk and run 1500 kms as a school. Also, we will be collecting "toonies" for the Terry Fox Foundation. This is an excellent opportunity for Lawfield to showcase their kindness and care for the community.

# Goal: 1500 km

## Lifetouch Student Photos

**Our Photos were taken in September and the proofs will be sent home soon.** Lifetouch Canada has introduced a "MyFamily Rewards" program. This program rewards every family and ensures you get the best value when making multiple purchases. Families who enroll in MyFamily Rewards receive a free high resolution digital image download and earn ongoing discounts that can be easily applied through the Lifetouch online ordering channel. Families of all sizes, including those with students in multiple schools, will benefit from these rewards. See more at: [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca). **Photo re-take and class photo day is scheduled November 9th. In May, we will be having Spring Photo session for individuals and siblings. If you have any questions, please contact the school.**

## Nutrition Program

We know good eating habits have a positive impact on student learning. Lawfield has a nutrition program that provides healthy snacks for our students to enjoy. Snacks include fruit, vegetables, and yogurt tubes. These delicious snacks are available during first break Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It is important for students to pack a healthy lunch for second break. The wonderful success of the program is due to the generous funding of Tastebuds Hamilton Collaboration and all of our outstanding volunteers who prepare and distribute these snacks. If you are able to help our program, please contact the school office.

**Support our Fresh from the Farm Fundraising Campaign. All proceeds will support our Nutrition Program and healthy school initiatives. All orders due October 10th.**



THANK YOU!

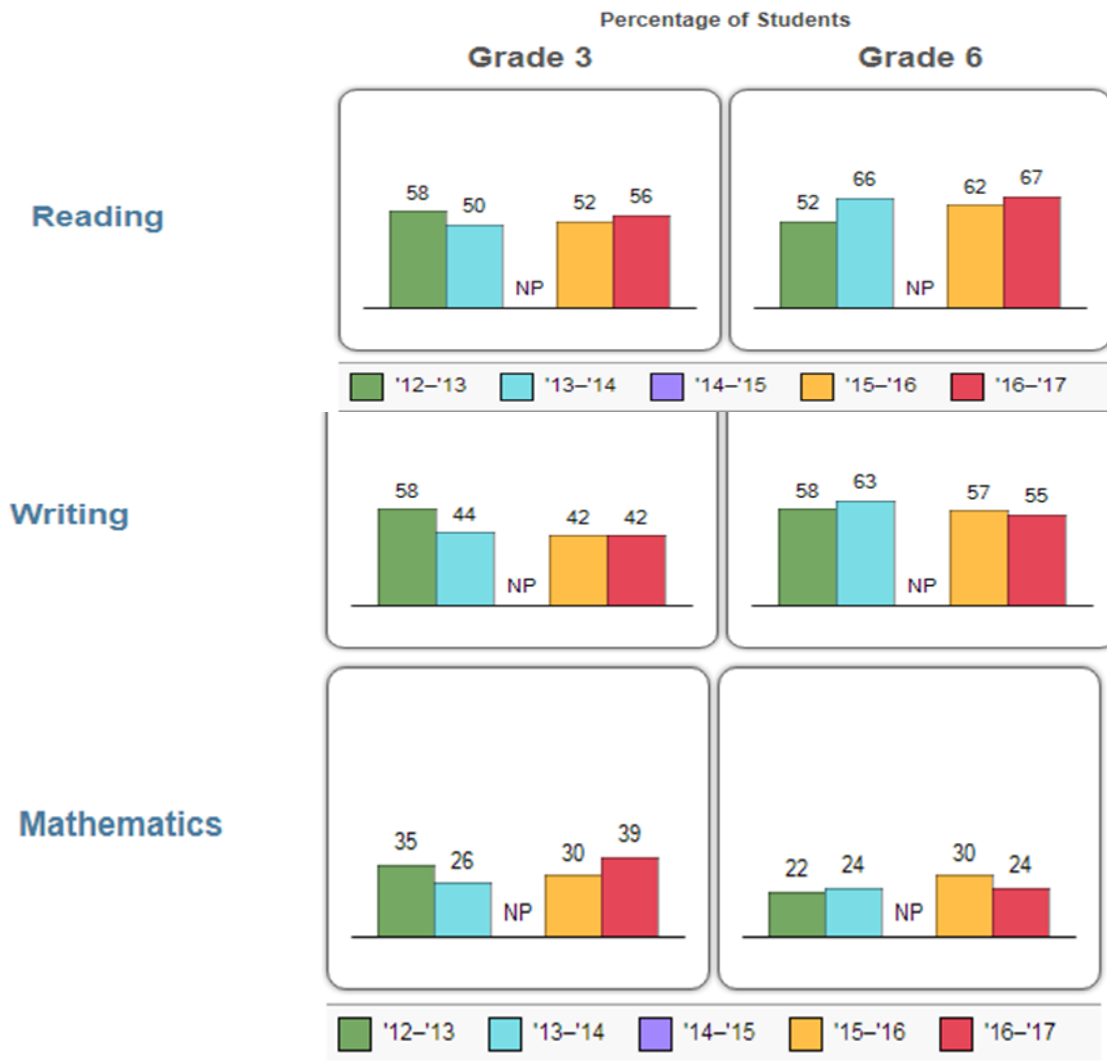


### EQAO 2016-2017 Grade 3 and 6 School Results

Last spring our Grade 3 and 6 participated in the Primary and Junior Assessments for Reading, Writing and Math. Individual Student Reports have been sent home to families. Here are the school results compared to HWDSB and the Province.

	Grade 3	Grade 3	Grade 3		Grade 6	Grade 6	Grade 6
	Lawfield	Board	Province		Lawfield	Board	Province
Reading	56%	65%	74%		67%	74%	81%
Writing	42%	63%	73%		55%	70%	79%
Mathematics	39%	48%	62%		24%	39%	50%

### Trend Data (last 5 years)





### To Park or Not To Park



Many parents choose to drive their children to and from school. If you do so, you will quickly discover that traffic congestion around the school is a real problem. Traffic congestion is not just frustrating for drivers, it is also a huge safety concern for students as they try to cross the street in the presence of heavy traffic and agitated drivers. If you drop off or pick up your child, please do so by using the Student Drop Off Lane in front of the Staff Parking Lot. Also you can park at the Lawfield Hockey Arena. There is a path that leads directly to the playground. **Please DO NOT DROP OFF OR PICK UP** in front of the school. This area is designated as our bus area. Please respect the property of our community members and the parking signs located on Folkestone Avenue.

## Calling All Volunteers!

Volunteers are essential members of the Lawfield. Volunteers make so many "extras" possible. Our team of volunteers enrich the educational experience of our students– Nutrition Program, athletics, classroom help and field trips.



If you are interested in volunteering at Lawfield, please follow the procedures detailed below. If you are required to obtain a police check, it is best to do so first thing in September as it takes up to 8 weeks for the police department to process the paperwork.

**New volunteers --** If you have never volunteered in a HWDSB school, then you will need to complete a Volunteer Application package and obtain a "Vulnerable Sector Screening Criminal Reference Check (CRC)" from Hamilton Police Services. Drop by the office and ask Mrs. Keddy or Mrs. Russell for the necessary forms.

### **Returning volunteers -**

-All other volunteers must sign an annual offence declaration and should begin updating their CRC's every 3 years.

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

For safety and efficiency, HWDSB would like to reduce the amount of cash coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying online! It takes less than five minutes to register. If you have registered at a previous school, the account information will be transferred to Lawfield. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

### MMMM Pizza Wednesdays!

Lawfield will begin Pizza Wednesdays on October 4th this year. We will be ordering our pizza from Pizza Pizza. All proceeds from our Pizza Sales will support our School Initiatives including field trips, clubs, teams, and arts programs.

### School Council News.....

September has flown by and we are moving into October. At our first school council meeting on September 20 elections were held and our school council is made up of the following parent, staff and community representatives.

Chair: Shelley Stacey Vice-Chair: Melanie Roberts Secretary: Bill Yates Treasurer: Chris Denholm

Voting Members: Diana B., Nicole R., Meg S., Michael H., Tammy W., Jeff M., Tim W., Janet C., Karen N., Andrew C., Francine R., Dorothy S., Lisa U., Tony G., Sharlene O., Lisa E., The Family Halloween Dance will held on Friday, October 27 from 6-8. This is always a fantastic fun filled night for students and families. If you are able to help volunteer the night of the dance please let us know at shelstacey@sympatico.ca. School Council looks forward to another fantastic year. Please keep up to date with council news through the school council tab on the website or on the Lawfield Parent Council group on Facebook.

### ALLERGY ALERT

We have contacted many families about bringing the appropriate forms , medications and Epi-Pens to the school for students with allergies and medical concerns. It is really important for families to contact the school or provide these things as soon as possible.

### SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear Wednesdays are coming to Lawfield! Families can order Spirit Wear until October 13th. All proceeds will support Physical Literacy and subsidize Educational Excursions.

Visit our [www.hwdsb.on.ca/lawfield](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/lawfield)  
for information about our school!

### ANONYMOUS REPORTING

We have all found ourselves in situations where we wanted to tell an authority about something that is happening, but we are nervous that if it was discovered who spoke with the authorities there might be repercussions. At Lawfield we recognize that sometimes students and/or parents need to be able to provide information to the Principal/Vice-Principal anonymously.

There are three options if you don't feel comfortable speaking directly with Mr. Patton or Ms. Moules

- Leave a message on the school phone before 7:30 am/after 4:30 pm. You do not need to leave your name or number.
- Send an email from a non-identifying email address to the general school email account (lawfield@hwdsb.on.ca)

### ECO SCHOOLS and HEALTHY SCHOOLS Initiatives

This year, Lawfield has registered for the ECO SCHOOL Program and Healthy School Initiative. Both of these initiatives will empower and engage our students to deepen their awareness for the environment and personal well-being. We will take part in a variety of activities to earn points towards these Certificate Programs. Both programs align with our positive school climate and well-being goal to build a school community full of kindness, care, pride and joy. We look forward to the special activities and events!

## [Transforming Learning Everywhere](#)

### *What is TLE?*

Trustees at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board have supported an ambitious and innovative initiative that will transform how students learn across the district. Their approval of the 21st Century Learning Report supported its long-term vision and direction for 21st-century learning in HWDSB.

The vision will see HWDSB enhance instruction, engage students in rich learning tasks and use student voice to improve the learning environment in classrooms accelerated through technology. It came on the heels of a [report](#) by People for Education that calls Digital Learning in Ontario Schools 'the new normal.'

At Lawfield, our Grade 7 and 8 classrooms have received kits of 6 iPad Minis. All of grade 7-8 classrooms have at least 20 devices in their classrooms to enhance student learning. Every classroom has an Apple TV and at least 2 student iPads. Last year, we upgraded our Computer Pods with new laptops.

## ***UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S I.E.P. (Individual Education Plan)***

This personalized document details how the school is responding to a specific student's educational needs.

- **Accommodated program** - students with an accommodated I.E.P. are working at grade level with additional supports in place to help them be successful. This could include a reduction in the number of curriculum expectations, more time to complete work, assistance in the Learning Resource Centre, etc. Report card marks are based on at grade level assessment.
- **Modified program** - students on a modified program are working below grade level as indicated in their I.E.P. Teachers provide instruction and assessment at this lower grade level. Report card marks are based on the lower grade levels detailed in the student's I.E.P.
- **Alternative program** - alternative programs are designed to provide support in the areas of social, organizational or behaviour skills. Report cards are at grade level.

All decisions around who should be on an I.E.P. and what is contained in an I.E.P. are made with parental input and consent. This year, our Learning Resource Teachers are: Mr. Maynard (K, Gr 1, 6 and 7), Ms. I. McFarlane (Gr 2 -5), and Mrs. T. Stephens (Gr 8 English and Gr 1-8 French). They will be in contact with you.

### **Canadian Parents for French**

**CPF is volunteer-run, non-profit organization** advocating for and promoting French language education, and supporting French-language cultural events. **Follow our Hamilton-Wentworth chapter on Facebook or Twitter** for helpful language learning information, videos, and for news about what CPF is doing to promote French learning opportunities. Also visit: [cpfhamilton.ca](http://cpfhamilton.ca)

**Volunteer opportunities!** We are also looking for volunteers to organize and run local events — we have great ideas yet need a bigger crew! [hamiltonCPF@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonCPF@gmail.com)

**Story Time in French, for children 2-7.** FREE, Saturdays 11–12 at the Hamilton Public Library, Westdale & Locke St. branches. No knowledge of French is required. Organized by HPL and Le Centre Français Hamilton. For more information, visit [centrefrancais.ca](http://centrefrancais.ca)

**On the radio:** FRENCH TOAST for all things French in Hamilton, connecting McMaster's French Department and the Hamilton French-speaking community. Mondays 4–5pm, on CFMU 93.3 (<http://cfmu.msumcmaster.ca>).

**French-language movies** (with English subtitles): World Film Festival, Art Gallery of Hamilton, October 13–22: <https://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/agh-bmo-world-film-festival/>

### **Looking for more events and activities in French?**

- > **Le Centre Français Hamilton** just released their upcoming schedule of concerts and events for 2016–2017. Follow them on Facebook or visit [centrefrancais.ca](http://centrefrancais.ca)
- > **The Alliance Française** in Toronto offers a wide variety of cultural events: [www.alliance-francaise.ca/en/](http://www.alliance-francaise.ca/en/)