



LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Special points of interest:

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From the Principal's Office

November was an awesome month at Lawfield! Our Remembrance Day Assembly was moving and respectful to honour soldiers of the past and present. Our Me to We group led the Rafiki Bracelet campaign to support the Global Education Fund. Our Scholastic Book Fair was very successful again! Our Nutrition Program continues to thrive and support is running 5 mornings a week with delicious healthy snacks. Lawfield School Council raised \$800 at the Family Halloween Dance with all of the money going towards Food4Kids. The success of these events is due to the tremendous effort and collaboration of our school family including students, parents, and staff. Thank you!

Progress Reports went home in November with a teacher-parent conference. Hopefully, clear goals were established and a plan has been put in place for continued success. Along the way, students will receive feedback and encouragement to attain these goals.

Ms. Moules and I would like to take this opportunity to wish our entire school community a happy and safe holiday season! All the best in 2018!

Mr. Patton and Ms. Moules

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
Dec 1	PA Day	Dec 6, 13	Pizza Days
Dec 11	Jillian Jiggs Performance K-3	Dec 11-15	Me to We: Mission Services Toy Drive
Dec 15	Kindergarten Polar Express Trip	Dec 19	Grade 1/2 Trip to Puddicombe
Dec 21	Lunch Lady Luncheon	Dec 22	Last Day of School
Dec 25-Jan 7	Winter Break	Jan 8	First Day of School

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>

Inclement Weather and School Closure

Severe Weather Conditions – Severe weather across the District or in any part of the District may result in the cancellation of transportation services to the entire District. If the weather is severe enough, the General Manager of the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System will advise the Director or Designate of the road conditions and weather conditions. The Director of Education or Designate will then decide whether or not to cancel all school and board administrative operations. If the conditions are determined to be unsafe, The Director of Education or Designate will then inform Corporate Communications and the General Manager of Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System of the cancellation of all school and board administrative operations. Corporate Communications will inform the community by contacting the media, the City of Hamilton, school-based child care providers and by posting cancellation information on the website and on a School Cancellation “Hotline”. The Director or Designate will make every effort to cancel all school and board administrative operations by 6:00 a.m. For more information on the Cancellation of School & Board Operations visit Weather Cancellation Infographic

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Weather-Cancellation-Infographic.pdf>

Pediculosis/Head Lice

Lawfield follows our Board Policy regarding Pediculosis/Lice. This policy can be found on the board website at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Pediculosis-Management-Procedure.pdf>

Key Procedures:

Parents/guardians of students identified with head lice will be notified by the school of that fact by letter (Letter of Notification of Suspected Head Lice), and will be required to seek treatment for the child. We will provide the parents/ guardians with a treatment information sheet (Facts of Lice).

Parents/guardians are required to complete the first application of an approved treatment prior to the student returning to school.

Parents/guardians are required to complete the Verification of Treatment form and return it to the school when the student returns following the first application of an approved treatment.

All parents/guardians of students in a class in which a student or students are found to have head lice will be sent a letter informing them of that fact. (Letter of Attention).

Lawfield may seek support from Bayshore Home Health to perform head lice checks and screen all students for head lice.

Based on the current medical research, it is essential that head lice be treated with two applications of an approved pediculocide seven days apart. As long as the treatment has been administered properly, the presence of nits does not necessarily indicate an active infestation.

If you suspect your child has head lice please contact the school immediately so we can follow-up with the class (es) and communicate as soon as possible to other families. In addition to treatment, we are encouraging vacuuming/washing any contact areas. This may include car seats, sofa, pillows, cushions and bedding, and stuffed toys.

*Please note that additional information can be obtained from: City of Hamilton Public Health Services (Phone: 905-546-CITY OR 905-546-2489) Email: publichealth@hamilton.ca



Do you drive your child to school?

Lawfield School Parking Lot is for staff and school volunteers only. Please use Lawfield Arena or street parking at school entry and dismissal times. Your compliance and cooperation will ensure the safety for all students and staff.



Transportation Bus Students:

Sometimes there are delays with our buses due to road conditions, traffic issues or unforeseen breakdowns. Please be patient. Your child will be picked up.

Please visit hamiltonschoolbus.ca to view any and all delays.

Join Lawfield School Council for

Family Literacy Night

January 17, 2018 @ 7pm

Lawfield School Council welcomes bestselling author Sigmund Brouwer as he brings his unique sense of play to the serious business of learning to read and write. This lively presentation is for parents to share with children, and Sigmund helps parents understand how important story is a motivator for their children to read and write. It involves music trivia where families compete as teams to earn prizes. Sigmund also uses this opportunity to emphasize how much a difference that teachers make in the lives of students, and how parents can help teachers in the educational process.

MMMM Pizza Wednesdays!

Pizza Days will be December 7 and 14th! Look for the January Order Forms or School Cash Online updates in the coming weeks!

Lunch Lady Luncheon- Dec 21st

Forms will be sent home the week of December 11th.

Lawfield Athletics:

Volleyball - The season has just ended for all 5 teams. It has been a great 2 months of hard work and tons of skill development. We are very proud of our volleyball players for all their time and commitment. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. They are true ambassadors for Lawfield.

Basketball try-outs for grades 6-8 students will be starting shortly.

Thank you parents, volunteers, and coaches for their support with cheering and driving our students.



Hamilton Youth Poets presented to our Grade 7 and 8 students on November 14th. Their presentation was the launch engagement session. HYP will be leading writing sessions with all of our grade 7 and 8 students over the next month. It is an exciting collaboration with the support of ABACUS fund at the Hamilton Community Foundation .

Lawfield School Plan

HWDSB has developed Strategic Priorities and Annual Plan. Every school within HWDSB must develop a School Plan with 3 specific goals around Positive Culture and Well-Being and Student Achievement. Lawfield has identified 3 goals:

1. Reading by the end of Grade 1: Our target is 53% of Gr 1 students (English) and 66% (French Immersion)
2. Improvement in Mathematics: Focus on Operational Sense and Quantity Relationships. Our target s are:

Gr 3 EQAO Scores: 40% of our students will achieve Level 3 or higher

Gr 6 EQAO Scores: 40% of our students will achieve Level 3 or higher
3. Positive School Climate: Create a school community full of kindness, care, pride and joy.

Calling all Musicians & Singers!

Did you know Lawfield now has two choirs up and running?



We have a Junior Choir, open to students in grades 2-5, and a Senior Choir, open to students in grades 6-8. Sign up is still open!
The Lawfield Concert Band is also open to any grade 6, 7 & 8 students who love to play their instrument.
Speak to Mrs. Roberts if you have any questions!

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.

Visit our www.hwdsb.on.ca/lawfield
for information about our school!
Follow us on Twitter:
@LawfieldHWDSB

French Immersion Tutoring



Free Access to the Virtual Immersion Campus for Your Child

Dear Parents,

Your children can now access the Virtual Immersion Campus and receive help from our online teachers in French, English and Math.

Send your homework to: homework@voilalearning.com before accessing the platform. Your children can also practice their French and play French games on the platform (riddles, pictograms and much more), all while earning points.

To register to the Virtual Immersion Campus:

- Visit voilalearning.com, click on 'My school board is registered'
- Enter the code: 4SHWDSB

The Virtual Immersion Campus
will be open **Monday to Thursday**
from 5pm to 6:30pm for homework help
and from 6:30pm to 8pm for French practice.



Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions,

Your online tutor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the online tutor.

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