



## LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### From the Principal's Office

Welcome to February! February brings communication of learning from teachers to parents with report cards and a change of administration. Report cards will be going home to parents on February 13th. Thank You to teachers and students for all their hard work with reports this term. In January, Lawfield School was humbled by Food4Kids choosing us as School of The Year 2017 and we continue to give back by having Lawfield staff volunteering on Valentine's Day evening to pack for 1400 students across Hamilton. In January, students continued with learning in and outside of the classrooms. Inside the gym to beat the winter blues, students climbed a portable climbing wall during a week of Physical Education classes. Grade 6 students spent the day at the Canadian Heritage Warplane Museum learning about flight. Intermediate students participated in the Tour of Humanity bus parked at Lawfield on Jan. 31st.

**Principal:**  
Mme. C. Lacroix

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

**Office Administrators:**  
Mrs. Keddy  
Mrs. Russell

**Superintendent:**  
Mr. P. Denomme

**Trustee:**  
Mrs. D. Danko

February brings transition for two Principals. Mme Chantal Lacroix steps into the role of Principal at Lawfield. Mme Lacroix brings 12 years of experience as a Principal and Vice Principal in Sudbury, Ontario and joined HWDSB in September 2017 as Vice Principal at Norwood and Fessenden Schools. We welcome Mme Lacroix to the Lawfield community and are excited to continue our Lawfield learning with her.

Mr. Brian Patton moves on as Principal of Lawfield Elementary School to Principal at Gordon Price Elementary effective February 1st, 2017. On behalf of students, parents, teachers, caretaking staff, educational assistants, designated childhood educators, office administrators and especially myself, the Vice Principal, I'd like to thank Mr. Patton for his daily dedication, passion and guidance as Principal of Lawfield School. Mr. Patton enthusiastically supported staff and students with their learning, continuously sought new opportunities for Lawfield School and most of all, worked tirelessly to make Lawfield School a community that is kind, caring and full of pride and joy. His immense commitment to the Lawfield community will be missed but we wish him the best on his learning journey to Gordon Price Elementary School.

Best Wishes

Ms. Rhonda Moules, Vice Principal

### Special points of interest:

- Grade 8 Graduation
- Kindergarten Registration
- Homework Helps

### IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
February 7, 21 and 28	Pizza Day	February 13	Report Cards Go Home
February 14	Non-Nutrition Day	February 15	Lunch Lady
February 19	Family Day	February 21-23	Grade 7/8 Winter Camp Trip
March 2	PA Day	March 12-16	March Break

### Grade 8 Graduation Information

Date: June 22, 2018

Where: Henderson Secondary School

Ceremony Begins at 5:00 pm

Dinner and Dance: Marquis Gardens



### Anonymously Reporting/Tip Off

We recognize that sometimes students and/or parents need to be able to provide information to the Principal anonymously.

- Lawfield continues to subscribe to Tipoff. This service is an anonymous reporting tool that can be used to report incidents of bullying or crime. Please visit [www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/tipoff](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/tipoff) for more information on this program. Reports can be made through this service by texting, use of the app or calling.

**905-963-0066**

- Leave a message on the school phone before 7:30 am/after 4:30pm No need to leave your name or number.
- Send an email from a non-identifying email address to Mme Lacroix ([clacroix@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:clacroix@hwdsb.on.ca)) or Ms. Moules ([rmoules@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:rmoules@hwdsb.on.ca)) or the school email account ([lawfield@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:lawfield@hwdsb.on.ca))



### Before and After School Survey

The HWDSB is asking all parents of children in Kindergarten to grade 5 to fill out the childcare survey. This information will help plan, coordinate and improve the programs and services for families and young children in our school community.

Answering these questions is voluntary. We thank you for taking the time to respond. You may pick up a hard copy of the survey from the office or complete the survey online at: [https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8vMdIRxSouwhbUN](https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8vMdIRxSouwhbUN)

### INCLEMENT WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSURE

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 our Policy page at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca>

### Lawfield School Council Update

I hope everyone has had an incredible first month of the year. I was honoured to be able to attend the Annual Meeting and Awards celebration for Food4Kids where Lawfield was awarded School of the Year. It was uplifting to hear of all the incredible people and organizations who have stepped up to help support this amazing charity. They have been working towards eliminating childhood hunger in our City, school and beyond.

We will be hosting the 7th annual Lawfield Dance a thon on March 1, 2018. It will be again hosted by Professor Jamz – more information will be sent home soon.

Finally, as we start February I would like to take the time to wish Mr. Patton well as he moves on to a new school. It has been a pleasure working with him to achieve his vision of a kind, caring school community. You will be missed!!

***Our next School Council Meeting will be on February 21st in the library. Please join us.***

Shelley Stacey, School Council Chair



### Kindergarten Registration Opens—February 5, 2018

If your child is four or turning four before December 31st, you may register them for Kindergarten. Please register online at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/> on or after February 5th. Proof of age and Proof of address will be required by the school to complete the registration. Registration packages will also be available at the school on or after February 5th. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### Lost and Found-Warm Clothing

The cold weather is upon us. Dressing appropriately for outdoor breaks is very important. Hats, gloves, coats, snow pants, and boots are worn to school. Sometimes, these items get lost and returned to our Lost and Found. It is helpful to have your child's name in these items. If something is lost, please check the Lost and Found immediately. Lost and Found will be bagged and donated at the end of each week.

# **the HUB** Homework Help in The Hub

Homework Help provides free online tutoring for students in grades 7-10 . The tutors are certified Ontario Teachers who are hired by TVO. In addition to tutoring services, Homework Help also has helpful videos and strategies. Single sign-on has been added to the Hub, so that students do not have to remember username and password. Once registered they will be able to use the service Sunday to Thursday from 5:30-9:00.



### Click the HH Link



### Verify Your Birthdate and Create a Username



### Begin using Homework Help

