



## LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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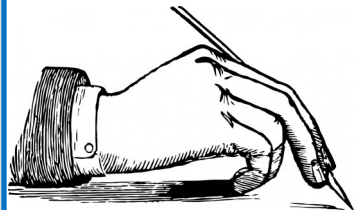
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### Special points of interest:

- School Communication
- Grade 8 Transitions
- School Closure
- Parent Engagement



### From the Principal's Office

Welcome back to school! We hope and trust everyone had a relaxing and fun filled time with family and friends. It is a great time to reflect and identify new personal and academic goals to strive for 2018!

At Lawfield, December had many special moments and activities. Student Council sold Candy Grams to support school families for Holiday Family Matching Program. Students and staff raised enough money to help support 9 families.

Over the past 2 years, Lawfield School Community has generously supported the Food4kids by donating \$1600 with our School Council Halloween Dance. In turn, our school community greatly benefits from Food4kids as we have 40 students who receive weekly bags of food. On January 16th, Lawfield Elementary School is being recognized as School of the Year by Food4kids.

Our primary classes performed at our Annual Holiday Concert. Many classes participated in field trips to learn about different celebrations around the world.

Our teams and clubs continue to be excellent ambassadors for our school. All of these events occur with the dedication and collaboration of our students, staff and volunteers.

As Principals, we are very proud of our students, teachers, early childhood educators, educational assistants, office staff and caretaking staff for making a difference. We appreciate all of the support from our School Community! Best wishes 2018!

*Mr. Patton and Ms. Moules*

### IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
January 9	Grade 6 Flight Trip	January 17th	School Council Meeting 6:15 pm
January 12	Sherwood Visit for Grade 8 Students	January 17th	Author Presentation for Parents- Sigmund Brouwer—7pm
January 17, 31	Pizza Days	January 23rd	Grade 8 Grad Photos
January 25th	Lunch Lady	January 26th	PA Day
January 27th	Family Literacy Day	February 19th	Family Day

### Lawfield School Annual Plan

1. Reading by the end of Grade 1.
2. Improvement in Mathematics.
3. Create a community full of kindness, care, pride and joy



## Spread the News!

Lawfield is an awesome school with many great activities and we want to keep you up-to-date with this information. Here are the following ways we communicate with our School Community:

1. Monthly newsletters: We produce a monthly newsletter with information about our school. All of our newsletters are posted online.
2. School Website: We use the school website to inform you of upcoming events for our school, school board and community. You will find a school calendar and information about our school council group. This space is updated each week. If you subscribe to the website, you will receive email notifications when the website is updated. Subscribe today at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/lawfield](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/lawfield).
3. Synervoice: It is the automated calling system. We use this system to call for attendance and provide information about current events. This information is time-sensitive and an efficient way for communication. If you have not received any calls, please check with the office for correct contact numbers.
4. Twitter: We use it to post current events and information. Currently, we have 233 followers. Please follow our feed @Lawfield\_HWDSB.
5. Our school staff provide monthly newsletters, maintain websites and use student agendas!

We value communication with parents and school community. If you have any questions about your child's learning and progress, please contact their teacher.

## Grade 8 Transition Information

At this time of year, we begin to work with our local secondary schools to begin the transition to Grade 9. Most of our students are in the catchment area of Sherwood Secondary School. Some students may be attending Henderson Secondary or Westmount Secondary. On January 12th, Sherwood Student Success Staff will visit Lawfield and share information about Sherwood and the option sheet process.

We would invite you and your child to visit the school websites for information about the school. The information nights are excellent opportunities to meet staff and ask any questions about your child's pathway for the future.

January 12th	Sherwood Visits Lawfield	January 18th	Sherwood Option Sheet Information Night 6-7 pm
January 23rd	Grade 8 Grad Photos	Month of February	Completion of Option Sheets
May 17th	Gr. 8 Orientation-Becoming a Saint	June 21st June 22nd	Graduation Rehearsal Graduation Ceremony

## Grade 8 Graduation Information

**Date: June 22, 2018**

**Ceremony at Henderson Secondary School 5pm.**

**Dinner and Dance: Marquis Gardens**

**Cost: \$40**

## 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 Mr. Patton ([bpatton@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:bpatton@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))

## INCLEMENT WEATHER & 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 our Policy page at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca>



### **Pizza Days and Lunch Lady Lunches continue in 2018!**

Lunch Lady Forms will be sent home at the beginning of the month and food may be ordered up until the day before on their website. Pizza forms are being limited. We are encouraging more cash online orders. Please check the calendar for the dates for these lunches.

## Parent Engagement Opportunities

### Lawfield School Council Update

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 17th at 6:15 pm in the library.

If anyone has outstanding Samko Receipts please send them back ASAP so they are able to be submitted for our payment.

### Upcoming events

- \* Our annual dance a thon will be held on March 1st - details to follow. We will be looking for volunteers for the dance a thon if you are able to help please mark it on your calendar.
- \* Please visit our school website for information about our Family Literacy Night: January 17th at 7 pm.

### 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.

### Family Literacy Day –January 27th

We know Parent Involvement and reading with your child impacts on student learning and achievement. On January 27th, it is Family Literacy Day sponsored by ABC Life Literacy Canada. It is a non-profit organization that inspires Canadians to increase their literacy skills. As a school, we want to promote and celebrate nightly reading and family literacy for the month of January.

### Nutrition Program

Hello Lawfield families! We've re-vamped our nutrition program and now run a "grab & go" option first thing in the morning three days a week. Students can choose from a variety of fruit, hard boiled eggs, frozen yogurt tubes, cheese strings, cereal cups, granola bars, muffins or cookies. All items that are meant to be eaten as students are settling into their classrooms. A healthy food start to their day of learning!

### Climbing Ropes and Wall Program

During the week of January 29-February 2nd, Escarpment Outdoor Adventures will be coming to Lawfield. Their elementary school program includes different rope courses and walls for students to climb. During this week, all students will participate in the program as part of their Physical Education classes. The cost of the program will be \$5 per student. The program is being subsidized by Lawfield fundraising \$2 per student. Permission forms will be sent home the week of January 15th.

### Every Child Reading By the end of Grade 1

At Lawfield School we're committed to supporting a goal where every child is reading by the end of Grade 1, where developmentally appropriate. A child who is reading by the end of Grade 1 is set up for positive academic outcomes and future success.



In September 2017, HWDSB celebrated the deployment of 48 Reading Specialists across the district to work directly with students and educators in all Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms. Reading Specialists are working with children within classrooms, alongside classroom educators, to deliver appropriate strategies and/or interventions. They support reading acquisition and respond to student learning needs.

We're pleased to welcome, Naomi Weller, our Reading Specialist in our school this year.

If you have any questions about the Reading Specialists and their role in your child's class, please contact the school.