



**LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**45 Berko Drive**  
**Phone: 905-387-0062**  
**October 2018, Volume 2**

**Principal:**  
 Mme C. Lacroix

**Vice-Principal:**  
 Mr. D. Repchuck

**Office Administrators:**

Mrs. Keddy  
 Mrs. Hill  
 Ms. Story (a.m.)

**Superintendent:**  
 Mr. P. Denomme

**Trustee:**  
 Mrs. D. Danko

**Special points of interest:**

- School Council
- Pizza/Lunch Lady Lunch



## 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 differed from our June Projection to September attendance. Changes were required in our French Immersion Program to comply with the Ministry of Education Primary Cap Size. Parents of students affected by this re-organization were contacted last week. We are pleased to welcome back Mr. Kiely who will be teaching the additional grade 1/2 FI class.

*Mme Lacroix and Mr. Repchuck*

### IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
Sept 24—Oct 9	Fresh from Farm Fundraiser	Sept 30—Oct 8	Spirit Wear Orders
October 4	FI Reorganization	October 11,18,25	Pizza Day
October 8	Thanksgiving Holiday	October 9	Cross Country Meet
October 9/23	Lunch Lady Lunch	October 10	French Immersion Information Night at 7pm
October 17	School Council Meeting at 7:00 pm	October 17	HWDSB Wear Yellow and Walk to School Day
October 22	Election Day	October 26	Halloween Dance 6:00—8:00 (JK-3 plus siblings)
Oct 29-Nov 2	"We Scare Hunger" food drive	October 30	Progress Reports Go Home
October 31	Halloween Activities	November 2	PA Day: Parent/Teacher
November 8	Class Photo/Retake Day	November 9	Remembrance Day at Lawfield
Nov 1, 8, 15, 22,29	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>

## Terry Fox Walk/Run



On Friday, October 5th, Lawfield will host its annual Terry Fox Walk and Run. This year, we have made a collective goal to walk and run 2000 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: 2000 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 for November 8th. In May, we will be having a Spring Photo session for individuals and siblings. If you have any questions, please contact the school.**

## Nutrition Program—starting shortly

**We are in desperate need of volunteers to run our Nutrition Program for this year as we would hate to have to cancel this MUCH needed program. We prepare snacks Monday, Wednesday and Friday's from 9:30-10:20 and your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office if you are able to help with our nutrition program.**

We know good eating habits have a positive impact on student learning. Lawfield's nutrition program 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, PC Children's Charity and all of our outstanding volunteers who prepare and distribute these snacks.

**Please help support our Fresh from the Farm Fundraising Campaign. All proceeds will support our Nutrition Program and healthy school initiatives. All orders due October 9th. Payment can be made via cash online or by submitting cash and the order form to the teacher.**

Me To We and Student Council will be holding a "We Scare Hunger" food drive to be held the week of October 29-November 2 at the school. Members will also be going door to door on Halloween night asking for non-perishable donations in place of candy. All donations will go to Neighbour to Neighbour.



**THANK YOU!**

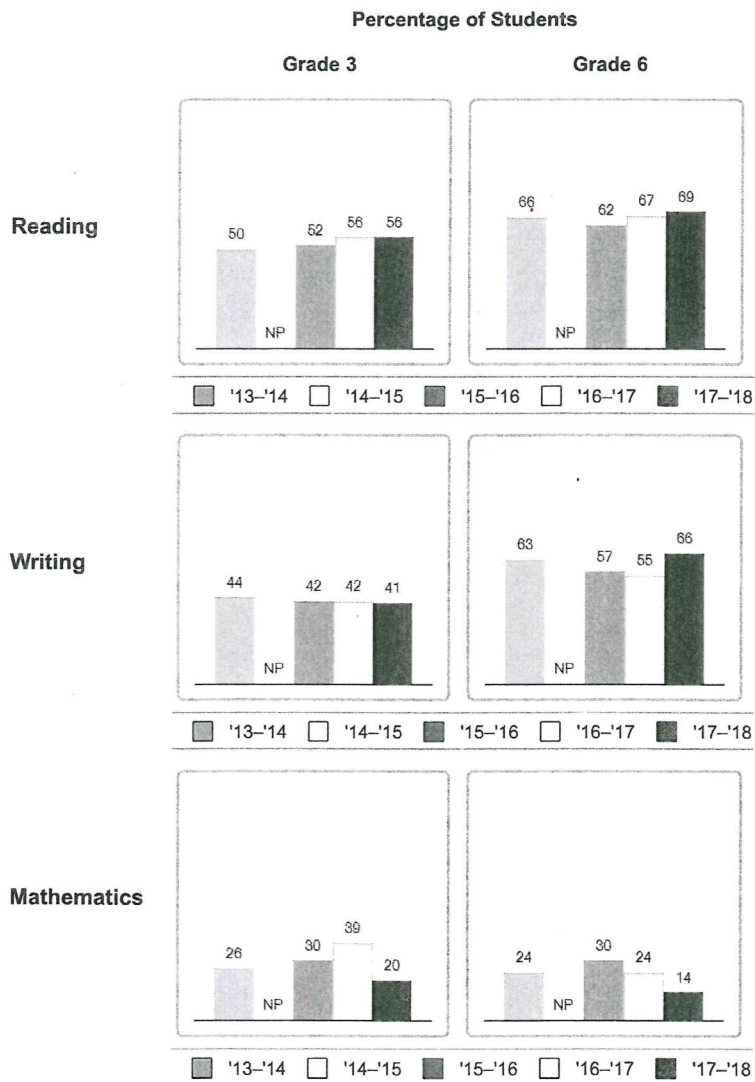


### EQAO 2017-2018 - Primary (Grade 3) & Junior (Grade 6) School Results

Last spring our Grade 3 and 6 participated in the Primary and Junior Assessments for Reading, Writing and Math. Individual Student Reports will be 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%	69%	75%		69%	74%	82%
Writing	41%	62%	72%		66%	70%	80%
Mathematics	20%	50%	61%		14%	35%	49%

### 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 continues to be 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 Kiss and Ride 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. Hill 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 Thursdays!

Lawfield will begin Pizza Thursdays on October 11th this year. We will be ordering our pizza from Famo 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 26 elections were held and our School Council is made up of the following parent, staff and community representatives.

**Chair:** Melanie Roberts **Vice-Chair:** Shelley Stacey **Secretary:** Bill Yates **Treasurer:** Heather Barlow

**Voting Members:** Diana B., Nicole R., Meg S., Michael H., Tammy W., Jeff M., Tim W., Karen N., Holly E., Lisa E., Nancy L., Sharlene O., Samantha P., Muzen Z. **General Members:** Christine A., Bridge C., Janet C., John G., Meagan H., Shawna W., Deetra W.

The Family Halloween Dance will held on Friday, October 26 from 6-8 for JK- 3 plus siblings. More details to follow in the coming weeks. 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 lawfieldsc@hwdsb.on.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 8th. 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!  
Follow us on Twitter:

**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 Mme Lacroix or Mr. Rep-chuck.

- 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)



During the month of October, we are planning several safety drills at Lawfield. These drills are a necessary part of ensuring students know how to respond to emergency situations. 'Bomb Threat, 'Hold and Secure', and Lock-down drills, as well as Fire drills, will all be practiced during the school day.

We are planning to perform these drills on the following dates:

Fire drills: Wednesday, October 10th at 10:00am

Hold and Secure: Thursday, October 11th at 11:15am

Bomb Threat: Thursday, October 16th

Lockdown: Tuesday, October 23rd

Plus 2 unannounced Fire Drills at a later date

### 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)

**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.ca/shows/24-french-toast>).

**French-language movies** (with English subtitles): World Film Festival, Art Gallery of Hamilton, October 11, 21: <https://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/agh-bmo-world-film-festival/>

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

> **Le Centre Français Hamilton** - for schedule of concerts and events, 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/)

### French Immersion Information Night October 10 2018 at 7:00 at Lawfield Elementary school

These information sessions are planned for parents considering French immersion as an option for their child.

French Immersion is a proven way of acquiring excellent language skills in /French. The French Immersion program at HWDSB is specifically designated for parents who do not speak French, but want their children to speak both official languages. The program is open to all students in Hamilton-Wentworth starting in Grade 1.