



**LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**45 Berko Drive**  
**Phone: 905-387-0062**  
**November 2018, Volume 4**

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**Special points of interest:**

- Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser
- Remembrance Day
- Sherwood Secondary School Information Night
- Special Lunches

**IMPORTANT DATES**

| Date                  | Event   | Date       | Event  |
|-----------------------|---|------------|--|
| Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Pizza Day   | Nov. 13    | Parent Involvement Cttee.@HWDSB @ 6:15                             |
| Nov. 14               | Bulldogs Game   | Nov. 14    | Understanding Youth with Safety & Risk Concerns @ HWDSB 6:00-7:30  |
| Nov. 16               | Lawfield Band Trip  | Nov. 16    | Crazy Hair Day   |
| Nov. 19—23            | CCAT testing for all Grade 4s   | Nov. 20    | Grade 8 English Program classes to Sherwood from 11:00-2:00        |
| Nov. 21               | School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm in library                                 | Nov. 21    | Parents as Partners (Understanding my Child's IEP @ HWDSB) 5:00 pm |
| Nov. 22               | Sherwood Grade 7/8 Info Night 6:00—8:00 pm                                  | Nov. 22/23 | Jump2Math Activities—consent form will be sent home                |
| Nov. 22               | Mme Dupuis and Mlle. Carpio's class trip to Dundas Valley Conservation Area | Nov. 24    | Robotics—Regional Qualifier Event in Mississauga                   |
| Nov. 27               | Lunch Lady  | Nov. 27    | Henderson Grade 7/8 Info Night 6:00-8:00 pm                        |
| Nov. 27               | Transportation Policy Consultation Deadline (Online @ HWDSB) — 4:00 pm      | Nov. 28    | French Immersion Advisory Cttee (@ HWDSB) 7:00 pm                  |
| Nov. 28               | Special Education Advisory Cttee (@ HWDSB) — 7:00 pm                        | Nov. 28-29 | Lawfield Scholastic Book Fair                                      |
| Nov. 29               | Mitten Tree Day (TBD)   | Nov. 30    | French Immersion Application Deadline                              |
| Nov. 30               | Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser Pick-Up 8:30-5:00                            | Dec. 7     | P.A. Day   |
| Dec. 14               | Hockey Sweater—Grade 3 to 6   | Dec. 19    | K-3 Holiday Assembly 11:00-12:00                                   |

**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>

**School Council News.....**

The Family Halloween Dance was held on Friday, October 26th and was a great success. The positive feedback we've received from those who attended the dance was awesome. Everyone had a fabulous time that evening, and we met our fundraising goal with some of the funds going to Food4Kids. The grand success of this event is due to the wonderful crew of volunteers...very impressive, including the following Lawfield students, Jenae M., Noah L., Amelia L., Chloe A., Isis S., Jane G., Lawen D., Avine M., Ben W., Dylan R., Nicholas L. and Veronica E, who helped out. We also had some high school students that showed great initiative and pitched in with enthusiasm. Not to mention those of you who worked "behind the scenes." We couldn't have done it without all of you. On behalf of our school and parents, THANK YOU for sharing your energy, talents and time.

Our next school council meeting is on November 21st, in the library, at 7:00 pm.

**FRESH FROM THE FARM FUNDRAISING**

Our Fall Fundraiser was very successful for our Student Nutrition Program with a profit of \$1600. We appreciate your support.

**Pick-up Information:**

**Friday November 30th: 8:30 am -5 pm.**

Pick up will be available in the gym using the door to the playground by kindergarten entrance.

**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.

**NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Our student nutrition program continues to be thriving as we offer healthy snacks every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. In October, our Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser raised \$1600 for our nutrition program. We really appreciate the support. We have also received a generous donation of \$167.30 from the Grade 6-8 dance. Treats were being sold during the dance and all proceeds made were donated back to our school nutrition program. Some other generous donations we have received are: \$10,000 from PC Children's Charity; \$7,252.50 from Tastebuds from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services; and \$1000 from Tastebuds, the Grocery Foundation. Thank you to our Grade 6 to 8 students, School Council and our very generous donors for making this possible.



**THANK YOU!**



**Grade 8 Graduation Information — Please mark your calendars**



Graduation Photos will be taken by Lifetouch Photography, January 22, 2019  
Rehearsal will be held in the afternoon, Thursday, June 20, 2019 at Lawfield School  
The Graduation Ceremony will be held at 5:30pm on Friday, June 21, 2019 at Lawfield School.



Reception will take place at Marquis Gardens following the ceremony.  
More details to follow at a later date.

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# FUNDRAISING

Ever wonder where your child's missing items go at school?? Well, wonder no more when you label their lunch bags, gym clothes, water bottles – whatever they've got with Mabel's Labels peel and stick personalized labels! We're raising funds for ongoing school initiatives. Please consider purchasing your child's own personalized, durable labels from Mabel's Labels to support the fundraiser AND to keep their items out of the school's lost and found.

Simply visit [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and choose LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (HAMILTON) from the drop down list. The school receives 20% of all orders.

Thank you for your support!



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for all your holiday mailing and gifting

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- Go to [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)
- Choose our organization from the list
- Shop holiday products until December 31st



Remembrance Day was observed at Lawfield School on November 9th with an assembly. The student's behaviour was outstanding and demonstrated a lot of respect and compassion.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Lawfield. It will take place on:

**November 28th from 9:00 - 3:00**

**November 29th from 9:00 - 4:00**

All proceeds will support our school library and literacy initiatives.

For more information, visit <http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/dvd1.php>



### **School Cash Online**

For safety and efficiency, HWDSB would like to continue 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 require help to register, please contact the office.

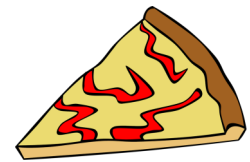
### **Special Lunches in November**

This month our pizza days will be:

**November 15, 22, 29.**

Pizza **must be paid in full for the entire month** when the forms are due.

No late payments will be accepted. Also, please mark the number of slices of pizza that you are ordering for your child. Do not just put a check mark in the box.



**Lunch Lady Luncheon will be Tuesday, November 27th.  
Forms will be sent home this week.**

### **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 C. Lacroix and Ms. Miscas (new Vice Principal).

- Leave a message on the school phone before 7:30 am/after 4:00 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)

# HWDSB

## Winter Weather

### Bus cancellations and school closures

#### How does HWDSB decide on bus cancellations and school closures?

- When bad weather is expected, Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) carriers check weather reports, road conditions and road clearing, starting as early as 4 a.m.
- Based on this information, the Director of Education makes the decision in conjunction with Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.



#### When do we make decisions?

HWDSB will announce the cancellation of school and board operations by 6 am, based on the best information at the time.

#### The HWDSB Rule:

Inclement weather  
+ Bus cancellation  
= No school

When HWDSB cancels busing due to inclement weather, we have deemed the roads unsafe and this triggers the closure of schools. Some boards have different procedures.



#### What's the rule for extreme cold?

In extreme cold, buses may not start or run as expected and HWDSB may need to cancel transportation. But this **does not** automatically mean that schools will close. In 2014, Trustees gave the Director (or designate) the discretion to keep schools open when busing is cancelled due to extreme cold.



#### Where do I find cancellation information?

We will share this announcement in a variety of ways:

- The HWDSB website [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca)
- HWDSB's Twitter account [www.twitter.com/HWDSB](https://www.twitter.com/HWDSB)
- HWSTS website [www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca)
- Local media outlets:  
*CBC Hamilton, CHCH TV, CHML, CKPC Brantford, Hamilton Community News, Hamilton Spectator.*



*Families always have a choice*

A school cancellation is a tough decision – and some families may disagree with HWDSB's call. Families can always make the choice they feel is best when it comes to sending their child to school.

#### Email Notifications for Bus Delays

The Parent's Portal tool on the HWSTS website ([www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca)) enables parents /guardians to create a secure online account where they can access transportation details for their children. The portal also allows account holders to choose to receive email notifications if their child's bus is delayed by more than 10 minutes.

Please note that we are not able to contact the bus company if you cannot meet your child at the bus stop, therefore, please make alternative arrangements in advance if you are running late or stuck in traffic.

#### JUST A REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE:

If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school at (905) 387-0062 and leave a message on our 24hr answering machine, stating your child's full name, and the reason for the absence. Please also **spell** your child's name and give the name of your child's teacher.

If your child is being picked up early for an appointment or is not going home on the bus, please send a note to the teacher so the teacher is aware. Last minute calls and changes may not always be possible for the office to get the message to the student. If your child attends the after school program, you need to contact them directly to let them know they will not be attending.

Can you please also submit a note to the office, in writing, if you will be going away on vacation stating the dates and names of your children as we need it for auditing purposes.



### 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](mailto: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](http://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,

### Outside the School French Immersion Tutoring Opportunity



**AFTER – SCHOOL TUTORING**  
**FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM**  
Tutorat après l'école - Immersion Français



**WE OFFER AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING**  
to help students with:

- Maths homework
- French homework
- Reading and writing in French



**AT LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays • Between 4pm to 7pm

Call: 289-698-3310 to register

Email: [pglecteurs@gmail.com](mailto:pglecteurs@gmail.com)

# HWDSB

Say Oui!  
Bienvenue!  
Apprenez!



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## French Immersion Application

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HWDSB uses an application process for entry into French Immersion for children born in 2013.

A Grade 1 system-wide application process for entry to French Immersion allows for program placement of students, monitoring of accommodations, balance of enrolment, and long-term stability of the French Immersion program.

**We guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all applicants. Please take note of the important dates:**

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Friday, October 19, 2018  | Application process opens for Senior Kindergarten students |
| Friday, November 30, 2018 | Deadline for applications                                  |
| Friday, December 14, 2018 | Program location offered to Parent/Guardian                |
| Monday, January 14, 2019  | Deadline for program acceptance and registration           |

*Please note: Families with an older sibling currently in French Immersion are still required to complete an online application for the new student.*

Further information about French Immersion and the application process is available online at:

[www.hwdsb.on.ca/fi](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/fi)

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