



LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
45 Berko Drive
Phone: 905-387-0062
September 2019, Volume 1

Principal:
 Mme C. Lacroix

Vice-Principal:
 Ms. J. Miscas

Office Administrators:

Mrs. Keddy
 Mrs. Russell
 Mrs. Hill (PM)

Superintendent:
 Mr. P. Denomme

Trustee:
 Mrs. D. Danko

Special points of interest:

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From the Principal's Office

We hope everyone had a safe and happy summer break! September marks the beginning of a new school year with new learning ahead. As students return for this school year, it is our hope they will set goals and always try their best in attaining them. As adults (staff and parents) our job is to support them in their learning journey. Take time to sit down with your child and plan for success. A good starting point would be establishing routines for nightly reading practice, homework

completion, and sharing their agendas.

New beginnings mean new staff members to welcome. At Lawfield, we are thrilled to welcome Ms. Finlayson (Gr 5/6), Mr. Coulis (Gr 6), Ms. Kiss (Gr 6/7), Mlle Daniel (Gr. 2/3), Mlle Higgins (Gr.7/8), Ms. Robicheau (EA), Mrs. Gatehouse ((CYCP-Child & Youth Care Practitioner), Ms Miron (ELL) and Mrs. Marino (Reading Specialist). We would also like to welcome back Mrs. Russell (Office Administrator) and Mme Zimmerman (Gr 4/5).

The floors are gleaming and lights are extra bright! We would like to thank our caretaking staff for all of their hard work in preparing our school to be a safe and clean learning environment.

The Lawfield School Council will hold elections on Sept 17th in the school library at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendars for September 19th as it is our Meet the Staff evening.

We are looking forward to an excellent year!

Mme Lacroix and Ms. Miscas

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
September 3	First day of school	December 23	To January 3 Winter Holidays
18	Meet the Staff Night	January 24	PA Day
20	PA Day	February 17	Family Day Holiday
25-26	Picture Day	March 6	PA Day
17	School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	March 16-20	March Break
27	Terry Fox Run	April 10-13	Easter Break
October 14	Thanksgiving	May 18	Victoria Day Holiday
29	Progress Reports Sent Home	May 19—June 1	EQAO
November 8	PA Day	June 5	PA Day
29	PA Day	26	PA Day

Agendas

Agendas have been given to grade 1 to 6 students this year. Grade 7 and 8 teachers will be using a different means to communicate with parents.

Agendas are very important tools for students. They provide students opportunities to set goals, organize their time and assignments and develop their responsibility skills by transporting to and from school. An agenda provides a space for parents and educators to communicate information to each other. The school will be covering the cost of each child's agenda.

September Information Packages

All students have received a package of forms to be completed. These forms should be returned as soon as possible.



Calling All Volunteers!

Volunteers are essential members of 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 do not already have one 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.

We are in need of volunteers to run our Nutrition/Snack Programs as we would hate to have to stop running this much needed program. The Nutrition/Snack program will be starting back up on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

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 one of our office staff for the necessary forms.

Returning volunteers -

-All other volunteers must sign an annual offence declaration and should begin updating their CRC's every

Students and Medication

For the safety of all of our students, we ask that students not carry any medication on their person or in their locker unless it is an Epi-pen for emergency treatment. The office must be made aware of any student that may require emergency treatment.

Other medications are over-the-counter medication, such as cough syrup and pain relievers. These should **not** be brought to school by students of elementary school age, or stored at school, as some students may have adverse reactions to improper usage and other students may inadvertently obtain these medications.

All other medication must be kept in the office. Prescription medication requires signed authorization of a parent or guardian and signed direction by the prescribing doctor before it can be administered by school personnel. These forms are available at the office.



SAFE AND TIMELY ARRIVAL



For the safety of our students and for our priority on instructional time, you are asked to observe the following:

• **Parking in front of the school is prohibited. This is a school bus/no stopping zone. Please use the kiss and drop area.**

This year, there will be 4 buses at the beginning and end of the school day. By-law officers may ticket violators.

- Do not drop off your student in the staff parking lot. This is a congested high traffic area not suitable for pedestrians. If you need to park, please use Lawfield Arena parking lot.
- Watch carefully at the cross-walks. Remind your son/daughter to observe safety rules.
- All students enter from the playground doors only. Students are not to enter or exit via the front doors. Front doors will be locked all day long.
- Instructional time begins at 8:40 am and 1:20 pm. Students should arrive 5 minutes in advance so they can enter with the bell at the back of the school.
- Punctuality is a life skill our students need to learn, teach them to set an alarm clock to arrive on time in the morning.
- School ends at 3 pm, all walking students exit via the playground doors only. Bus students will use the front doors. Staff supervises the playground until 3:15 pm.
- Students leaving school for lunch (with permission only), must return on time for 1:20 pm afternoon entry.

ABSENTS or LATES

Please remember to call or use SAFE ARRIVAL Website/App. if your child will be late, absent or early dismissal. If you forget to call or use the app., you will receive a call from our Messenger System to confirm that your child is not at school.

If your child is in the before care/after care program, please call them **directly as well** to let them know of your child's absence.

go.schoolmessenger.ca or call 844-506-4350

2019-2020 DAILY SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT
8:25 am	Playground Supervision Begins (Please do not arrive before 8:25 am)
8:40 am	Entry & Period 1
9:30 am	Period 2
10:20-10:40	Outdoor Break Gr 1-5 Eng, Gr 1-4FI Inside Break: Gr 6-8 Eng., Gr 5-8 FI
10:40-11:00	Outdoor Break: Gr 6-8 Eng., Gr 5-8 FI Inside Break Gr 1-5 Eng, Gr 1-4FI
11:00	Period 3
11:50	Period 4
12:40-1:00	Outdoor Break Gr 1-5 Eng, Gr 1-4FI Inside Break: Gr 6-8 Eng., Gr 5-8 FI
1:00-1:20	Outdoor Break: Gr 6-8 Eng., Gr 5-8 FI Inside Break Gr 1-5 Eng, Gr 1-4FI
1:20	Period 5
2:10	Period 6
3:00	End of Day Dismissal
3:15	Playground Supervision Ends (unsupervised after 3:15 pm)

Newsletters
Our monthly newsletters are posted online each month.

Subscribe to our school website and receive an email notification of an update.

Please return September Package forms school as soon as possible.

Pizza Days

Beginning in the month of October, we will be having Pizza Days every Thursday. Please sign up for School Cash Online as it is an easy way to pay for our your child's pizza, <https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>.

Lunch Lady

Beginning October 9th, we will be offering Lunch Lady every other Tuesday. Flyers will be going home shortly with more information.

School Council News.....

WELCOME BACK, PARENTS!

The Lawfield School Council invites all parents to join our organization. School Councils provide advice to Principals regarding programs and student life.

At Lawfield, our School Council is also actively involved in a variety of school activities supporting Phys. Ed and other areas. Money raised by the School Council is allocated to special projects and school initiatives.

The first meeting of School Council will be held on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. All parents of Lawfield students are welcome to attend!

You will find more information in the September Package and on the website.

ALLERGY ALERT

Within our school community there are students and staff who have a potential life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly nuts. Others suffer from allergic reactions to perfumes, spray colognes and body sprays (e.g. AXE). We respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within the school community to avoid sending nuts of any kind or wearing perfume/ colognes to school.

STUDENT FEES

Every year schools in HWDSB are required to publish any fees students are required to pay.

At Lawfield, these fees may include:

- Lost books \$5-10
- School trips \$20
- Graduation \$40

School Office

Parents, it is very helpful that you make arrangements with your child for pick up and/or alternate dismissal plans **prior** to them leaving for school. It is not always possible to transmit a message to students at the end of the day. Thanks for your assistance!

PICTURES!

Lifetouch Photography will continue to be responsible for our school photos.



We have scheduled the following photos dates with Lifetouch.

On September 25 JK- Gr.3 and 26, Gr. 3/4-8 it will be individual student photo day. Class photos will take

Website and Twitter Account!

Please visit and subscribe to our school website to receive notifications and updates and our newsletters.

Follow us on Twitter: @Lawfield_HWDSB

Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!



My name is Dawn Danko and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Ward 7. I have also been elected as Vice Chair of the Board for 2018-2019.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our ward. I can be reached by email at ddanko@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 289-775-0269.

For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>

2019-2020 Lawfield Staff

Grade	Staff Name	Room	Grade	Staff Name	Room
Kindergarten	Mrs. T. Scott Ms. C. Zurbrigg	107	1A FI	Mlle R. Cascioli	131
Kindergarten	Mrs. J. Williams	106	1B FI	Mme T. Rogers	134
Kindergarten	Ms. L. Blair Ms. S. Morehouse	104	1/2A FI	Mme B. Basiak	130
Kindergarten	Ms. H. McNulty	137	2A FI	Mlle A. Alfano	219
1/2A	Mrs. E. Kalman	135A	2B FI	Mme D. Gadsdon	133
1/2B	Ms. D. Wolfe	140	2/3A FI	Mlle M. Daniel (LTO-Mme K. Johnson)	129
3A	Ms. J. Daw	Port 6	3A FI	Mme E. Van Nie	Port 4
3/4A	Ms. I. McFarlane	140	3B FI	M D. Kiely	Port 3
4/5A	Mr. T. Stephens	222	4A FI	Mlle E. MacKinnon	Port 2
4/5B	Mr. T. Goode	221	4/5A FI	Mme D. Zimmerman	Port 1
5/6A	Ms. E. Finlayson (LTO-Ms. M. Murphy)	Port 5	5/6A FI	Mme B. Dupuis	224
6A	Mr. E. Coulis (LTO-Ms. S. Zimmerman)	227	5/6B FI	M K. Creelman	225
6/7A	Ms. K. Kiss (LTO-Ms. A. Kemper)	215	6/7A FI	Mme J. Carpio	214
7A	Mr. D. Court	229	7/8A FI	Mme M. Higgins	230
7B	Ms. D. Leon	217	8A FI	M B. Thibaudeau	238
7/8A	Ms. M. Laking	232	French (Gr 6-8)	Mlle K. Jones	
8A	Mr. A. Thompson	205	French (Gr 4-6)	Mme H. Flemming	
8B	Ms. B. Robinson	236	Library	Ms. L. Scordino	Library
P.E/Health - K-8	Mr. J. Grant	Gym/115	Music	Mrs. M. Roberts	234
P.E/Health - K-8	Ms. D. Hofer	Gym/115	EA	Ms. K. Adun Mrs. S. Battersby (0.5 p.m.)	Various
Learning Resource (Primary Reading/JK-2)	Ms. K. Wolf	125	EA	Mrs. C. Borkovic Ms. K. Robicheau (LTO for Ms.D. DaCosta)	Various
Learning Resource (English, Gr. 5/6-8)	Mrs. N. Waddington	211	EA	Mr. B. Fraser Mr. A. Grzicic	Various
Learning Resource (Gr 1 -8 FI)	Ms. K. Stetson	230	EA CYCP	Mrs. N. VanderVeen Ms. N. Gatehouse	Various
Reading Specialist	Mrs. M. Marino		Prep Teacher	Ms. N. Freeborn	Primary/ Junior
Principal	Mme C. Lacroix	Office	Office Administrator	Mrs. I. Keddy Mrs. K. Russell Mrs. L. Hill (0.5 p.m.)	Office
Vice-Principal	Ms. J. Miskas	Office	Caretakers	B. Oosterlinck N. Palmer G. Paul L. Davidson S. Hinkley	
Other Staff Associated with Lawfield	Paul Denomme, Superintendent Kathleen Hussey, Supt Exec. Asst	905-527-5092 ext 2304	Trustee	Dawn Danko	