



LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
45 Berko Drive
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October 2019, Volume 2

Principal:
 Mme C. Lacroix

Vice-Principal:
 Ms. J. Miscas

Office Administrators:

Mrs. Keddy
 Mrs. Russell
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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. Again this year, we would like to continue to foster student pride and personal ownership in each student's learning.

Mme Lacroix and Ms. Miscas

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
October 17,24,31	Pizza Day	October 3	Cross Country Meet
October 14	Thanksgiving Holiday	October 8	Hold & Secure Drill
October 8/22	Lunch Lady Lunch	October 9	Bomb Threat Drill
October 15	School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm	October 2	HWDSB Wear Yellow and Walk to School Day
October 4	Fire Drill	October 29	Progress Reports Go Home
November 7	Class Photo/Retake Day	November 8	PA Day: Parent/Teacher
November-7, 14, 21, 28	Pizza Day	November 11	Remembrance Day at Lawfield

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, September 27th, Lawfield hosted its annual Terry Fox Walk and Run. This year, we have made a collective goal to walk and run 2500 kms as a school. We also collected "toonies" for the Terry Fox Foundation. This was an excellent opportunity for Lawfield to showcase their kindness and care for the community. Congratulations Lawfield staff & students, we reached our goal and received a total of \$ 837.85 in donations!!

Goal: 2500 km

Lifetouch Student Photos

Our Photos were taken in September and the proofs will be sent home soon. Lifetouch Canada had introduced a "MyFamily Rewards" program last year. 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. **Photo re-take and class photo day is scheduled for November 7th. 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

Schools that implement healthy eating habits see improved behaviour, focus and performance from their students.

Lawfield is pleased to again offer the Nutrition Program in which our parent volunteers prepare nutritious nut-free snack options such as fresh fruit, vegetables, whole grains and yogurt for our students to enjoy Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. It is important that you are still supplying your child with a healthy lunch for the afternoon on these days.

The growth and success of this program is due to generous funding from Hamilton Tastebuds, but we also rely on fundraising and your generous donations. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash donations are happily accepted, or if you would like to contribute food to the program, please visit our website under the Nutrition Program tab for a list of items that we are able to accept.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with preparing and delivering food bins to classrooms in the morning.

If you are able to help with the nutrition program, please contact the school office.



THANK YOU!



EQAO 2018-2019 – 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.

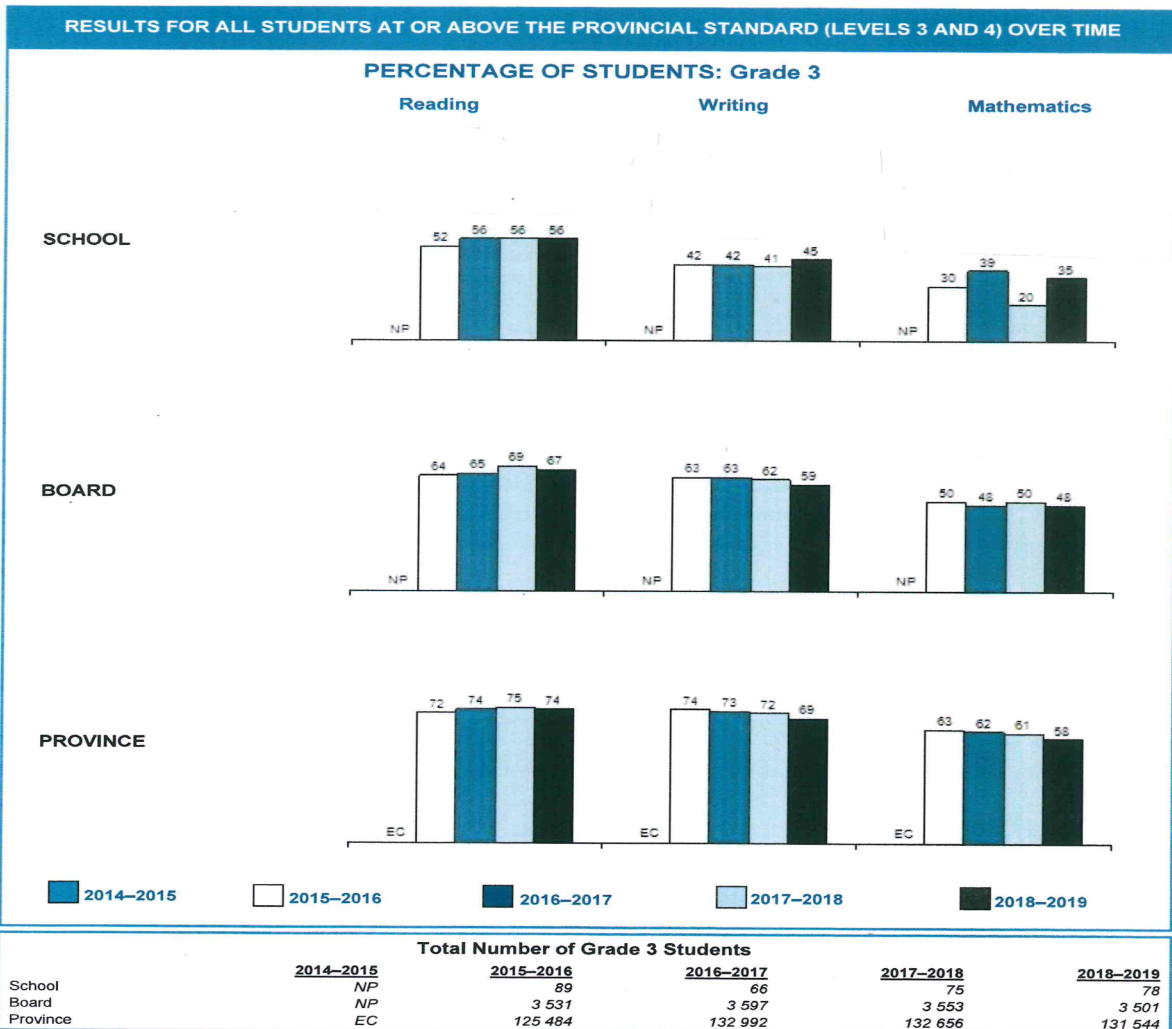
	Grade 3	Grade 3	Grade 3		Grade 6	Grade 6	Grade 6
	Lawfield	Board	Province		Lawfield	Board	Province
Reading	56%	67%	74%		69%	73%	81%
Writing	45%	59%	69%		71%	73%	82%
Mathematics	35%	48%	58%		24%	36%	48%

Trend Data (last 5 years)

School Report

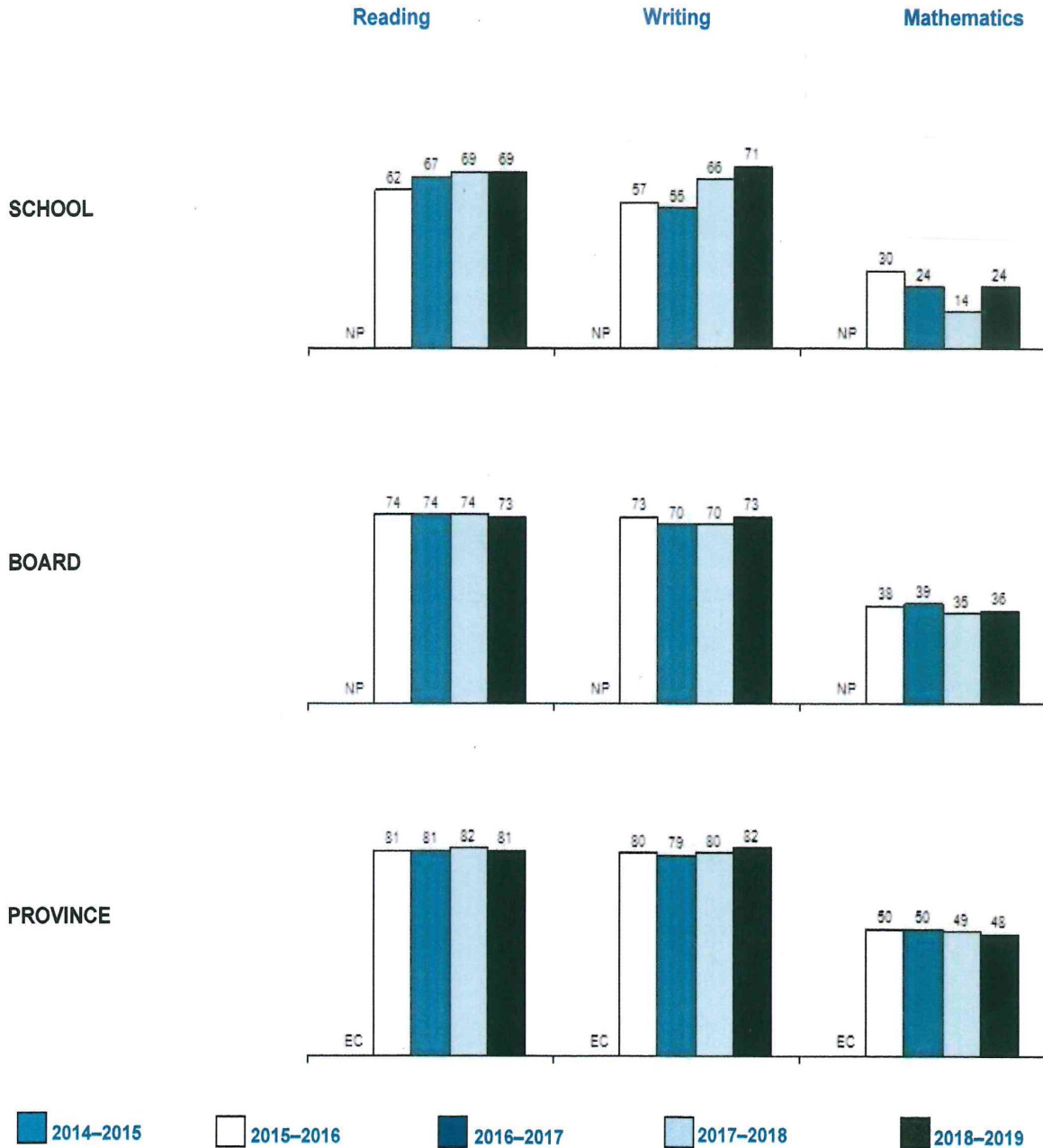
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Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2018–2019



RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4) OVER TIME

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS: Grade 6



	Total Number of Grade 6 Students				
	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
School	NP	87	85	102	117
Board	NP	3 458	3 442	3 552	3 655
Province	EC	123 685	130 775	132 766	136 124



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. A friendly reminder that school starts at 8:40 am SHARP! Students are marked late if arriving after 8:40.

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. Russell for the necessary forms.

Returning volunteers -

-Each School Year—All volunteers must sign an offence declaration and need to update 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 17th this year. We will continue to 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: Sarah Northrup **Vice-Chair:** Jeff McRae **Secretary:** Heather Arbuckle **Treasurer:** Chris Denholm

Voting Members: Francine R., Nicole R., Jackie T., Karen S., Michael H., Michelle D., Amy C., Ellen S., Shelley S., Karen N., Lisa E., Kerri L. **General Members:** Veronica B., Bridget C., Deetra W., Holly E. **Community Member:** Tasha R. **Teacher Rep.:** Ms. Carpio

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.

Visit our 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 Ms. Miskas.

- Leave a message on the school phone before 8:00 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)



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 drill: Friday, October 4th at 10:00am

Hold and Secure: Tuesday, October 9th at 11:15am

Bomb Threat: Thursday, October 10th

Lockdown: Wednesday, 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

CPF Next Meeting: Monday, October 21 at 7-8:30pm at Terry Berry Branch (Hamilton Public Library)

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

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
- > **The Alliance Française** in Toronto offers a wide variety of cultural events: www.alliance-francaise.ca/en/