



## LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

45 Berko Drive

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Our Grade 8's have received their option sheets and are in the process of preparing for Grade 9. It is a very important and exciting time of year. Please take the time to discuss future program selections.

For IEP & Report Cards refer to Page 4.

For Novel Coronavirus information refer to page 5

**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:**

- Kindergarten Registration
- Grade 8 Graduation
- School Council
- Homework Help

### IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
February 5th	Winter Wear Yellow Day	Feb. 6 & 7	Potential school closure due to Labour Action
February 12, 26	Lunch Lady	February 17th	Family Day (No School for students)
February 20	School Council Meeting—6:00pm (Library)	March 6th	PA Day (No school for students)
March 17-20th	March Break		

#### **Kindergarten Registration Opens February 3rd**

If your child is four or turning four before December 31st, you may register him/her for Kindergarten. Please register **online** at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/> and **our office administrator will call you to make an appointment once we receive your application from the Board.** Appointments will be booked Monday to Friday between 9:30-11:30 and 1:30-3:00. If you are not available during those times, we will do our best to accommodate your needs. You will need to provide proof of address (Tenancy Agreement, Proof of Purchase of home or Property Tax Bill); birth certificate and health card. All immunization records will need to be given to Public Health **directly** by the parents.

#### **Grade 1 French Immersion**

If you are still considering French Immersion for your grade 1 child, please visit <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/programs/french-as-a-second-language/>. Registrations are closed, but late applications are still being accepted. Lawfield is closed to Out-of-Catchment, however, you will be put on a wait list for a possible placement in one of our HWDSB French Immersion schools.

**Grade 8 Graduation Information (TENTATIVE)**



Graduation Rehearsal: Monday June 15, 2020

Graduation Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Where: Lawfield School

Ceremony Begins at 5:30 pm



Dinner and Dance: Marquis Gardens—Rymal Road Location

More Details to follow at a later date

**ATTENTION:** If plans change regarding the above, a letter to the graduating class will be sent home with each grade 8 student.

**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** (located in our Library). Lost and Found will be bagged and donated at the end of each month.

**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>

**Other Important Information**

**PIZZA DAY - CANCELLED** until further notice.



**SK Grad Pictures—April 21st**



**Parents of Grade 7 students — please mark your calendars**

The second dose of Hep B and HPV is on April 29th for all grade 7 students. Those who missed the first dose on October 17th will now receive the first dose on April 29th.



## Anonymously Reporting/HWDSB Helps

We recognize that sometimes students and/or parents need to be able to provide information to the Principal anonymously.

- Lawfield continues to subscribe to HWDSB Helps. 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 Mme Lacroix ([clacroix@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:clacroix@hwdsb.on.ca)) or Ms. Miscas ([jmicas@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:jmicas@hwdsb.on.ca)) or the school email account ([lawfield@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:lawfield@hwdsb.on.ca))



Homework Help provides free online tutoring for students in grades 7-10 . The tutors are certified Ontario Teachers who are hired by TVO. In addition to tutoring services, Homework Help also has helpful videos and strategies. Single sign-on has been added to the Hub, so that students do not have to remember username and password. Once registered they will be able to use the service Sunday to Thursday from 5:30-9:00.



**Click the HH Link**



**Verify Your Birthdate and Create a Username**



**Begin using Homework Help**



# HWDSB

January 22, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

As you may know, labour actions by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) are having a variety of impacts on elementary schools at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB). We appreciate the challenges this creates for our families, students and staff as our priority remains keeping our students safe and focused on learning.

### Field Trips, Athletics and Extra-curricular Activities

- Athletics and extracurricular occurring outside of the school day are cancelled until further notice.
- All field trips are cancelled up to February 7. Field trips scheduled after this date may be cancelled or on hold – check with your child's school principal.

### Elementary Term One Report Cards

- HWDSB is unable to provide term one elementary report cards this year. However, it is important for teachers and parents to communicate about student progress – and this conversation will continue. Please contact your child's teacher(s) if you have questions or concerns about their progress.

### Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

- For students with Individual Education Plans, these will continue to be updated as per previous practice. If you have any questions regarding your child's IEP, please contact the school.

Provincial labour action puts families in a difficult position. We remain hopeful that an agreement may be reached in the coming days. We remain focused on the learning and well-being of our students.

You can find updates and a full list of impacts at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/labour-update](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/labour-update) or on HWDSB's Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of uncertainty.

Please contact the school principal if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Alex Johnstone  
Chair of the Board



Manny Figueiredo  
Director of Education

**curiosity** • **creativity** • **possibility**

## **Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**

### **Ontario has shared news of four confirmed cases of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).**

Health officials anticipated these first cases and the overall risk to Ontario is considered low. As student and staff safety is a primary concern for Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, we will continue to monitor the situation through local, provincial and federal partners and communicate with families as necessary.

Members of the public are advised by the Ministry of Health to take the usual measures to reduce the risk of transmission of the flu and respiratory illness.

Our families, students and staff should:

- Get a yearly influenza vaccination, available from clinics and pharmacies (for flu only);
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based sanitizer;
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze;
- If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm; and
- If you or your family members are ill, stay home.

#### **Letter to Families from Chief Medical Officer of Health:**

Please access the letter to families from Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams: [Letter from Chief Medical Officer of Health](#)

#### **Students and staff are not permitted to wear masks at school – if you are ill, please stay home:**

As a school board, we depend on the expertise of health agencies, who have not recommended that healthy members of the public wear masks.

“Wearing masks when you are well is not an effective measure. Sometimes it can actually present some risks, as you are putting your fingers up and down on your face, removing your mask, putting them next to your eyes,” Dr. Teresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada has said.

Masks can also heighten anxiety.

#### **Heightened Concern:**

Events like this can cause feelings of uncertainty and anxiety. Here are some tips to support our community at this time:

- Be patient with yourself and those close to you.
- Take care of yourself.
- Eat healthy, drink plenty of water, and get enough rest.
- If you are feeling overwhelmed, consider taking a break from the news and social media.
- Provide children with age-appropriate factual information.
- Please reach out to the school if support is needed.