



# Lisgar Elementary School

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## WELCOME BACK!

To our Lisgar families,

The beginning of our 2024-2025 school year is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to welcoming our students and school community!

### Class Placements

As of **Monday, August 26th**, you will be able to access the Parent Portal where you can view the name of your child's teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

The process of class placement is a collaborative effort that takes place over several weeks. A considerable amount of time and thought goes into placement decisions, including current and potential friendships, student success and student achievement.

**Please note, changes to class placements are not being considered at this time.** Our dedicated and caring staff will work with you to support students in transitioning to their new classrooms. If you have any specific concerns about your child, please reach out to your child's teacher.

### The First Day of School

#### **Grades 1-8 Students**

The first day of school for grades 1-8 is **Tuesday, September 3rd**. Students will be greeted by their new teachers on the playground. Teachers will have signs with their names on them, along with class lists. This is where students can gather to meet with their new classmates and prepare for 8:50 am entry.

If you require assistance, please look for staff members who will be wearing safety vests, and they will be happy to help.

#### **Kindergarten Students**

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On Tuesday, September 3rd, all students **new** to kindergarten will have an opportunity to have a scheduled visit with the kindergarten team to ensure they feel comfortable and supported as they transition to school. Families who are registering new kindergarten children will be provided with a time to visit their new classrooms and educators. **All JK (Year 1) and SK (Year 2) students begin full day attendance on Wednesday, September 4th.**

## **Bell Times and Supervision**

Supervision at Lisgar begins at 8:35 am and ends at 3:25 pm.

Our bell times are as follows:

<b>LISGAR</b>
<b>Period 1 (60) 8:50 - 9:50</b>
<b>Period 2 (40) 9:50 - 10:30</b>
<b>Nutrition Break 1 10:30 – 11:10</b>
<b>Period 3 (60) 11:10 - 12:10</b>
<b>Period 4 (40) 12:10 - 12:50</b>
<b>Nutrition Break 2 12:50 - 1:30</b>
<b>Period 5 (60) 1:30 - 2:30</b>
<b>Period 6 (40) 2:30 - 3:10</b>

## **Nutrition Breaks**

Our school is organized on a Balanced Day schedule, meaning we have two nutrition breaks. Students have 20 minutes to eat and 20 minutes to play at each break. Please be sure to pack enough food for two breaks. Drop-off or delivery of food is strongly discouraged, to minimize interruptions to instruction.



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## **Dogs**

Please note that dogs are not permitted on school property during the school day, including drop off and pick up. Thank you.

## **School Cash Online**

To pay for school related items, please visit [School Cash Online](#) .

## **Meet the Staff**

Our educators are eager to engage with the school community early in the year. We will be hosting a Meet the Staff event later in the month (date and time TBD). We know that there is always a possibility of class reorganization in early October as student enrollment fluctuates, and your child's placement could change.

## **School Council and Parent Volunteers**

Parents are valued partners in education and there are many opportunities for involvement. All parents/guardians/caregivers of students at Lisgar are welcome and encouraged to attend School Council meetings. The Ministry of Education requires all Ontario schools to have School Councils. The role of the School Council is to advise the principal and staff of recommendations for the School Improvement Plan. If a parent/guardian would like to be a voting and serving member on the School Council, they must be elected to the role. Election forms are available in the school's main office and must be returned to the office in advance of our first meeting. If you are interested in other volunteer opportunities, please contact the school to learn more.

## **Lost & Found**

We hope to reduce the number of lost student items! I'm sure families would be happy to not have to replace gloves, hats, pants, boots, shoes, hoodies, and so on. Please consider writing your child's name on as many items as possible



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## **Plan of Care**

You will be contacted if your child has a Plan of Care currently on file at the school to update if required. If your child is new to the school or has had a change in a medical condition, and requires a new Plan of Care, please obtain, complete and return the relevant form(s) to the office as soon as possible.

## **Transportation**

If your child qualifies for transportation, please follow the steps listed to access your child(ren)'s information via the online portal. Please keep in mind that last minute changes sometimes do occur and that it is important to re-check the information prior to sending your child(ren) to their assigned pickup location on September 3rd. Go to [www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca) and click on the "Parent's Portal" on the Home page, OR "Bus Stop Finder" on the landing page. Families of new JK students should have received information in the mail about transportation.

## **Courtesy Transportation Requests:**

After eligible students have finalized busing arrangements, there MAY be available spots on the school bus routes. Requests for courtesy transportation will be reviewed and assessed in October. Please visit [www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca) for application forms and submit to the school office.

## **Learn more.**

We are looking forward to a great year together. Enjoy the rest of summer!

Yours sincerely,

Marco Lutterotti (Principal)