



Ray Lewis Legends Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk...

BELL TIMES

Supervision Begins 9:00AM Entry
Bell 9:15AM
1st Nutritional Break
10:55AM -11:35AM
2nd Nutritional Break
1:15PM-1:55PM
Dismissal Bell 3:35PM
Supervision Ends 3:50PM

School Council:

Our next meeting is Tuesday
Oct 26th at 7:00pm via teams.
All are welcome.

This years executive council:

Co-Chairs -

Sherry Cope & Carena Caton

Treasurer -

Ala Mohamed
Members at Large -
Christine Ribeiro
Bryson Sherriff
Dr. Shafiqul Islam

Staff - J. Viveiros/K. McPhee

Please click on the links below
to view the HWDSB School
Year Calendar. Check for
statutory, board holidays and
PA Days.

[Elementary-2021-22-Calendar-FINAL.pdf \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#)

Safe Schools Action Plan
Community Advisory Group.
Please click on the link if you
are interested in participating.

[Safe Schools Action Plan |
Hamilton-Wentworth District
School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#)

Please check out our school
website, and click on
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Twitter.

[Ray Lewis Elementary School
\(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#)

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Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run raised over \$3600 from our school event. A thank you to all the families that supported the event by donating to the cause.

Cross Country Team

Our Cross-Country Team is competing in their meet today! We know all our students will display great effort, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm while representing Ray Lewis School. Thank you to Mr. Kargas and Ms. Yarwood for all their time and effort preparing our team! Go Legends!



Volleyball Teams

Our Volleyball Teams have been practicing very hard for their upcoming season. Thank you to Ms. Peever and Mr. Dalglish for all their time and effort preparing our teams!

Intramurals

We are happy to have intramurals back. Same cohorts will be participating in a variety of different sports at Nutrition breaks.

Safe Student Drop off and Pick up

For the safety of all students, when dropping children off in the morning, parents/caregivers are required to use the parking lot as a "drop zone". We only have enough parking spaces for staff so we ask for parents not to park in the parking lot. We also ask that families please remain on the grass and remain physically distanced. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping everyone safe.

Student Absent or Late

If your child is absent or late, please use the Safe Arrival Program. This can be done by website, app or phone.

www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival

These services are available 24 hours, seven days a week. When your child is going to be absent, it is essential for your child's safety to notify the school. If we do not receive a notification and your child is absent, our automated attendance notification program will call your home and send you an email to inform you of your child's absence. We ask that you call the school or use the Save Arrival Program to explain the reason for the absence.

Halloween Activities

On Friday October 29th, students can choose to wear an appropriate Halloween costume to school! No masks or weapons are allowed. We must continue to follow Public Health Protocols – wearing a mask covering your nose and chin, no sharing of treats or food. Student Council will be doing a school wide bingo and for the entire week they will be running a colouring contest. There will be LOTS of prizes up for grabs!



SECURE SCHOOLS

At Ray Lewis Elementary School, we will be practicing our "Lockdown - Secure Schools Procedure" Tuesday October 19th. A Lockdown is used when there is a potential risk of harm to people within, or outside the school setting. Although one can never predict when a violent or potentially harmful situation may arise, schools can prepare for responding to such an incident through intentional, scheduled practices, much like what we do with Fire Drills. The goal of the practice is to minimize the risk for staff and students during a time of crisis. In the event of a "real" lockdown, the Hamilton Police Services will be responding to the situation. All staff, students and volunteers who are regularly in the school buildings are required to know the procedures. The students will have the Lockdown Procedures explained to them ahead of time and the school will practice this procedure twice per year. The following terms and language will be used to ensure everyone is using the proper terminology.

“HOLD AND SECURE” – Used when the school is secured due to an ongoing situation outside and not related to the school (e.g. bank robbery near a school)

- The school continues to function normally, with the exterior doors locked until the situation is resolved
- Staff member posted at each entrance
- All movement in and out of the school is restricted
- Exterior facing windows should be covered or blinds drawn, lights dimmed, where possible
- School most likely to be notified by Hamilton Police Services

SHELTER IN PLACE” – Used for an environmental, or weather-related situation, where it is necessary to keep all occupants within the school to protect them (May be recommended by HES-Fire). Examples may include chemical spills, blackouts, explosions or extreme weather conditions

- People enter and remain in a building with the doors and windows closed
- Fans including heating and air conditioning units, should be turned off to prevent air from outside entering the building
- Normal operations may continue within the building

LOCKDOWN” – Used when there is a major incident or threat of school violence within the school, or in relation to the school

- Threat is inside the school, or is on school property, and poses an immediate threat to the students and staff
- Follow current lockdown procedures
- All movement in and out of the school and within the school is restricted
- Doors remain open to permit police immediate entry
- The “Safe Location” for our school is Nora Frances Henderson Secondary School

The above terminology is used to ensure consistency across the province. Common language across the province allows for easy integration when staff, students and other emergency service personnel are transferred from one jurisdiction to another. Along with this information being presented at school, we encourage parents to talk with their children about the need to always be safe and well prepared for an emergency situation.