



Ray Lewis Legends Newsletter

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October 2022

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 Meeting:

Our next meeting is Tuesday
Oct 18th at 6:00pm in the
Library. All are welcome.

This years executive council:

Co-Chairs -

Sherry Cope & Correna Caton

Treasurer - Justin Szajnowski

Members at Large - Shayla
Kellie, Nancy Lloyd, Christine
Ribeiro

Community Partner -

Ala Mohamed

Teacher Representative -

Jen Viveiros/Stacey Davis

Staff Representative -

Sabina Marrone

PICTURE DAY - Tuesday
October 18th

PA DAY- Monday October
24th. NO SCHOOL

Please click on the links below
to view the HWDSB School
Year Calendar. Check for
statutory, board holidays and
PA Days. [Elementary-2022-
2023-Calendar-5-Day-Cycle-
Approved.pdf \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#)

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Re-Organization of Classes

We'd like to remind families that we will be moving several students to new classrooms based on enrolment numbers provided by the School Board. Specifically, at our school, the reorganization will mean adding a 2/3 class. We also have a few changes with our staff and will be welcoming some new educators to our school community as well. These new teachers will reach out to families on Thursday October 6th and we will continue to update families with other staffing changes as they occur. We apologize for any disruption this may cause and appreciate your understanding. The re-organization of classes will begin on Friday October 7th.

Safe Student Drop off and Pick up

Parents, just a reminder that the front of the school building has No Parking and No Stopping signs. We need your support in ensuring that the area is free of vehicular traffic as this area is a bus loading and unloading area ONLY. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you for keeping the safety of our students a priority.

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

3-Pitch Baseball Teams

Congratulations to all of our athletes for their hard work, perseverance, and sportsmanship at their 3-pitch tournaments. A special thank you to the coaches Mr. Dalglish, Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Viveiros, Ms. Ducharme, and Ms. Walsh for their time, commitment and efforts in coaching these teams.

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run raised over \$1065 from our school event. A thank you to all the families that supported the event by donating to the cause.



Cross Country Teams

Our Cross-Country Team have been practicing very hard for our meet on Tuesday October 11th! We know all our students will display great effort, dedication, and enthusiasm while representing Ray Lewis Elementary School in a positive manner. Thank you to Mr. Kargas & Ms. Peever for all their time and effort preparing our team! Go Legends Go!

Student Council Wellness Wednesday Spirit Days in October

Oct 5 - Hat Day

Oct 19 - Sports Day

Oct 12 - Silly Sock Day

Oct 26 - Pattern Day



Halloween Activities

On Monday October 31st students can choose to wear an appropriate Halloween costume to school or they can wear orange & black! No masks or weapons are allowed. More information will come in a separate notice to all families about our student council's Dance-A-Thon event which will also be taking place that day!

Pizza Lunch Wednesdays are back!

Beginning this week families can pre-order their child(ren) pizza using school cash online. A message will be sent to all families about how to place your order. We are using Garth Pizza as our vendor this year and Cheese or Halal Pepperoni will be available.



SECURE SCHOOLS

At Ray Lewis Elementary School, we will be practicing our "Lockdown - Secure Schools Procedure" Thursday October 20th. This information will be posted on the school website. 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.