



Welcome
to
KINDERGARTEN
ORIENTATION

Meeting Norms

- Microphone off
- Camera off
- Use the chat for questions



Welcome to Sir Wilfrid Laurier School!



Principal: Greg Moore

Vice Principal: Gillian Stafford

Meet Our Kindergarten Team!

- Mrs. Barry-McLean and Ms. Kobe
- Ms. McGrimmond and Mrs. Masri
- Mrs. Anderson-Wong and Mrs. Kertoci
 - Mrs. Onat and Ms. Parkin
- Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Boccaccio

Getting to know your child is our priority

- Educators observe each child to find their interests, their strengths and their learning needs
- Observation and assessment shape the play-based learning program
- Educators plan programming to meet each child's needs based on skills and strategies demonstrated
- Educators communicate with parents in many ways



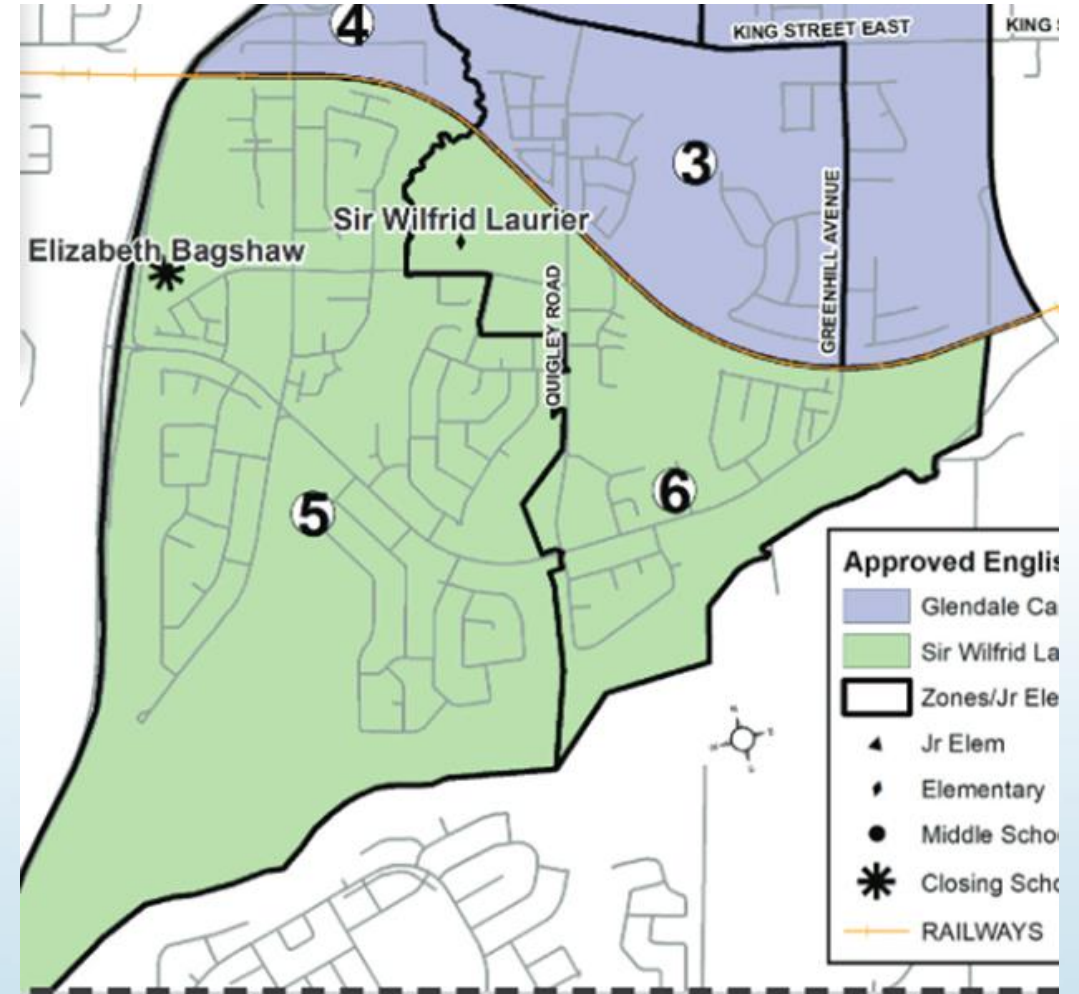
Your child's day

- Full day, every day
- Nutritious snack program
- Outdoor exploration
- Kindergarten Entry – pen/gate (8:35am)
- Arrival 8:50am and dismissal at 3:10pm
- Before and after-school programs (childcare)



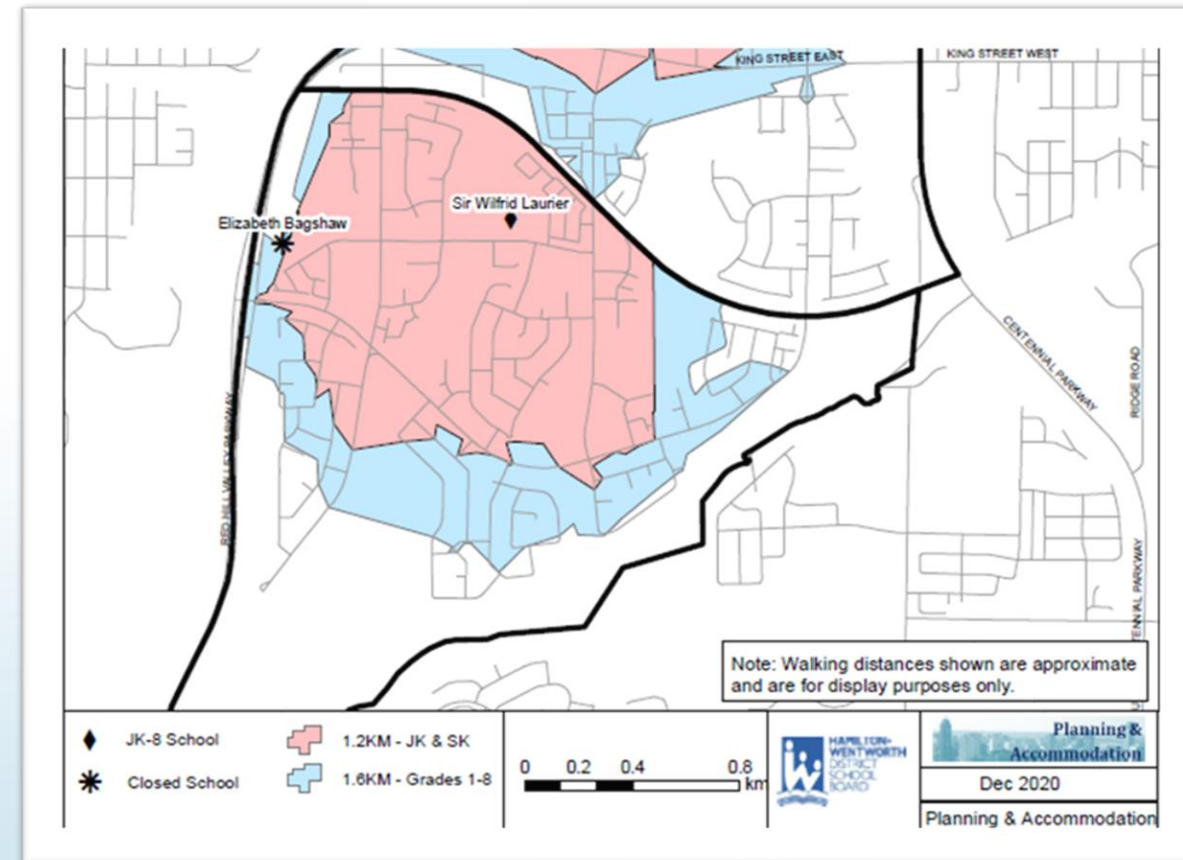
Transportation

- Schools have catchment areas or boundaries that tell us which school students will go to
- This year, we are consolidating the Elizabeth Bagshaw and Sir Wilfrid Laurier Catchment areas



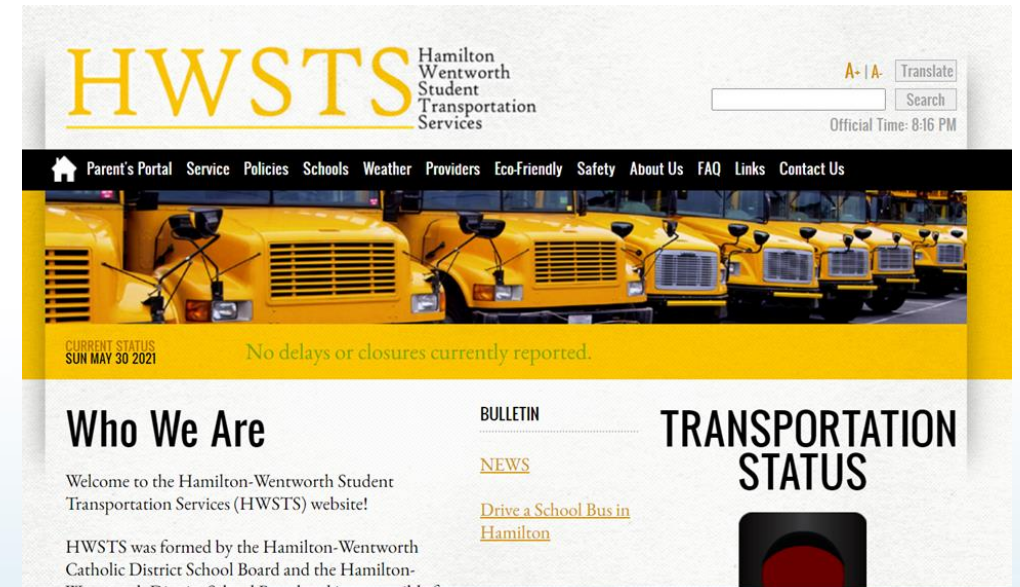
Walking Map

- The map shown indicates the areas where students will walk to school
- Pink being for Kindergarten students
- Anyone living outside of the pink area may be eligible for service



Transportation

- If eligible, you will be notified in August via mail to your home address
- Be sure to register with Transportation Services in the Parent Portal to get updates on delays and cancellations
- First Rider Program-To be determined
- Visit hamiltonschoolbus.ca for more information!



The screenshot shows the HWSTS website interface. At the top, the logo 'HWSTS' is displayed in large yellow letters, with 'Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services' written in smaller text to its right. A search bar and a 'Translate' button are visible in the top right corner. Below the logo, a navigation menu includes links for 'Parent's Portal', 'Service', 'Policies', 'Schools', 'Weather', 'Providers', 'Eco-Friendly', 'Safety', 'About Us', 'FAQ', 'Links', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area features a banner image of several yellow school buses. Below the banner, a yellow status bar reads 'CURRENT STATUS SUN MAY 30 2021' and 'No delays or closures currently reported.' To the left, the 'Who We Are' section provides a welcome message and background information. To the right, the 'TRANSPORTATION STATUS' section includes a 'BULLETIN' and a 'NEWS' link, with a sub-link for 'Drive a School Bus in Hamilton'. A red traffic light icon is partially visible at the bottom right.

What your child will need:

- A Backpack, large enough for their lunch bag and items that will be brought to and from school every day.
- At SWL, we have 2 Nutrition Breaks. All food brought to school must be Nut-Free.
- A Re-fillable water bottle.
- A set of extra clothing, including socks and underwear
- Indoor Shoes, to remain at school

Please label all your child's belongings.

The Kindergarten Program

- Play based
- Child centred
- Developmentally appropriate
- Inclusive
- Provides a safe and caring environment



A look at our classrooms



A look at our outdoor environment



Kindergarten at HWDSB



Communication of Learning

- Fall - Initial Observations report
- Winter and Spring - Communication of Learning reports

Full day Kindergarten: Understanding Your Child's Reports <http://bit.ly/2V7xqxC>

Ontario Ministry of Education Kindergarten Communication of Learning Initial Observations [Board Logo](#)

Date:

Student:	DEN:	Days Absent:	Total Days Absent:
Year 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Teacher:	Times Late:	Total Times Late:
Early Childhood Educator:	Early Childhood Educator:		
Board:	School:		
Address:	Address:		
	Principal:	Telephone:	

Key Learning / Growth in Learning / Next Steps in Learning ESL IEP

[Comments about student learning should be entered in a font size that is clear and legible.]

ESL - English as a Second Language
IEP - Individual Education Plan

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What is Kindergarten like during a pandemic?



How can you get involved?



- Attend our school events
- Volunteer
- School Council
- Attend parent/caregiver/educator conferences
- Join an HWDSB advisory committee

Roles in a school community

- Parent/caregiver
- Teachers and Early Childhood Educators
- Educational Assistants
- Learning Resource Teachers (LRT)
- Principal/Vice Principal
- Community Partners
- Speech-Language Pathologists





The **COUNTDOWN** to the **first day** of school!

- Visit your family doctor – immunizations
- Get a vision test – free eyeglasses in JK year: hwdsb.info/2PRmreS
- Address speech concerns – Early Words: hwdsb.info/2Rszrlo
 - *(Referrals only possible up to August 31 of a child's first year in kindergarten).*



Resources:

- Attend a Check It Out Clinic: hwdsb.info/2SrbfXe
- Review the FREE LookSee Developmental Screen: www.lookseechecklist.com
- Summer – play groups, sleep routines, independent skills
- Find resources at hwdsb.info/kindergartenorientation

Next Steps

- You can look forward to receiving a post card over the summer indicating the Educator Team who will be your child's teacher
- We will outline the time for your visit and the first day your child will start
- If you have any questions, please call the school at 905-578-4422



We look forward to meeting you and your child!

