

# Community Weekly Time Lion

Hear us Roar



## May

*Asian Heritage Month*

*Jewish Heritage Month*

*National Speech and Hearing Month*

*Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month*

Monday, May 6	Day 1	<b>Scholastic Book Fair May 6-10</b> <b>Mental Health Awareness Week</b> <b>Mental Health Initiatives: Compassion Blooms</b>
Tuesday, May 7	Day 2	<b>Mental Health Initiatives: Positive Affirmation Chalking</b>
Wednesday, May 8	Day 3	<b>Mental Health Initiatives: Work out Wednesday Today!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:45AM Lockdown Drill</li><li>• 4:30-6PM Open House</li></ul>
Thursday, May 9	Day 4	<b>Mental Health Initiatives: Colouring Pages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intermediate Excursion Baseball Fun</li></ul>
Friday, May 10	Day 5	<b>Mental Health Initiatives: Cooperative Games</b>

### Upcoming Events

*Grade 7&8 Student Vaccinations May 3*

*Open House May 8 4:30 PM – 6PM*

*Jump Rope for Heart – May 15*

*Kindergarten Orientation May 16 4PM-5PM*

*Pizza Day May 29*

*Sub Day June 6*

*PA Day June 7*

*Grade 8 Commencement June 19 5PM at Glendale Secondary (ceremony),*

*6:15PM-7:00PM Sir Wilfrid Laurier (family celebrations), 7PM-9PM*

*Student/Dinner Dance*

# Community Updates

## School Parking Lot

Vehicle congestion continues to be a concern for student safety, bus traffic control, and emergency responders in our parking lot during entry and dismissal times.

Starting **May 6**, the **school parking lot will be closed for vehicle access during the times of 8:30AM - 9:00AM and 3:00PM - 3:25PM**. Please do not park in the staff parking area prior to 8:30AM.

Pylons will be placed in front of the main entrance during these times and staff will remind cars to park on adjacent streets and walk their child into the school grounds.

Many of our families live within the catchment for walking, rolling, biking to school. Some of our families are eligible for busing outside of this catchment.

### Travel To and From School

- Families requiring to drive will need to park vehicles on adjacent streets following bylaw
- Walk, Roll, Bike to school
- Students assigned to a bus should utilize the bus service

Your understanding and support for student safety is appreciated.

## Open House

Join us at our Open House this week on Wednesday, May 8 from 4:30PM-6:00PM.

- Check out our gymnasium for mental wellness and physical fun activities. Ice Cream and SWL swag will also be sold in our gymnasium. Items will be between \$1.00 - \$5.00.
- Visit our library and check out our Scholastic Book Fair
- Visit your child's classroom to see current work items and connect with your child's teacher
- HWDSBe Kind Initiative near main office – popcorn sales
- Story Trails in our courtyard (weather permitting)

## Sub Day

Sub Day is Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> nutrition break. Subs are \$5.00 and are 6" long. Proceeds will be going towards our grade 8 Commencement. Subs can be purchased on School Cash Online from May 6<sup>th</sup> - May 24<sup>th</sup>. Cash will be accepted directly in the office from May 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> only. Order forms will be sent home with students on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. An order form must come back if your child is ordering a sub, whether they are paying online or with cash.

## Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart will take place on May 15<sup>th</sup>. You can donate to Jump Rope for Heart through this school link. <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/46407>  
Our school goal is to raise \$1000.00 this year.

The funds we raise will support research, education and other Heart & Stroke initiatives that empower kids and families across Canada to protect their heart and brain health.

Visit [jumpropeforheart.ca](http://jumpropeforheart.ca) for further information.

## HWDSBe Kind Initiative

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is excited to host a fundraiser during the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> to support the HWDSBe KIND campaign!

The theme of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's fundraiser is promoting kindness by improving school mental and physical health! We are excited to be selling kindness stickers, popcorn, running kindness activities and raising money for DPA equipment! To learn more about our school's fundraiser and how you can donate, [click here](#) to visit our website

### Background

Launched by [Hamilton Foundation for Student Success](#) (HFSS), HWDSBe KIND aims to raise funds for our school and HFSS Student Support Grants, which provide financial assistance to HWDSB students for school-related expenses and basic personal needs.

In addition to supporting a common cause, the fundraiser is an opportunity to provide students with real and practical applications for everyday life that will support the positive physical, emotional and mental health benefits associated with kindness.

### How You Can Help

This year HWDSBe KIND will raise fund for Sir Wilfrid Laurier's classrooms to obtain additional DPA equipment and HFSS' Student Support Grants so that all students can come to school and participate as equals while there.

Students and families can support through our [online donations](#). We would not be able to provide this same level of care and assistance for students without you, and we sincerely thank you for your kindness and generosity.

We look forward to seeing everyone come together to help support students!

[Click here](#) to learn more about Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Be KIND week!

Thank you,  
The SWL Team

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

May 2024 Dear Families,

It is that time of year again where we will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School Library. This event is an opportunity for all students of all ages to build their home library and develop the love of reading. Every book purchased will help our school to earn rewards.

Students will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair displays during school time. They will also be able to make purchases during First Nutrition Break beginning Tuesday May 7th, 2024 through Tuesday May 14th, 2023. We are also very excited to invite families to our Open House

#### ***Scholastic Book Fair Event.***

Date: Open House - Wednesday May 8th, 2024

Place: Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School Library

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 600 p.m.

Mode of Purchase Options Available: Cash, Debit Cards, or Credit Cards

We will also be holding a Book Fair Family Door Prize Event. Each Student will be receiving a ballet. They must bring the ballet to the Book Fair Event. This ballet will allow them a chance to enter a draw to win \$25 in books for their family! Plus \$25 in books their classroom teacher! The door prize draw will take place the next

day on Thursday May 9th, 2024, at which time the winner will be announced to the school.

We are excited to celebrate our love of books together at our Book Fair Event! We look forward to seeing you and your family there!

Happy Reading, M. Serra – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Teacher-Librarian

## Lockdown Drill

A lockdown is defined by police as the restriction of movement during the time of a potentially serious violent threat or violent incident that would endanger the lives of students and staff.

A lockdown is used when there is a major incident or threat within the school or in relation to the school. The threat is inside the school, or is on school property. All movement with the school and into and out of the school is restricted. Police notify the school when a lockdown has ended. Students have the responsibility to be familiar with the plan and quickly respond to staff directions during a crisis situation. Students will practice two lockdown drills each school year.

On Wednesday, May 8 students will practice a lockdown drill in their classrooms with their teacher. The Principal or Vice Principal will announce that the lockdown drill has begun and provide further instructions for students and staff.

You can also learn more about HWDSB's secure schools' protocol at <https://hwdsb.info/secureschools>.