

Community Weekly Time Lion

Hear us Roar



Principal Announcement:

Dear SWL families,

Sir Wilfrid Laurier staff is excited to welcome back students starting September 3rd. We are looking forward to another ROARING school year and hoping everyone is feeling refreshed and ready to learn after a wonderful warm summer.

*A friendly reminder that the first day of school for Grades 1-8 will be **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**. Kindergarten students new to school will have a scheduled appointment time communicated by their child's homeroom teacher on this day. Students and families will visit during their scheduled time on September 3rd. Year 2 Kindergarten students will attend school starting **Wednesday, September 4th**. Students will come to the Kindergarten gate, as per previous routines, during entry time.*

Our main office is open from 9AM-3PM the week of August 26th for new registrations and scheduled student transition meetings for students receiving specialized services. Should you need to speak with the office for other questions or information, please connect through phone or email so we can assist.

Please review the parent portal during the week of August 26th for your child's class placement. Due to our current class assigned numbers, we are not able to accommodate class changes or new requests at this time. Our SWL staff is dedicated in addressing student need and will support our students so they feel welcomed and safe in new classrooms this year.

Weather permitting, SWL students, Grades 1-8, will meet on the hard top on the first day of school during entry time, 8:35-8:50AM. Class signs will be up for students to locate their classroom line and teacher. The order will be from Grade 1 (starting near our pathway) to Grade 8 (near the portable area). Looking forward to seeing everyone back in September.

Please reach out to our school if you have any questions.

*Respectfully,
K. Reilly-Scott
Principal*

Hamilton Student Transportation System

Responsibility for getting to and from school rests primarily with the student and parents or guardians. The Education Act states that a board may provide transportation for pupils enrolled in schools operated by the Board. Transportation to and from school provided to students is a privilege and not a right. The HWSTS Member Boards' Transportation Policies set out the terms and conditions under which the Boards may provide transportation. To check if your child is eligible for busing, please visit <https://hwsts.mybusplanner.ca/TransportationEligibility> .

We have been supporting HWSTS, our local transportation consortium, as they adopt a new platform for their Parent Portal. 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 3, 2024. Go to www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca and click on the "Parent's Portal" on the Home page, OR "Bus Stop Finder" on the landing page. [Learn more](#).

Thank you to our SWL Caretaking Team!

A special thank you to our dynamite caretaking team at SWL! Our team has worked extra hard this summer to support summer learning sessions and prepare for our September opening!

Umbrella Child Care

Before and After care is available at SWL site. Umbrella Child Care is organized through Umbrella Care only. Our main office does not manage registrations with Umbrella. Please review the link to contact Umbrella Care if you are seeking child care before and after school.

<https://www.umbrellafamily.com>

Bell Times 2024-2025

Entry 8:35 – 8:50	School Grounds Open
AM	
8:50 – 9:30	Period 1
9:30 – 10:10	Period 2
10:10– 10:50	Period 3
10:50 – 11:10	Grade 5-8, Outside Nutrition Break Grade 1-4, Inside Nutrition Break
11:10 – 11:30	Grade 1-4 Outside Nutrition Break Grade 5-8, Inside Nutrition Break
11:30-12:00	Period 4
PM	
12:00 – 12:30	Period 5
12:30 – 1:10	Period 6
1:10 – 1:30	Grade 5-8 Outside Nutrition Break Grade 1-4 Inside Nutrition Break
1:30 – 1:50	Grade 1-4 Outside Nutrition Break Grade 5-8 Inside Nutrition Break
1:50 – 2:30	Period 7
2:30 – 3:10	Period 8
3:10	Dismissal
3:25	School Grounds Close

SWL Staff List 2024/2025

Staff Member	Position	Staff Member	Position
Amy Onat	JSA	Melony Parkin	DECE
Melissa Mitchell	JSB	Jana Boccaccio	DECE
Genea Ngleka	JSC	Valbona Kertoci	DECE
Leanne McGrimmond	JSD	Souhad Saffaf Masri	DECE
Sandra Manojlovic	JSE	Darla Kobe	DECE
Rachel Hone	JSF	Emily Legree	DECE
Tanisha Moulton	JSG	Shammi Akther	DECE
Kristina Groleau	1A	Kerry Silver	French
Theresa Jones	1B	Cale Riccobon (LTO)	French
Lillian Milinkovic	12A	Teesha Burnett	French
Jordana Smith	12B	Boichuk	Music
Alyssa George	2A	Jessica Welsh	Pri Cov
Jesse Kirkpatrick	2B	Melissa Rizza	Reading spec
Alexa Valderrama	23A	Andrea Federico	Math Fac
Lori Colasanzio	3A	Lisa Miron	ESL
Tracy Hitchcock	3B	Janice Teffry	ESL
Matthew O'Connor	3C	Megan Woods	ESST
Megan Lewis	34A	Brock Erben	EA
Anna Cole	4A	Andrea Hillen	EA
Erica Mueller	4B	Lynda Knight	EA
Amanda Tessaro	4C	Bailey Lansley	EA
Melanie Collingwood	5A	Taylor Ridout	EA
Kristyn Luker	5B	Olivia Slota	EA
Jacqueline Levitt	5C	Mary Mallet	EA
Julie Engelage	56A	Altaf Hossen	EA
Ryan Maynard	6A	Alexandria Hansman	EA
Chris Moase	6B	Arlene Tokiwa	EA
Samantha Coddington	67A	Alexander Emery	EA
Evan Coulis	7A	Monika Forma	EA
Brittany Passfield	7B	Amani Abu-Errub	EA
James Cain	78A	Kelly Burke	CYCP AIM
Andrew Byrne	8A	Elzbieta Jedrzejewicz	Asst. Care.
Claudio Santaguida	8B	Luke Whighton	Asst. Care.
Denise Wachnuik	8C	Juan Benitez	Asst. Care.
Maria Serra	Lib/Arts		
Kristine Scott	Kinder Cov	Kevin Trotter (LTO)	Head Care
Scott Petterson	PE Cov		
Melissa Cryer	LRT		

Carni Grewall	LRT		
Shana Watanabe	LRT/Cov		

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier School
Office Staff List 2024/2025**

Staff Member	Position
Nicola Adam	Office Administrator
Tara Mantini	Office Assistant
Brandy Kaytor	Office Assistant
Kelly Reilly-Scott	Principal
Tim Kivell	Vice Principal
Gail Glenny-Burke	Social Work

SWL Home-School Communication

We are committed to providing timely, relevant information about your child and the school in a variety of ways. Here are some of our key communication strategies:

1) Direct Contact: School staff will phone home if the need arises. Please feel free to phone the school to share pertinent student information with school staff as well. Parents are welcome to phone the school in order to arrange meetings with teachers to discuss school related issues or concerns. 905-578-4422.

2) Community Weekly Updates: SWL School updates are provided on the school website and through SchoolMessenger. Updates contain information regarding all areas of school life. The weekly community updates are particularly important in providing dates for upcoming events of all kinds.

3) School Website & School Messenger: A great deal of school information will be shared on our school website and through School Messenger during the coming year in regard to school events, school council, etc. A school calendar of upcoming events is also posted and updated regularly. You can subscribe to our website by clicking subscribe button on the left side of the home page screen. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sirwilfridlaurier/>. Community weekly updates will be posted on our website as well.

4) Student Agenda: Our student agenda is designed to help students to plan and organize their work at school this year. Teachers will use it as a key vehicle of communication with

parents/guardians. It also provides some basic information concerning the programs, policies and procedures at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School.

5) School Sign: The school sign on the front lawn is a great source of up to date information.

7) Parent Portal: HWDSB Parent Portal, is a protected parent log in space that contains important forms for families, student information (e.g, grades, schedule, homeroom teacher etc.).

Entry & Dismissal Parking Lot

Parking space is extremely limited. We are currently experiencing construction at the Recreational Centre attached to the school as well. This parking lot area is closed. Although we are a walking school, parents in special circumstances needing to drop their child off by vehicle are asked to park on the streets adjacent to the school (where it is unsigned). Our parking lot is closed for vehicles (unless a special circumstance has been communicated to the office) between the following times for student safety, 8:35AM – 8:50AM & 3:10PM -3:25PM.

Walk to School

SWL is primarily a walking school as only a few students require transportation due to distance from the school allowing for busing eligibility. Students that live within a walking distance from the school are encouraged to walk to school with parents/guardian or peers rather than be driven by vehicle.

Benefits of Walking to and from School

- Improved safety on our community streets
- Less congestion and pollution near the school
- Walking provides time for mindfulness and self-reflection
- Walking with a peer provides time for peer connection
- Exercise – feeling healthier and energized for school
- Adding more steps to your day

Students Requiring a Medical Plan of Care

If your child requires a specific medical plan of care (i.e., Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetic, Special Medical Conditions) and you have not informed the office, please connect with the school the week of August 26 so we can support and provide families with correct forms and processes.

Our office will be sending home updated forms for families of students that currently have a medical plan of care at SWL. Any updates or new information can be included in these forms. If the plan has not changed a signature is all that is required.

Students requiring an epi-pen, must have one on person at all times and one stored at our main office. The epi-pen can be handed to the office starting the week of August 28th. Students that require an inhaler should have on person at all times. Inhalers can also be stored at our main office for support.

Administration of medications require parent/guardian permission and a doctor signature.

Communication regarding our First Week Back to School will be shared prior to the First Day. Enjoy the last bit of summer!