Laurelwoods Elementary School Newsletter

June 2017

PRINCIPAL NEWS

It's hard to believe another year is almost complete, but here we are. June is filled with lots of exciting events. I encourage you to visit our website from time-to-time, and to look for communication items that are sent home by your child's homeroom teacher. A reminder that the emails that get sent to you from the school will cease for the next school year unless you have explicitly given consent for the Board to send you emails. If you have not yet signed up, you can do so by clicking on the following link:

https://webapps.ugdsb.on.ca/casl

We are hoping to have a parent app up and running next year that will send text messages to interested parents regarding important school opportunities and events. Updates will be provided in the fall.

On June 5th, we will be having our second lockdown drill of the year. The purpose of the lockdown is to ensure that all staff and students know what to do in the event of an emergency. During a lockdown, all classroom doors are locked, curtains closed, and students are brought together into a safe location while remaining quiet. The drill will last approximately 5 to 10 minutes. Each year, we are required to conduct six fire drills, two lockdown drills, a tornado drill, and an emergency procedure (bomb) drill. Feel free to contact the school if you have any questions about our drills.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Deckers and Mrs. Jazrawy for all of their help on Friday, May 26th, to help build the new Kindergarten sitting area. We could not have done it without all their hard work and generous donations of materials and time. Large tires and wooden benches will be added to create a place for students to sit and play.

As we conclude another year, we have some people to say goodbye to, Ms. Bryan, Ms. Ingram, and Mr. Hope have been working at our school this year as long-term occasional teachers. Ms. Spataro has worked as a temporary ECE in both of our kindergarten classrooms. I would like to thank them all for their contributions to our school community and wish them good luck with their careers. Ms. Kerr will be retiring at the end of the June. I would like to thank Ms. Kerr for her contributions to our Board and congratulate her on her completion of a lengthy teaching career! We would also like to congradulate Mrs. Reynolds on the recent birth of her new baby.

Thank you all so much for the support you have shown us throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer break with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

Darren Hale

Back Up Nutrition Break Supervisors Wanted!

We are always in need of emergency back-up Lunch Supervisors (paid position). If you would like your name added to our list, please drop in to the office to see Karen Gardhouse with your police check.

2017 School Organization

Another administrative task that we begin to explore at this time of year is determining the 2017 - 2018 school organization and the make up of classes for next year. Although the staffing process and student placements begin at this time of year, teaching assignments, school organization and student placements will not be finalized until the second week of September. We continue to work towards minimizing disruptions to class organization; however, student registrations in August may result in changes to class placements. With this in mind, class lists for September will not be available until the first day of school. Once students are placed, there will be no moves until after the reorganization from the Board.

We appreciate your trust and understanding in our professional judgment in the student placement process. Once again, if you have any information that you would like for us to consider regarding class placement of your child, please send the request in writing to Mr. Hale, no later than June 8, 2017.

Based on our student numbers, as determined by the UGDSB's District Staffing Committee we are expecting the following class organization for our 2017 - 2018 school year.

Kindergarten A	Grade 3/4	Grade 7/8
Kindergarten B	Grade 4/5	Grade 7/8
Grade 1	Grade 5/6	
Grade 2	Grade 6/7	
Grade 2/3		

FOI—"In keeping with privacy legislation and to keep our children safe, the Upper Grand D.S.B. will no longer publicly post class lists or make class lists available to parents." - S. Krueger, Freedom of Information Co-ordinator for the UGDSB.

Hats and Sunscreen

We remind parents that students are outside for 30 minutes and 25 minutes for recess breaks each day. We strongly recommend that parents take appropriate precautions to protect their children from the harmful rays of the sun. Students are encouraged to wear hats, sunscreen and sunglasses when on the playground.

Moving??

Just a reminder that if you know you are moving over the summer, please call the office and let us know. It helps when we begin to make up our draft class lists to know who is attending or not. Any changes to your child's information can be updated by speaking to our Office Coordinator, Karen Gardhouse.

Medication

If you have medication for your child at school, please stop in at the end of June to take it home for the summer. In September, forms will once again need to be completed to have medication administered at school. Thank you for your assistance.

Lost and Found

Please remember to check out our Lost and Found items before leaving at the end of June. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity the first week of July. As well, over the course of the year a various assortment of school items find their way home. Should you come across any items: ie. textbooks, library books, physical education equipment, school team jerseys, etc., please forward them to the school.

Final Report Cards

Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, June 28th. Page three of the report card, which must be held in each student's Ontario Student Record file, needs to be returned by Thursday, June 29th. Thank you for your help in meeting this quick return.

Milk Tokens

Milk tokens are available through your child's classroom teacher or the school office. The tokens are sold in bundles of 20 tokens for $17.00. Students can also pay $1.00 cash by putting the coins directly in the milk machine. Milk Tokens can now be purchased online.

Laurelwoods Has Talent!

Students will begin auditions for the Talent Show during the first week in June. Thank you to parents who are making sure that all costumes and lyrics are appropriate for a primary audience. Our show is scheduled for Friday, June 23rd, 2017 in the gym. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy the show. Show time will be announced at a later date.

Grade 8 Graduation

Our grade 8 students will be celebrating their graduation night on Tuesday, June 27th, 2017. Pictures may be taken at 6:30 p.m. outside or in the front foyer, and the ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Our ceremony will be followed by cake and refreshments in the library. Students are invited to stay for the dance until 10:00 pm. Grade 7 students may also attend the dance, but there is limited space for the ceremony. The dance is only open to current Laurelwoods students in grade 7 or 8. Please drop your grade 7 student off at the school by 8:00 pm.

Help Needed for Graduation Set Up and Take Down

Please contact Mrs. Jordan if you can help. sharon.jordan@ugdsb.on.ca.

The students have chosen "A Night at the Oscars" for their graduation theme. Mrs. Jordan will be meeting any parents who can help at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 25th to set up. This includes the following:

- Pick up ingredients for punch, ice and water for reception.
- Put up movie posters and glamour shots along the sides of the gym.
- Put up the Hollywood stars of fame on the back wall.
- Pinning the tulle around the stage skirting.
- Hanging the wooden gold stars on the stage.
- Entwining lights in the tulle and hanging it on the stage.

On the day of Grad, this includes:

- Set up the library tables with tablecloths, and help begin to plate the food for the reception.
- Pick up the cake in Orangeville and delivering it to school.
- Arrange the plants around the gym and foyer, and loosely wrapping tulle around the pots.
- Set up the foyer with the photo op space.

After the Ceremony:

- Instead of going home after the ceremony and then returning to pick up your child at 10:00 pm, consider staying to help clean up the reception.

Attention Grade 7 Parents

Each year, we ask the parents of our grade 7 students to contribute to the refreshments at our graduation ceremony. That way, the parents of grade 8's have one less thing to worry about on the big day. We would appreciate any item that can be eaten easily as people chat and celebrate in the library after the ceremony. Cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, brownies, squares, cookies are all appreciated. Please decide with your child what you may like to contribute. Do your best to avoid peanuts and shellfish.

Graduation Barbeque

The Intermediate staff are hosting a graduation barbeque for the grade 8 students and their classmates in grade 7. The lunch will take place on June 29th, so students will not need to bring a lunch on that day.

Grade 9 Orientation Barbeque at Westside Secondary School

Mark your calendars! Our graduates are invited to an Orientation Barbeque at Westside Secondary School on Wednesday, August 30th. At this time, students will be given their timetables for classes, and their lockers. There will be team building games led by Link Leaders, who are older students from Westside. Students will be mailed their invitation over the summer with specific details about the day.

Library Circulation

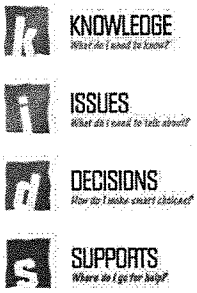
With the end of the school year quickly approaching, it is important to get all books back to the library for final inventory. All books out must be returned to the library by June 2nd, 2017. We appreciate your assistance in helping your child (ren) return their books and your attention to current overdue notices.

Track & Field

Athletes for our county track and field day were determined during the month of May. The teams have been working hard at practicing and getting ready to represent Laurelwoods. The Track & Field meet will be held at the ODSS track on Wednesday, June 21st. **Students not participating in the final relay races will be bussed to and from ODSS from Laurelwoods.** Students participating in the final relay races will need to be picked up at the track following their events. We look forward to a day of fun and active participation with all our athletes. Good Luck Laurelwoods!

O.P.P. Kids (Knowledge, Issues, Decisions, Supports) Graduation

On May 16th, our grade six students gathered together to celebrate the completion of the OPP KIDS program for this school year. The students received congratulations from Constable Nancekivell. Constable Nancekivell who organized and taught the program to our students' recognized special accomplishments they all made throughout the duration of this program. Thank you to McIntyre Media for sponsoring this program.



Canada 150 Anniversary & SK Celebration

On Wednesday, June 28th our school will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of this great nation of ours. Students are encouraged to wear red and white and come to school with their Canadian Pride. The students will participate in various Canada themed activities. We will have a primary picnic lunch at the Amaranth Township Office at 12:30 pm. There will be an SK celebration following the picnic.

Laurelwoods Dress Code

The warm spring weather and summer temperatures are here. Students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner that is conducive to a proper learning environment. Clothing should be neat, clean and appropriate for school.

- no clothing or accessories associated with gang affiliation or offensive in nature are allowed
- dresses, skirts and shorts are to be an appropriate length when they are extended at their side
- no bare midriffs or undergarments should be exposed
- no hats are to be worn in classrooms
- students who are considered to be inappropriately attired will be asked to change
- all students should have a pair of non-marking indoor shoes and appropriate outdoor footwear

Our aim is to work with parents to promote an appropriate level of respect for oneself as a maturing and responsible person

September 2017 - 2018 School Day Schedule

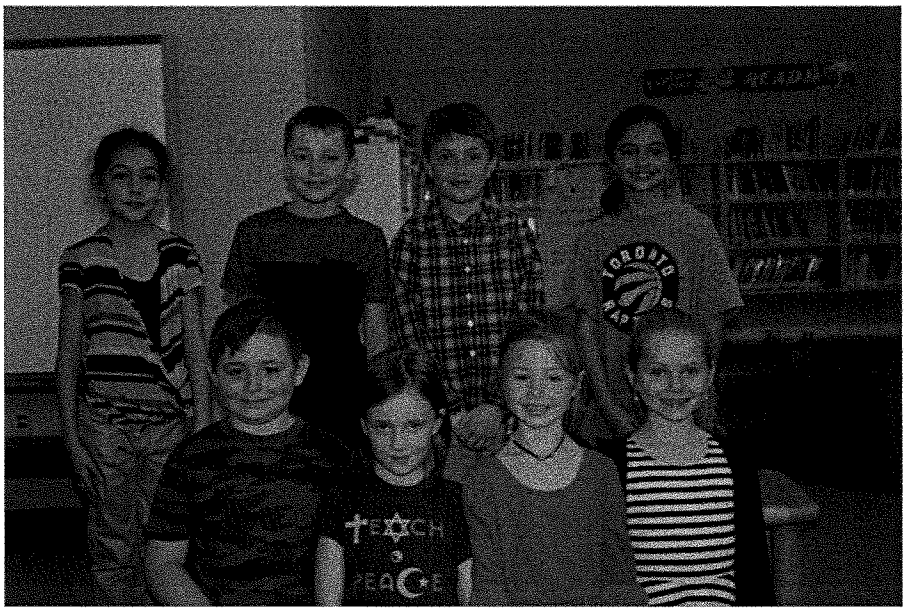
8:45 am – Entry	
8:45 am – 10:25 am	Instructional Time
10:25 am – 11:10 am	BREAK/Snack (students have snack 15 min. /outside 30 min.)
11:10 am – 1:10 pm	Instructional Time
1:10 pm – 1:55 pm	BREAK/Snack (students eat Lunch 20 min.outside 25 min.)
1:55 pm – 3:15 pm	Instructional Time
3:15 pm - Dismissal	

145th Grand Valley Fall Fair – September 22, 23, &24, 2017

The Grand Valley Agricultural Society invites all families to come out and enjoy all that the Fair has to offer – something for everyone! Join in the Parade on Saturday or bring your pet to the Pet Show. There are too many events to list. Fairbooks will be available in June from local businesses, or visit the website at www.grandvalleyfallfair.ca to view the entire fairbook and read about more information.

See you at the Fair!

Primary Storytelling Finalists



Congratulations to all the Storytelling Finalist who presented their stories in the Library. Congratulations to Maya, Robert and Ashley who placed First, Second and Third and each received a coupon to put towards a Scholastic book order.

Arts Day

Arts Days will be here soon! Primary – June 5th, Junior – June 6th and Intermediate – June 7th. Local artists will be providing workshops for students in drama, dance and visual arts. The generosity of our Parent Council is appreciated in fully funding these arts days for our students. Thank you!

Breakfast Club

Thank you to all who contributed to the Food & Friends student nutrition program this school year. We are always looking for new volunteers for the program. Please contact Kate Bryan if you are interested in ensuring kids at Laurelwoods Elementary School hunger for knowledge not for food. http://www.childrensfoundation.org/downloads/positioning-statement.jpg

PA Day

There is a PA Day on Friday, June 9th and on Friday, June 30th, 2017. There will be no classes for students on these two days. The last day of school for the 2016-2017 school year will be on Thursday, June 29th, 2017. The first day of school for the new 2017-2018 school year will be Tuesday, September 5th, 2017.

Win a Dairy Queen Gift Certificate

After your family has read this newsletter, please sign and detach this coupon. "Our family" must include at least one parent/guardian who has read the newsletter. This coupon must be placed in the yellow mailbox in the front hall of the school. A ballot will be drawn from the yellow mailbox each month indicating the winning family for the month. This month's draw will be held on Thursday, June 29th, 2017. If you read the newsletter online and would like to be entered into the draw, please send an email to: laurelwoods.es@ugdsb.on.ca – Newsletter Draw.

Our family has read the newsletter corresponding to this draw.

Family Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

June 2017

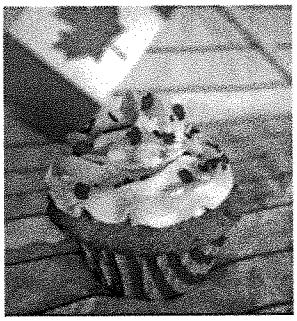
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 EQAO TESTING Intermediate trip to Toronto	2 EQAO TESTING Intermediate trip to Toronto	3
4	5 Primary Arts Day Make Up Pizza Day Lockdown Drill	6 Junior Arts Day	7 Intermediate Arts Day	8 Grade 3 & 7 Swimming	9 P.A. DAY	10 Township of Amaranth Canada's 150th Anniversary Celebration
11	12 Scientists in the School - Gr 3/4	13 Scientist in the School - Gr 4/5	14 Grade 4 trip to Island Lake	15 Grade 3 & 7 Swimming	16 Kindergarten trip to Elmvale Zoo	17
18 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	19	20 Dufferin Bus Patrol Training at LES	21 Track & Field Meet	22 Grade 3 & 7 Swimming	23 Talent Show	24
25	26	27 Grade 8 Graduation	28 Canada 150th Celebration & SK Celebration	29 Last day of school Assembly Gr 7/8 BBQ	30 P.A. Day	

TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH

CANADA 150

JOIN THE TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH AS WE CELEBRATE CANADA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONFEDERATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017
3:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

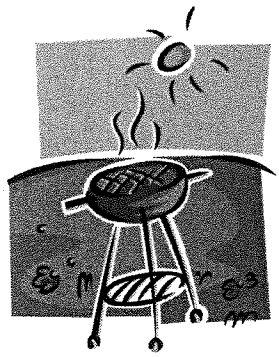


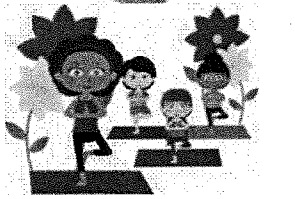
Rain or shine the event will go on!

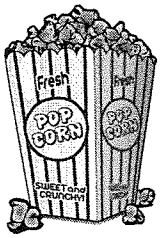
Bring a chair and/or blanket and enjoy performances by the Campfire Poets Band and by the All Nations Junior Dancers.

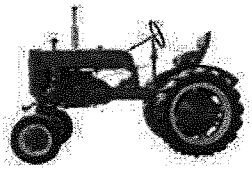
Inflatable equipment for all ages, bouncy castle, sumo wrestling suits, 4-person joust, rocket obstacle and double bay accelerator.

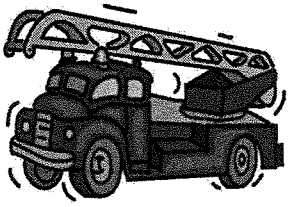
Hamburgers, Hotdogs & Cake served from 5:00 p.m.!











Opening Ceremony

4:00 p.m.

Inflatable Equipment
For All Ages
Bouncy Castle
Sumo Wrestling Suits
4-Person Joust
Slide & Obstacle

Hamburgers, Hotdogs & Cake

Band ~ Campfire Poets

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Demonstration by the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle and All Nations Junior Dancers

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Emergency Services "Tug of War" & Emergency Vehicles on Display

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Dufferin County Museum Display and Slide Shows

Family Yoga

O.P.P Canine Demonstration

Held at the
Amaranth Recreation
Hall & Field
374028 6th Line
Amaranth ON L9W OM6
519-941-1007 www.amaranth.ca
Contact: Jessica
jkennedy@amaranth-eastgary.ca

CANADA 150 CELEBRATION AGENDA

June 10, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH

CANADA 150

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Activities

- Playground
- Inflatable Equipment for All Ages
- Vendors and Displays – inside and outside
- Family Yoga Demonstration
- Emergency Vehicles on Display

4:00 p.m.

Welcoming Ceremony

- Singing of O Canada
- Ceremony by Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle Demonstration
- Remarks from Mr. David Tilson, MP
- Remarks from Ms. Sylvia Jones, MPP
- Remarks from Warden Darren White, Dufferin County
- Remarks from Mayor Don MacIver, Township of Amaranth
- Raising of the Aboriginal & County of Dufferin Flags
- Unveiling and Dedication of Memorial Plaque & Stone

4:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

All Nations Junior Dancers Demonstration

5:00 p.m.

Food served

- Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
- Cake & Cupcakes

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Music by Campfire Poets

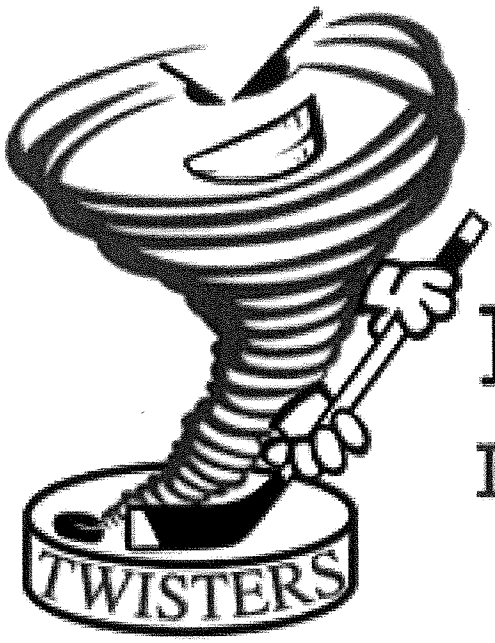
6:00 p.m.

Emergency Services "Tug of War"

8:00 p.m.

Event Closed

We would like to thank DUFFERIN COUNTY for their support with our Canada 150 Projects



Grand Valley & District Minor Hockey

Local League Hockey
With a Twist!

GVDMH is a competitive traveling local league hockey center. Players can enjoy a rep experience at a local league price where fun and development is priority.

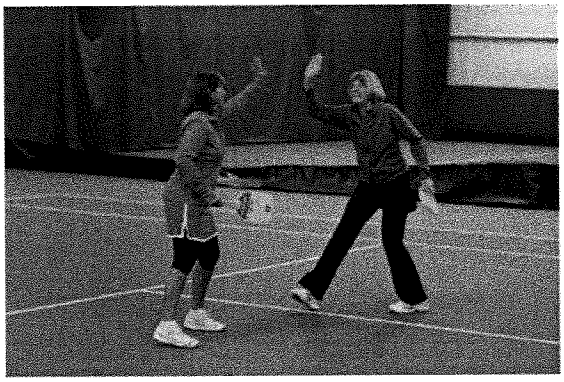
Registration

fees starting at $225

visit www.gvmh.ca for more info.

Play Pickleball With Us!

Join us for a fun time of pickleball all while trying to stay out of the kitchen and of course, not get in a pickle!



Mon & Wed evenings from 7pm – 9pm
Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 9:00am – 11:00am
And Family Time
Tuesday and Thursday 6:00pm – 7:00pm
At the Grand Valley Arena
Cost $5.00 per person

For more information please contact: (519) 928-2830