



Laurelwoods Elementary School Newsletter

June 2018

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.

We are hoping to have a new communication app up and running next year that will send text messages to interested parents regarding important school opportunities and events. A presentation (from a member of the technology department of the Board) will take place for staff and interested parents on September 12th at 4:00 pm. I will also present at a Parent Council meeting in the fall.

On June 6th, 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 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.

As we conclude another year, we have some people to say goodbye to. Ms. Spataro has worked as a temporary ECE on Tuesdays with Ms. Panter. I'm sure our paths will cross yet again. Ms. Yeomans has been a wonderful EA at our school for the last couple of years and is moving to Northern Ontario. Ms. Cass has accepted a transfer to Taylor Evans PS which is closer to her home in Guelph. We will miss her contributions to our school and wish her continued success at her new school. Mrs. Gard is retiring at the end of June. Mrs. Gard's presence will be greatly missed. She has been a fabulous teacher at our school for a long time; I wish her all the best in her retirement! Staffing for the next school year has not been finalized. Staffing updates will be provided in September.

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.



2018 School Organization:

Another administrative task that we begin to explore at this time of year is determining the 2018 - 2019 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 7, 2018.

Based on our student numbers, as determined by the UGDSB's District Staffing Committee we are expecting the following class organization for our 2018 - 2019 school year.

Kindergarten A	Grade 3	Grade 6/7
Kindergarten B	Grade 3/4	Grade 7/8
Grade 1	Grade 4/5	Grade 7/8
Grade 1/2	Grade 5/6	
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 27th. 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 28th. Thank you for your help in meeting this quick return.

Laurelwoods Has Talent!

Auditions are currently being held for the Talent Show. 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 22nd, 2018 in the gym. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy the show at 11:25 a.m.



Grade 8 Graduation:

Our grade 8 students will be celebrating their graduation night on Tuesday, June 26th, 2018. 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 24th 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 28th, 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 29th. 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 News:

BOOKS DUE BACK AND INVENTORY

We will be doing a complete inventory on the LLC Collection starting on June 11th, which includes checking in, shelving, and scanning each individual book in the whole collection. All Library books will be due back June 1st, so that Mrs. W can scan the collection. Any books that are deemed LOST, please send a note. This year we are asking for a \$5 donation to cover some of the cost of replacing the book. You can send cash or cheques made payable to the school.



BOOK FAIR!

Our second Scholastic Book Fair is coming up on June 1st! Students will be coming to view the collection on June 1st and 4th, then will be able to purchase from June 5th to June 11th. A whole new fair, with all new products! Mrs. Whittington will be looking for any volunteers to help with purchases during the school day, or during our evening sales while Family Night is going on. If you are interested, please let Mrs. Whittington know.

Volunteers Needed!

The LLC is also looking for volunteers during school hours to help with shelving, discarding, inventory, book fairs, and other jobs. If you would like to help out, please contact Mrs. Whittington at extension 225, or drop by the LLC.

Lego Wanted!

Thank you to the families and students who have generously donated LEGO to the LLC Lego Wall! The students have been enjoying crafting shapes, patterns, buildings, and complex machines during our open recess times! Mrs. Whittington is gratefully accepting donations of gently used Lego pieces. Please feel free to drop them off at the LLC during the school day!

Thank you so much!

Mrs. S Whittington, Your Library Ninja!

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 20th. **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!

Primary Storytelling Finalists:

Congratulations to all the Storytelling Finalist who presented their stories in the Library.

Congratulations to Jackson, Chase & Lilly Anne placing First, Second and Third and each received a coupon to put towards a Scholastic book order.

146th Grand Valley Fall Fair – September 21, 22, & 23, 2018.

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. Fair books will be available in June from local businesses, or visit the website at www.grandvalleyfallfair.ca to view the entire fair book and read about more information.

See you at the Fair!



Primary Canada Day:



Our Canada Day Activity Rotation for the primary division will be on Wednesday, June 27th. The students will participate in various Canada themed activities from 11:10 am - 1:10 pm. Students are encouraged to wear red and white and come to school with their Canadian Pride. 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.

September 2018 - 2019 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

Arts Day:

Arts Days will be here soon! Primary – June 14th, Junior – June 13th and Intermediate – June 15th. 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.

PA Day:

There is a PA Day on Friday, June 8th and on Friday, June 29th, 2018. There will be no classes for students on these two days. The last day of school for the 2017-2018 school year will be on Thursday, June 28th, 2018. The first day of school for the new 2018-2019 school year will be Tuesday, September 4th, 2018.



Grand Valley Minor Hockey Registration:

Thinking of playing hockey next season? Registration is now open for Grand Valley Minor Hockey! Now accepting registrations for preschool (ages 3-4) up to bantam (ages 13-14). Focus on skill development and fun while playing hockey in a competitive local league; new players welcome, payment options available. Don't miss the early bird registration deadline - fees increase after June 15th! Contact Michelle at grandvalleymh@gmail.com for information or visit our website: <https://gvmh.ca>

The Equity team here at Laurelwoods has had a busy and fantastic year!

Our Me to We Club has sold Rafiki bracelets, organized a Water Walk, lead anti-bullying days, and kindness initiatives! Intermediate students attended the Rainbow Coalition Conference, and met with students from the local high school to forge relationships and support with our equity work! Our school participated in food drives for local food banks, pink days, and awareness days for our Indigenous communities! Our Equity Team also ran a contest to design a pink shirt with a new anti-bullying slogan!

This year's winner was Mariam in Grade 2 with her slogan, "Bully Free Starts With ME!" Congratulations, Mariam!

Pink shirts will be arriving by the end of June for students who ordered them.

Thanks for a great year, Laurelwoods! We look forward to continuing our work next year!

Mme. Neumann et Mme. Whittington

Intermediate Design & Tech Team:

Mr. Johnson would like to congratulate our Intermediate Design and Tech team, featuring Maha , Noah, Thomas and Austin, who competed in the Ontario Skills Championship at the Toronto Congress Center. The team was challenged with the task of removing 'fuel bundles' from a miniature Nuclear Plant, and placing them into a safety container. Out of 19 School Boards participating, our team took the bronze medal and came in 3rd place! Great Job team and good job showcasing the talent that Laurelwoods has!



Feedback welcome on draft board policies

The Upper Grand District School Board is welcoming public input on draft policies. Currently under review is:

Policy 104 – Access to School Premises

This policy is important to students, staff, school councils, parents and community members because everyone plays a role in maintaining a safe learning and working environment in and around our schools. You are invited to review the draft documents and submit online feedback at www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy. **The deadline for public input is June 21, 2018** at 4 p.m. EST. Persons without internet access may call 519-822-4420 (or toll-free 1-800-321-4025) ext. 723 to request a printed copy of the draft documents.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Thursday, June 14th, at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons. Laurelwoods Parent Council is presenting a **Family Night on Tuesday, June 5th, 2018, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm**. Come and enjoy a BBQ dinner, bake sale and book sale! There will be a pair of Platinum Toronto Maple Leaf Tickets raffled off. **** Donations for the Bake Sale are Needed**** Kindly drop off your donation by 12:00 pm on June 5th.

STWDSTS Annual First Rider Program:

STWDSTS proudly presents the Annual First Rider Program taking place on Saturday, August 25th, 2018. They recommend that all First Riders participate in this valuable program, which includes a short video, question-answer period and Family bus ride. Registration begins July 2nd, 2018. The sessions began at 9:00 a.m.

To register at the location closest to you:

Centre Dufferin DHS – 150 Fourth Avenue, Shelburne – 1-888-749-1515

Westside SS – 300 Alder Street, Orangeville – 1-888-749-1515

For students in SK and up please visit the student login website www.findmybus.ca after August 21, 2018 for all bussing information. Sign up for email notifications for all delays/cancellations during the school year. If your child **will not** be riding the bus for the 2018 – 2019 school year, please call 519-824-4119 to let STWDSTS know.



Win a Basketball

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 Monday, June 25th, 2018. 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: _____