

Grade 7/8 Guidance Update from Mr. Hamilton



As we are only a few weeks away from the end of another school year, students have many exciting transitions to look forward to. Throughout the year, intermediate students have been presented with many opportunities to explore the Four-Step Inquiry Process to better prepare for their forthcoming changes in life.

Some of the highlights from this past year are:

- ❑ Identifying Learning Styles, Personality Traits;
- ❑ Exploring their individual Strengths, Interests, and Motivations;
- ❑ Creating Digital Portfolios;
- ❑ Exploring Future Careers and Pathways;
- ❑ Goal Setting;
- ❑ Financial Literacy.



As we close off this year, one of the most important competencies that students require is effective decision making. The following puts this in perspective:

"Teaching students to make thoughtful decisions sets them up for success not only in school, but in the world of work. Better decision making improves students' self-determination and study habits because they are capable of understanding their strengths and weaknesses, can identify resources available to help them plan their choices, and can learn from their experiences. Beyond the classroom, potential employers look to decision making skills as a key component of successful, independent behaviour."

~ MyBlueprint District Year-at-a-glance

In closing this year off, students are encouraged to reflect upon all of their guidance learning from this school year to better equip them in future transitions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher or email me at mnorrishamilton@ugcloud.ca. You can also follow the UGDSB Grade 7/8 Guidance Counsellors on Twitter (@UGDSBGuidance).

Please be advised of the following dates this August for highschool orientation!

A blue poster with the text "Save The Date" in large red letters at the top. Below it, in white text, is "Grade 9 Orientation Day", "Orangeville District Secondary School", "Thursday, August 29th", and "8:00am - 2:00pm". To the right is a red and blue cougar head logo. At the bottom is a photograph of the school building.

Save The Date
Grade 9 Orientation Day
Orangeville District
Secondary School
Thursday, August 29th
8:00am - 2:00pm

A red poster with the text "Save The Date" in large black letters at the top. Below it, in white text, is "Grade 9 Orientation Day", "Westside Secondary School", "Wednesday, August 28th", and "9:00am - 1:30pm". To the right is a circular logo with "WESTSIDE" and "THUNDER" around a "WT" in the center. At the bottom is a photograph of the school building.

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Westside Secondary School
Wednesday, August 28th
9:00am - 1:30pm



Laurelwoods Elementary School Newsletter

June 2019

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Another school-year is almost done! Thanks to everyone who helped to make this another fantastic year for our students.

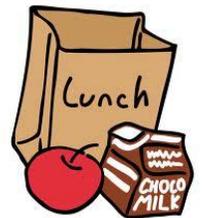
Your continued support is truly appreciated. Have a wonderful summer break with your family and friends.

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.



2019 School Organization

Another administrative task that we begin to explore at this time of year is determining the 2019 - 2020 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 toward 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.

Based on our student numbers, as determined by the UGDSB's District Staffing Committee we are expecting the following class organization for our 2019 - 2020 school year.

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

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 Tuesday, June 25th. 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 27th. 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 21st, 2019 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 25th, 2019. 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 "An Evening in Paris" for their graduation theme. Mrs. Jordan will be meeting any parents who can help at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 23rd to set up. This includes the following:

- Pick up ingredients for punch, ice and water for reception.
- 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.

- 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 27th, 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 28th. 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 AND LIBRARY BAGS DUE BACK

All Library books and yellow primary book bags were due back at the end of last month. Any books or bags that are deemed LOST, please send a note in your child's agenda or call the school. This year we are asking for a \$5 donation to cover the replacement cost of any lost library bags. These bags will follow students from Kindergarten until they leave grade 3. Books can be replaced by repurchasing the book and donating it to the LLC, or paying the replacement cost. Please contact Mrs. Whittington for the replacement costs of the books. You can send cash or cheques made payable to the school.

BOOK FAIR!

Our second Scholastic Book Fair is coming up on June 3rd! Students will be coming to view the collection on June 3rd 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 the Spring BBQ 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.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to parents, guardians and families who have been supporting the LLC this year and last! Whether it was by purchasing books from our fairs, making sure books and bags were returned to the school, or donations of books, time, or craft items, your dedication to keeping our Learning Commons a place where the students enjoy themselves and feel welcome has been amazing! Thank you so much for helping students enjoy learning, books, and technology! We are so grateful for our amazing community.

Mrs. S Whittington, Your Library Ninja!

Equity Corner

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! Our school participated in food drives for local food banks, pink days, and awareness days for our LGBTQ, and Indigenous communities! Thanks for a great year, Laurelwoods! We look forward to continuing our work next year!

Mme. Neumann et Mme. Whittington

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 19th. **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!



147th Grand Valley Fall Fair – September 20, 21, & 22, 2019.

The Grand Valley Agricultural Society invites all families to come out and enjoy all that the Fair has to offer – something for everyone! Come watch the Demolition Derby on Saturday or check out the new FMX Motor Cross. 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 26th. 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 2019 - 2020 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

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 7th and on Friday, June 28th, 2019. There will be no classes for students on these two days. The last day of school for the 2018-2019 school year will be on Thursday, June 27th, 2019. The first day of school for the new 2019-2020 school year will be Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019.

Back to School



Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Thursday, June 13th, at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons.



STWDSTS Annual First Rider Program:

STWDSTS proudly presents the Annual First Rider Program taking place on Tuesday, August 27th, 2019. They recommend that all First Riders participate in this valuable program, which includes a short video, question-answer period and Family bus ride. Online Registration begins June 1, 2019. The sessions began at 9:00 a.m./ 10:00 a.m./ and 11:00 a.m. and are approximately 45 minutes in length. To register online visit – <http://stwdsts.ca/home/first rider>

For students in SK and up please visit the student login website www.findmybus.ca after August 19th, 2019 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 2019 – 2020 school year, please call 519-824-4119 to let STWDSTS know.

Remembrance Day

At Remembrance Day, all of the students wrote or drew on a Postcard for Peace to thank those in the Canadian Forces for their service. During our assembly, each student symbolically 'mailed' his or her postcard in a mailbox. Afterwards, we grouped the postcards into 6 bundles and sent them to different military resource centres in Ontario. Recently, we received this photograph, all the way from Kuwait, of the Task Force members who received our postcards. Jeff Aman, Joint Task Force-IMPACT Chief Warrant Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces also included a thank you note, telling our students how touched they are to have our postcards.



Camp Amaranth

The weather is warming up which means it is time to start thinking about SUMMER! The Township of Amaranth is so excited to introduce **Camp Amaranth** for children ages 4 to 12. This program will run all 9 weeks of the summer and provide campers with the opportunity to participate in sports, stay active, be creative and explore nature.

Do you want to know more? Visit our website at www.amaranth.ca or email us your questions at camp@amaranth.ca

ECO updates!



Thank you for all of your contributions towards our bottle lids collection. We now have enough for the project that we want to complete so our collection will be over at the end of June! We will continue to collect markers, of any kind, that will be recycled to keep them out of landfills! Our milk bag collection will also continue into the next school year so remember to keep them over the summer months and send them to school in September! The ECO Crew is appreciative of all of the ongoing support with our initiatives to help the environment!

June 5th is World Environment Day!

World Environment Day is the United Nations' most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment and is widely celebrated in more than 100 countries. This year's theme is Beat Air Pollution! There are many different ways to celebrate with your family, friends and neighbours. Think about ideas that we can do to help the planet like fixing a problem in your community. It can be as simple as a community clean-up or a tree planting activity.

Get out into nature and appreciate the beautiful planet we inhabit. Inspire others to make a pledge to change one wasteful or harmful habit for the better. For more information, visit the World Environment Day website.

BEE There – Guelph Bug Day

Bug day is a fun, free educational event for community members of all ages that aims to cultivate a fascination for the world of insects. There will be lots of fun insect-related events and displays, including live insects, guided bug-catching hikes on the beautiful grounds of the Guelph Arboretum, crafts and drawing contests.

Where: The Guelph Arboretum Centre – When: Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Win Laurelwoods Apparel

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 24th, 2019. 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: _____