



# Laurelwoods Elementary School

## November 2021 Newsletter

### PRINCIPAL NEWS

I would like to begin my November message by welcoming Allie Artuso and Lindsay Kerrigan to our school community! Ms. Artuso will be taking over for Mrs. Whittington as the librarian and planning time teacher. Ms. Kerrigan will be covering the grade seven position during Mr. Johnson's absence. I am sure both of you will find Laurelwoods to be a warm and welcoming environment!

Progress Reports will be available to families digitally on November 16th. We ask teachers to meet with all parents following the progress reports. November 26th is designated as the Parent-Teacher Interview Day. We will once again be using an online system for booking parent-teacher interviews this year (unless alternative arrangements are communicated with you by your child's teacher). Booking interviews using this system is extremely easy; the instructions for booking an interview are as follows:

- the system will be open from November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm to November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 am
- you will need your child's date of birth and OEN to book an interview (the OEN is found on the Progress Report – progress reports will be available on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November)
- go to the website <https://webapp.ugdsb.on.ca/pti/Account/Login> (this link can also be easily accessed by viewing our school web page under quick links)
- log in at the top left-hand corner of the page
- a screen with available teachers will appear
- click on the teacher that you would like an interview with, then click the "Book for Selected Student" button
- pick an available time that you would like, then click "Close to View Schedule"; your confirmed appointment will now appear
- no interviews will be able to be selected after the deadline

If you do not have internet at home, please call the school and we will set up the interview for you. Please contact Karen Gardhouse or myself if you have any questions about using the online system.

The week of November 15-19 is Bullying Prevention Week. As a school, we will help students to understand the difference between conflict and bullying and help them to realize that while conflict is normal, bullying is not.

We have been very fortunate to have enjoyed such a mild Fall. The beautiful weather even allowed us to fit in a fire drill without having to worry about too many shivers! However, as the weather turns cooler I want to remind parents that we will be going outdoors for both recesses everyday whether the sun is shining or not. Additionally, teachers are making great use of the outdoor space as a means of extending the classroom. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather and send in extra socks and mittens to ensure fingers and toes stay dry and warm.

Lori Shilvock  
Principal

## Report Cards

Beginning Tuesday, November 16, 2021, parents and guardians can download their child's Progress Report from our school's website. We will provide access to the Parent Portal on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, to allow parents to ensure they have a working account. Progress Reports will only be available starting November 16<sup>th</sup>. If you previously accessed our Electronic Report Card system in June 2021, no action is required at this time. If you do not remember your password, instructions on how to reset your password can be found on our website beginning November 5<sup>th</sup>.

If your child is new to the Upper Grand DSB, beginning November 5<sup>th</sup>, you will be able to authorize your account from our school's webpage.

## P.A. DAY

**Just a reminder that Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> is a P.A. Day and there will be no classes for students.**

## Weather

With the unpredictability of our weather, it is strongly recommended that students come prepared with extra clothes. An extra pair of dry socks and mittens are always a good thing to have tucked into the backpack, especially for our younger students. A warm coat, hat and mitts are recommended for outdoor recess times.

## Inclement Weather

With the colder weather coming, the snowflakes are not too far away. Please note how school closures are announced to the public. During times of inclement weather, please listen to 1460 AM CJOY, 106.1 Magic FM, 99.1 FM CBC, Newstalk 570 AM, 96.7 FM CHYM, 98.1 FM CHFI, 680 AM CFTR, 92.5 KISS FM or watch the television news for school transportation cancellations. Parents can also check the Board Website for bus cancellations.

### ***Please listen for the following:***

All school taxis and buses serving the Upper Grand District School Board in **Dufferin County** will not be operating today.

Parents can also check the Board's website as well as [www.findmyschool.ca](http://www.findmyschool.ca) for any bus delays or cancellations. Parents can also call the school at 519-940-3666 ext. 601 for any bus cancellations or school closures. The transportation website is [www.stwdsts.ca](http://www.stwdsts.ca). Cancellations are made after 6:30 am.

## Attendance

Just a reminder that if your child will not be attending school or will be late on any given day, please call us at 519-940-3666 on the attendance line ext. 100. Please include your child's name, the bus number, the teacher's name and indicate illness or absence. **It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school if their child(ren) will be absent or late.** We also request that you send a note (include the bus number and teacher's name) or call the school **before 2:30 p.m.** if you are picking your child(ren) up during the day or at the end of the day.

## Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm virtually. A meeting link will be sent out and made available on the school website that day.

## Remembrance Day Presentation

Mrs. Jordan's class will be presenting an Assembly in honour of all those who have fought, and continue to fight for freedom in Canada. The presentation will be video taped in advance and shared with classes to play on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 2021 - 2022 Grade 8 Grad Wear

Our 2020 – 2021 Grad Wear has arrived and the students are excited! You will see many grade 8's around the school wearing their signature hoodies and shirts.

## Attention All Cookie Monsters!

Terra Cotta cookies will be sold each Wednesday at second nutrition break, beginning on **November 3rd**, as a fundraiser for graduation. Mrs. Jordan's class will be selling these individually wrapped, large, peanut free cookies for \$1.00 each for any student who has a loonie on the day of sale. **We will not use cash online for this project.**

## Parent Council Fundraiser

Parent Council is very excited to partner with the Grand Valley Lions Club for their next Krispy Kreme Fundraiser! **Please see attached flyer for details and order directly through the Grand Valley Lions Club.** Due to covid restrictions we are limited to what we can do within the school, we hope you are able to support the parent council through this avenue as we try to replenish our funds. So we can continue providing funds for many initiatives within the school community such as classroom supplies, scientists in the school, playground maintenance, library materials and much more. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## Food & Friends Student Nutrition Program

Currently we are providing grab and go snack bags, which are available to all students in each classroom. These snacks adhere to the Student Nutrition Guidelines set out by the **Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.**

If you wish to support our Student Nutrition Program, monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please donate using our School Cash Online portal and select "Food & Friends Program"

## Amaranth Hay Bale Trail

Many thanks go out to Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Hartley for helping to decorate our hay bales for the first annual Amaranth Hay Bale Trail!

