



# Laurelwoods Elementary School November 2022 Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

We have a busy month ahead with Remembrance Day, Treaties Recognition Week, progress reports, Parent-Teacher interviews, Winterfest, and Bullying Prevention week to name just a few of the items of significance for this month!

I want to acknowledge and thank staff who are taking the time to organize and run extracurricular activities before and after school as well as at recess. COVID restrictions made it impossible to run such activities in recent years. With the lifting of restrictions these activities are happening again thank you to the time and talents of the teachers who are running them! This month students will have the opportunity to participate in; reading club, ECO club, volleyball and intramurals to name a few of the many things that are happening here. While many students are energetically embracing the return of extra curriculums others are apprehensive or nervous about becoming involved. We know that involvement in school activities helps to foster connections between students and builds a sense of belonging to the school community. Please discuss with your child what is happening at school and how they are choosing to become involved.

A reminder that students' regular attendance at school, arriving punctually and ready to learn greatly impact student success. Accumulated absences or lates impacts a student's ability to keep up with the curriculum content. 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.

Progress report cards will be going home this month to recognize student progress this term. Please review student successes and areas of need with your child. Continue to encourage daily reading and good study habits.

## **P.A. DAY**

**Just a reminder that Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> is a  
P.A. Day and there will be no classes for students.**

## **Progress Reports**

Parents and guardians can download their child's Progress Report from the following website:

<https://connect.edsembli.com/on/ugdsb/lwood/portal/viewer/login/login.aspx?logintype=P>

If you previously accessed our Electronic Report Card system, no action is required at this time. If you do not have an account set up or do not remember your password, instructions on how to set up and manager your account can be found on the following website:

<https://sites.google.com/ugcloud.ca/parenthelp/report-cards-parent-portal>

## Parent Teacher Interviews

We ask teachers to meet with all parents following the progress reports. November 25th 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 17th @ 4:30 pm to November 24th @ 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 17<sup>th</sup> of November)
- go to the website <https://webapp.uqdsb.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

## Westside Secondary School

On Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 the grade 8 students travelled to Westside Secondary School to view and experience all the different technology options available in grade 9. It was an exciting experience for all.

## 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. Our playground structures will be closed for use as of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Inclement Weather

With the colder weather coming, the snowflakes are not too far away. During times of inclement weather, please check the transportation website at <https://stwdsts.ca/> for any bus cancellations or delays. Cancellations are made after 6:30 am.

## 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 presented to the students live on November 11th, 2022. A recording of the presentation will be available for parents to watch online. Poppies will be available online at schoolcashionline for students/parents who wish to donate.

## Parent Council

Parent Council is excited to announce our first in person event of the year. Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 24th 4:30-7:00 pm. We hope you will join us for "Winterfest". Come and shop

at the book fair and check out local vendors all in support of Laurelwoods ES. Our next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

## 2022 - 2023 Grade 8 Grad Wear

Our 2022 – 2023 Grad Wear has been ordered and the students are excited! You will see many grades 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, 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 placed an order online or have brought in a Loonie.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Our first Scholastic Book Fair of the 2022 / 2023 school year will be happening this month! From November 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>, students can view and purchase a variety of items from books to posters, to even unique pencils and erasers. There is something for everyone at the sale! Also, do not forget to drop in sometime during the night of Winterfest/Parent Teacher Interviews. The Book Fair will be open from 4:30 to 7:00 pm November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Amaranth Hay Bale Trail

Many thanks go out to Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Hartley for helping to decorate our hay bales for the second annual Amaranth Hay Bale Trail! A special thank you also goes out to Grand Valley Home Hardware for their donation of supplies. Unfortunately, the wind and rain did not cooperate and some of the decorations did not survive the harsh weather.



## ErinOak Kids

If your child is currently receiving services from ErinOakKids for Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Physical Therapy, you can access the Parent Portal to view the notes that the therapists complete for each session. Click [here](#) to access the Parent Portal. Contact information is also available from this site if you need further assistance.

## Surveillance Cameras

There are cameras around the exterior and throughout the school hallways which act as deterrents to those thinking about damaging our school property as well as evidence in case we need to investigate any issues. You will notice there are stickers on our school doors indicating that there is video surveillance. We also have surveillance cameras at the front of our school.

## Dates to Remember

November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dental Screening
November 6 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Treaty Recognition Week
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	World Kindness Day
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Photo Retakes
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair Begins
November 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bully Prevention Week
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Winterfest
November 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Interviews
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	P.A. Day

## Lunch Supervisors Needed

We have very dedicated and reliable Lunch Supervisors at Laurelwoods. However, I am seeking individuals who would be willing to work as supply Lunch Supervisors as needed. This is a paid position and training is provided. A police check including the vulnerable sector screening is required. If you love working with wonderful children, who are enthusiastic, fun, and engaging, Laurelwoods Elementary School wants you as a supply lunch supervisor. We require an individual who is caring, energetic, patient, has the ability to ensure the safety and security of our students, and loves working with children. Your responsibilities would include monitoring lunchrooms and outside recess. If you are interested please contact the school office at 519-940-3666 between 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

## Junior Volleyball

Some of our junior students (grade 4-6) have been busy practicing their junior volleyball skills and learning the rules of junior volleyball during the morning recess breaks on Tuesday and Thursday's for the past few weeks. The students have really enjoyed being a part of intermural teams again. A small group of students will be selected to represent Laurelwoods in a tournament held at Montgomery Village Public School on November 8th. We hope you've enjoyed the season.

Mrs. Matthews, Ms. Graziani and your three amazing assistant coaches.

