

THEME: ACCEPTANCE
THOUGHT: Accept what is, let go of what was and have faith in what will be.



BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 2021

WELCOME BACK TO LAURENTIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THE FUTURE BEGINS HERE

On behalf of the staff, here at Laurentia Elementary, I would like to welcome back our students. The halls and classes have been empty without you. Your teachers and support staff have anxiously been awaiting your arrival so that they can begin another exciting year with you, filled with learning fun, activities, sports, drama, music and much, much more. I would also like to welcome back our parents. I look forward to your continued support in our efforts to achieve the best for our students. I wish you all a very successful school year!

Mrs. K. Moore
Principal



FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL—SEPT. 1ST— WHO'S MY TEACHER?

- All students will be assigned a **color** via email. Upon arrival in the school yard students are to find the teacher wearing the same color
- The school yard will open at 8:20 for drop-offs and busses
- Parents may accompany their child but MASKS are obligatory and social distancing is expected.
- Once the homeroom teachers have all of their students for the class, they will line up in the appropriate spot for their class and enter the building. NO parents may enter the school.



COVID RULES FOR SCHOOL

As much as we hope that school will be as normal as possible, we are still fighting Covid, so there are some rules that must be followed so that we stay healthy and safe.

- ♦ Grade 1-6 students must wear a mask when travelling on the bus and in the school. This includes in the classes and all common areas
- ♦ No masks on the school yard, in Phys. Ed classes and Music classes
- ♦ All students must disinfect their hands coming into the building, after recess and lunch
- ♦ Water fountains may only be used to fill water bottles therefore all students need to have their own water bottle everyday
- ♦ Only visitors with an appointment will be allowed in the school

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THE EMPLOYEE PARKING AREA

The school parking lot was designed for use by school employees - only. Over the last several years our parking lot has become a serious issue.

Because it was designed for the staff, when parents and visitors park in the lot, there is no more room for staff. Further, at the end of the day, parents who park in the lot are often parked in such a way that teachers cannot get out of the parking lot to attend meetings or workshops after school. Finally, it is a security issue for our students and staff. Parking is available on the school-side of Filion Street. Please park on the street when visiting the school. THANK YOU.



END OF DAY PICK UPS

Students who are being picked up at the end of the day will be brought to the side fence on Filion street at approximately 3:15. ALL Laurentia students are accounted for before the busses are dismissed. A teacher will collect the pick-up students, check that they are on the list for pick-up (which means we have a written authorization for the student to be picked up) and once the okay has been given for the busses, pick ups and daycare students, the pick up students will be brought to the side fence on rue Filion.

There is no need for students to be signed out and no need for parents to come to school for pick up before 3:10.



HOT LUNCH SERVICE

The hot lunch service will begin as of September 13. The menu will be distributed to students and posted on the Facebook page during the first week of school. Please be sure to respect the deadline printed on the menu.

SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE

School fees are due now. Payment may be made by cash or cheque at the school or via internet bank payment. If you pay through your bank select Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, choose school fees and use the internet reference number located on your statement.

Punctuality is Key to Success

Laurentia Elementary School begins at 8:25. Students begin their first class at 8:45. It is very important that students are on time for school.

All announcements and daily routines take place in the first class. When a child is late, they miss important information and school skills.

Please have your children at school before the first class begins.

Thank you



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PICK-UPS

If you are planning to pick up your child from school, please follow the procedure outlined here:

- 1) a note must be sent to your child's teacher using the student agenda or via Class Dojo
- 2) Your child will meet you at the side fence of rue Filion street at **3:15 p.m.** Please do not come early.

- No phone calls will be accepted after **12:00 p.m.**
- Only designated people may pick up a student.
- A person other than a parent or guardian will be asked for identification





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The Laurentia PPO is planning a welcome back BBQ for parents and their kids on Sept. 9th from 3:30—7:00. There will be activities for the children, hot dogs, cotton candy and a magic show. Come and join us for a little fun to kick the school year off to a great start.



BUS ROUTES

Bus routes are available on the Mozaik Portal Parent in your child's file.

DAYCARE:

If you need the services of the school daycare please contact Miss Maria at 450-438-6078 Ex: 5820. Daycare opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m.



General Assembly



THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PARENTS

The AGA for parents will be held on September 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the gym at Laurentia. The purpose of this meeting is to elect parents to the Governing Board, elect a parent to represent Laurentia on the SWLSB's Parent Committee, and to decide whether we will have a PPO this year.

The General Assembly will be followed by Curriculum Night on ZOOM at 7:30. Each homeroom teacher will be outlining the curriculum and the expectations for the school year. If you wish to speak with any of the specialists, please request a meeting by sending a note to the specialist. They will be happy to speak with you about your child's curriculum (this includes French, Phys. Ed, Music, Art and Drama specialists).



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