

Dear Lawrence Families,

Welcome and welcome back to the Lawrence School! For those of you new to the Lawrence community, I extend a special welcome. I am excited for the 2018-2019 school year and hope that you and your children are rested, recharged and ready to learn!

I rejoined the Lawrence community this past July after having been away for four years as principal of the Upper Coolidge Corner School. I return with fresh eyes and great energy, as well as a particular appreciation of the strength of the Lawrence community. This past June and over the summer, I held one-on-one conversations with nearly 70 staff members and met several families. Across the board, I was impressed by people's commitment to support the needs of each child at the Lawrence School. I have learned that people are eager to strengthen relationships and recommit to the school's vision. I really loved hearing this feedback and am including a few excerpts of the school's vision below, which I believe represent the collective hopes of how we can move forward.

Amos A. Lawrence School is a safe, just and caring learning community of students, staff and families. We are a vibrant learning community with high expectations for academic excellence.

At Lawrence School, students learn to respect themselves and others and to value and honor the diversity of cultures, backgrounds, and learning differences

Lawrence School values and encourages families to be active, involved, and well-informed partners in the learning process.

Communication is key to maintaining a strong home/school partnership.

I truly believe that the Lawrence School community is eager to come together and support each other on behalf of all of our students. We have 180 opportunities (not just days) to make sure that every child is happy and engaged in learning. It is not an easy goal, but the Lawrence staff and community is up to the task. I believe we will come together and support each other on behalf of all our students, and I am excited to begin working with all of you. Here's to a great school year!

Sincerely,
Monica

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2018 - 2019 Amos A. Lawrence School

Please review this information with your child in preparation for the start of school.

Our school hours are Monday -Thursday 8-2:30pm and Fridays 8:00 –1:40pm

Opening Days Schedule:

Thursday, September 6 -8:00 am to 2:30 pm

-Grades 1 - 8

Thursday, September 6 -8:00 a.m to 12:40pm

-Kindergarteners with last name beginning with A-L

Friday, September 7-8:00 am to 2:30 pm

-Grades 1 - 8

Friday, September 7-8:00 am to 12:40 pm

-Kindergarteners with last name beginning with M-Z

Monday, September 11- Rosh Hashanah-No School

Tuesday, September 12-All students K-8 have a full day.

Early Dismissal Days

In November, December, April and May, we will have Early Dismissal Days for parent/caregiver conferences. These are on the official school calendar that can be found on Public Schools of Brookline website at <http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us>

Open Houses

Open House provides an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher/s and get an overview of the school year. There will be two Open Houses this year.

- Thursday, September 27th from 6-7:15pm-Grades K-5
- Thursday, October 4th from 6:15 – 8:00pm-Grades 6-8

Administration and Guidance Assignments

The three guidance counselors, two vice principals and I are excited to work together to support all of our students. We will certainly be here for every student, but have created grade designations, so staff and students know who they can contact for information and support if needed.

Grades K-2: Principal-Monica Crowley and guidance counselor-Chloe Wheaton

Grades 3-5: Vice Principal-Peter Cipparone and guidance counselor- TBD

Grades 6-8: Vice Principal-Maisha Rounds and guidance counselor-Shaina Martinez

Morning Arrival Logistics

- The front doors are programmed to open at 7:50am.
- Morning announcements and teaching and learning begin at 8:00 am.
- Any child arriving after 8:00 a.m. will need to check in at the Main Office and get a tardy slip from office staff before proceeding to their homeroom/classroom.
- ALL students who arrive prior to 7:50am are to report to the cafeteria. Staff will support with transitioning early arrivals from the lobby to the cafeteria.

If you have an appointment scheduled with a staff member, please first check in at the Main Office, sign in and get a visitor's pass, then proceed to your meeting place.

Please refrain from parking in on-street, staff designated, spaces.
Student drop-off behind the school and on Newell Road is prohibited.

Already Scheduled Field Trips:

- Grade 8 –George's Island, Boston Harbor – Monday, September 24th: 10am-5pm
 - Grade 7 – The Farm School, Athol, MA – November 13th – 16th
- Permission slips and additional details for these trips will be sent home in September