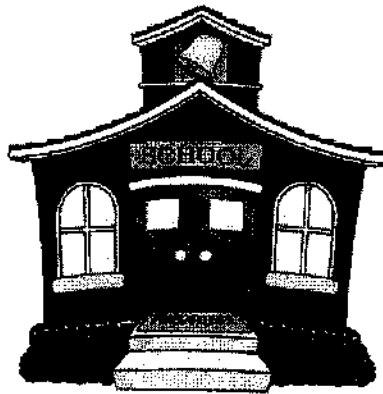


**Welcome to  
Lawton Elementary  
2017-2018**



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Assistant Principal: Lindsay Todd**

**Lawton Elementary School  
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Oviedo, FL 32765**

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## Kindergarten Parents!

Summer provides a great opportunity to work with your children in preparation for the upcoming school year. This brochure provides you with some information to make the transition into Kindergarten a successful one!

### Pre-Reading Skills:

- ❖ Read to your child every day
- ❖ Take them to the library
  - Choose books to read and/or go to a “story-time” to listen to stories being read to them
- ❖ Practice using books appropriately
  - Turn one page at a time, front to back
  - How should I treat a book?
- ❖ Practice recognizing most letters in alphabet by name
  - When shown a letter, correctly identifies name of letter
- ❖ Practice naming letter sounds
  - When shown a letter, correctly says the sound the letter makes

### Pre-Writing Skills:

- ❖ Practice writing by scribbling, drawing & creating pictures to convey meaning
- ❖ Practice writing their own name
  - Starts with upper case letter followed by lower case letters
- ❖ Practice writing ABC's independently

### Math Skills:

- ❖ Shows a beginning understanding of numbers
  - Can gather a group of 20 objects and count them correctly
- ❖ Practice recognizing and identifying basic shapes
  - Circle, triangle, square, rectangle

## **Fine Motor Skills:**

- ❖ Practice correct pencil and crayon grip
- ❖ Practice using scissors
- ❖ Practice tracing and drawing shapes, lines, zig-zag, diagonal lines

## **Self-Help Skills:**

- ❖ Toileting
- ❖ Hygiene
  - Washing hands, blowing nose, coughing into sleeve
- ❖ Dressing
  - Fastening clothes-buttons, snaps, zippers
  - **PLEASE practice tying shoe laces or purchase Velcro sneakers**
- ❖ Lunchroom expectations
  - Sit and eat quietly
  - Eat in 20-30 minutes
  - Opening containers
  - Using utensils

## **Listening Skills:**

- ❖ Sit quietly and listen
- ❖ Follow 2-step oral directions

## **Speaking Skills:**

- ❖ Encourage speaking in complete sentences

## **Vocabulary:**

- ❖ Use age appropriate vocabulary
  - Colors, jobs, food, animals

## **Conversation:**

- ❖ Responds to simple questions from familiar adults and peers

## **Social Skills:**

- ❖ Share and take home
- ❖ Accept responsibility
- ❖ Use kind words
- ❖ Use good manners

## **Recommended Websites:**

- ❖ [www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)
- ❖ [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
- ❖ [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)
- ❖ [www.scps.k12.fl.us](http://www.scps.k12.fl.us)
- ❖ [www.abcya](http://www.abcya.com) (Seminole County Public Schools)

## **P.A.W.S.**

Lawton uses Florida's Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Project. We call it P.A.W.S. which stands for:

- ❖ Pride in yourself and others
- ❖ Active Listens
- ❖ Willing to take responsibility
- ❖ Safe choices

## **Follow us on:**

- ❖ Facebook
  - <https://www.facebook.com/twlawtonelementary>
- ❖ Remind 101
  - text @lawtone to 754-217-2583 and follow the prompt (see detailed directions on our webpage)
- ❖ School Connects
  - Keep your information updated through skyward to receive texts, emails and calls

**MUSIC** – Learning at Lawton involves the whole child – physically, mentally, and aesthetically. In addition to learning a treasure chest of songs for life, your children will play a variety of classroom instruments and will experience free and structured movement and dance. Throughout the K-5<sup>th</sup> music experience, students will learn basic music skills, concepts, vocabulary and musical symbols. Students are graded on participation and behavior. Mrs. McDonald will look forward to meeting our incoming kindergarten students.

**ART** - Kindergarten art class is an opportunity to explore new media – crayon, paints, pastels and clay. Students should wear old clothes on art day and come prepared to listen and create. Students will gain early exposure to famous artists and various techniques.

**TECHNOLOGY** –Teachers infuse technology into the curriculum in all subject areas.. Interactive whiteboards, Ipads, and laptops are used in each classroom. Students are given opportunities for blended learning to manipulate the technology we have on campus. An emphasis is made on robotics with the use of WEDO Legos. Students use the Engineer Design Process to build robot models and program them on the computer. Last year was the second year with full implementation of coding for kindergarten, and first and third grades were also added. To ensure our students are future ready, coding and robotics will continue through every grade at Lawton. Teachers also have Virtual Reality View masters available for further exploration.

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION** –

1. Students need proper shoes. Ex: tennis or running shoes
2. Students may bring their own water to drink during hot days besides receiving water breaks during class.
3. PE provides a variety of activities to promote a healthy lifestyle.
4. Students participate in Wonderful World of Fitness every Wednesday which enhances their physical endurance and strength through circuits.
5. PE provides a variety of locomotor/nonlocomotor skills that will help develop throughout the year.

#### **Activities to look for:**

##### **Field Day Activities**

You may check the school website for monthly updates as to what PE is doing with your children. We integrate the academic curriculum into our PE class in many ways to help promote life long learning.

**MEDIA** – Students at Lawton Elementary have the opportunity to receive instruction in literature appreciation and participate in reading motivation activities when they come to the media center. Students are encouraged to check-out fiction and non-fiction books, take Accelerated Reader computer-based tests, navigate their Seminole County Student E-Passport for curriculum support and assist with reading comprehension. Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are also encouraged to access and complete keyboarding and coding activities. Usually, students visit the media center every other week on the wheel rotation.

**SPANISH** – The program provides language enrichment opportunities for English-dominant children. Ultimately, the goal is to empower students to become bilingual, bi-literate, and bicultural individuals who will be successful members of a global society. Students will achieve academic excellence in 2 languages as well as develop cultural awareness and sensitivity. Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for each grade level content are for promotion and graduation requirements will be met

# Important Dates for Kindergarten Parents:

## Open House for Kindergarten Parents Only

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

6:30 p.m.

We will assemble in the PLC multi-purpose room. After a brief introductory session to go over school policies and procedures, your child's teacher will give you more detailed information regarding the kindergarten curriculum, classroom schedules and specific details pertaining to your child's class.

**This meeting is for adults only; please make childcare arrangements for your children.**

## Open House for All Students

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Your child will be able to meet his/her teacher and become familiar with the classroom. You have the opportunity to walk with your child on the route they will use each morning to get to the classroom, depending on whether your child will be a car rider, bus rider or biker/walker. (We will have adults and 5<sup>th</sup> grade safety patrols who will walk bus riders for the first week or two of school).

## First Day of School

Thursday, August 10, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**On Wednesdays, school is dismissed one hour early.**

***Please make sure that your child will be picked up on time.***

The first bell rings at 8:30 a.m. Students will be considered "tardy" after the second bell rings at 8:35 a.m. (Children are not considered late if their bus is late. It may take a day or two for buses to run on schedule.)

***Please note that school ends at 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Car riders and bikers/walkers will be dismissed to the car ramp about five minutes later.***

# SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## STUDENT CALENDAR

2017-18

Date of Board Adoption: October 27, 2015

### Definition of Descriptions:

- **Schools Closed** = Teachers and students not in attendance; Educational Support Center open for business
- **Schools Closed for Students** – Students not in attendance; Teachers are working & Educational Support Center is open for business
- **School System Closed** – Teachers, students, and employees at Educational Support Center not in attendance

<b>August 4 – 9</b>	<b>Teacher Workdays (Pre-Planning)</b>
<b>August 10</b>	<b>First Day of Student Attendance, Start of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>
<b>September 4</b>	<b>School System Closed (Labor Day)</b>
<b>October 13</b>	<b>End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Teacher Professional Development Day and Student Holiday</b>
<b>October 17</b>	<b>Teacher Workday and Student Holiday</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>November 20 - 24</b>	<b>Schools Closed (Thanksgiving Break)</b>
<b>November 23 - 24</b>	<b>School System Closed</b>
<b>December 19 - 21</b>	<b>Student Early Release Days (Last three days of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester)</b>
<b>December 21</b>	<b>End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>
<b>December 22</b>	<b>Teacher Workday and Student Holiday</b>
<b>December 25 – January 5</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>
<b>January 8</b>	<b>Beginning of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>January 15</b>	<b>School System Closed (Martin Luther King Day)</b>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>School System Closed (Presidents Day)</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>March 16</b>	<b>Teacher Workday and Student Holiday</b>
<b>March 19-23</b>	<b>Schools Closed (Spring Break)</b>
<b>March 26</b>	<b>Classes Resume - Start of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>May 23 - 25</b>	<b>Student Early Release Days (Last three days of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Last Day of Student Attendance, End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>
<b>May 28</b>	<b>School System Closed (Memorial Day)</b>
<b>May 29 - 30</b>	<b>Teacher Workdays (Post-Planning)</b>

**Student Make-up days for inclement weather are listed in the order in which they will be taken:  
10/16/2017, 10/17/2017, 12/22/2017, 3/16/2018, 5/30/2018.**



Seminole County Public Schools

## Kindergarten Immunization Requirements

Children entering Kindergarten in the 2017-18 school year must meet the immunization requirements mandated by the Florida Department of Health.

### Requirements for Kindergarten are:

- ❖ **4-5 doses DTaP** (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) If 4th dose given after 4th birthday, a 5th dose is not needed
- ❖ **4-5 doses Polio** - Final dose must be administered after 4th birthday
- ❖ **2 doses MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella)
- ❖ **2 doses Varicella** or documented history of disease
- ❖ **3 doses Hepatitis B**

Florida Department of Health form 680 must be submitted to your child's school prior to the first day of school, August 10, 2017.

Vaccines and 680 forms can be obtained from your child's health care provider. Required vaccines are also available at the Department of Health in Seminole County for students with Medicaid, without insurance or insurance does not cover vaccines, or who are unable to obtain them through a private provider.

**ONLY PHYSICALS DONE ON OR AFTER 08/10/16 WILL BE VALID FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.**





# KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

*WHEN: Tuesday, May 9 2017*

*WHERE: PLC/CAFETERIA  
Lawton Elementary  
151 Graham Avenue  
Oviedo, FL 32765*

*TIME: 9:30—10:30 am*

*RSVP: 407-320-6391  
by  
Tuesday, May 2, 2017*

*You will have the opportunity to have breakfast and  
tour the campus with your child and receive  
information about the Kindergarten program.*

*Parent and enrolling kindergarten students only.  
No siblings please.*