

TECUMSEH PUBLIC SCHOOL DECEMBER NEWS



From the Office...

With the unseasonably warm weather, it's hard to believe that it's December. At the school, our students are enjoying welcoming the festive season. Moving forward, we look forward to time with our families during the Winter Break and to welcoming students back on Monday, January 9th 2023.

Please take the time to review this newsletter as there are important updates and information throughout. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support. Happy Holidays and all the best in the coming year.

Mark your calendars...

- December 9th - LAST DAY for LOST and FOUND
- December 16th - Grade 5 VIP Graduation 12:00
- December 19th - CKSS band Holiday Concert
- December 20th and 22nd - Tecumseh Holiday Concerts
- December 26 - January 6th - Winter Break (no school)
- January 9th - first day of school for 2023
- February 1st - Graduation Photos

Let me hear you
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Home and School Opportunity

Are you interested in joining the Tecumseh Home and School Council? This is a great opportunity for parents, caregivers, and families to work together to with the school to support our students. Please join us for our meeting here at the school on **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11th at 6pm.** We would love to see you here!



WREATH FUNDRAISER - Many thanks to all the families that sold, purchased and distributed the beautiful wreaths from Sloans. We were successful in raising \$2500 and will be purchasing senior athletic jerseys!

Scholastic Book Fair

Thanks to all the families and students that popped into our first in-person book fair in many years. The school has earned almost \$2000 in book rewards to assist teachers in refreshing their classroom libraries. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Playground Equipment is CLOSED



Please be aware that during the winter season, the playground equipment is closed during school time and after hours. The following winter conditions can make equipment unsafe for use:

Freezing temperatures - At temperatures below 0 C, very few types of protective ground surfacing remain resilient enough to offer any degree of protection to a falling child - regardless of depth. If the ground cover is frozen, the play equipment is NOT safe for use.

Snow build-up - Snow can cause two problems on a play structure - firstly, it can make play surfaces very slippery; secondly, it can create suffocation hazards if the openings at the end of tube slides or similar structures become closed in by drifting snow.

Ice or freezing rain - As noted above, ice or freezing rain can make play surfaces, hand grips and stairways very slippery, increasing the risk of slip and fall injuries.

Clothing - Winter clothing is much different than normal clothing. Synthetic materials, such as nylon, reduce sliding resistance, particularly on plastic slide beds. This can increase the travel speed on this equipment to a dangerous level, and if combined with frozen ground cover, as described above, can increase the chance of injury. Winter clothing is also very bulky and is more likely to have drawstrings or hooks and clips which can become entangled in components of the equipment.

Tecumseh is in Zone 8. Listen to the radio for bus delays and cancellations or check <http://www.schoolbusinfo.com> for regular updates. If buses are cancelled in the morning due to fog, they will run in the afternoon. If buses are cancelled in the morning due to snow and icy road conditions, they will not run in the afternoon and parents and guardians must make arrangements for picking up students at the end of the day.

It all adds up over time...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

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