



## From the Office

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We hope that everyone enjoyed the Holiday break and are excited as we are to get back to school. We have started the new year with remote learning and look forward to seeing you back face-to-face as soon as schools are opened! Stay safe and try your best Timberwolves.... We can do hard things!

## Staff Updates

Tecumseh staff would like to congratulate our receptionist Mrs. Bruhlman on acquiring a full-time position with the Lambton-Kent District School Board. Mrs. Bruhlman was a friendly and welcoming face to all those who entered the office, and she will be missed! We would like to extend a warm Timberwolves welcome our three new staff members starting in January, Miss Robert (Educational Assistant), Mrs. Dodwell our new receptionist and Mrs. Murray as our new Vice Principal.

## Up-Coming Dates:

January 31st	PA Day & Kindergarten Registration
February 18	Report Cards sent home
February 21	Family Day

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you know a child that will be turning 4 on or before Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022? If so, they are eligible to attend Kindergarten starting September 2022. We have already started to prepare for their arrival. Given our current situation of remote learning, we will communicate plans for KinderStart once we are closer to the date. In the meantime, **please follow this link and begin the registration process for your student.** [www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten](http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten)

## Home and School Meeting

All parents and guardians are welcomed to join us for our first Home and School Meeting of 2022! The meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please email [tecumsehhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:tecumsehhomeandschool@gmail.com) for the link! We can't wait to see you there!

## Student Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school at 519- 354-2480. When you leave a message, include the first and last name of your child, his/her teacher, and the reason for your child's absence and when he/she will return to school. Thank-you in advance for your assistance with reporting any absences. Notes and phone messages are of great assistance to the office staff.

**Parents can also use SCHOOL MESSENGER to report student absences efficiently!**  
**How to sign up and create a SchoolMessenger account.**

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## Tecumseh Public School

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1. Open an internet browser and search for [go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca) or download the BLUE SchoolMessenger app
2. Click Sign up in the upper right corner
3. Use the email address on file at the school and create a password.  
Important note: You must use the same email address your school has on record. If you wish to use a different one, please contact your school and ask them to update your email address.
4. Click Sign up. Choose your password. Select Location as Canada. Tap Sign Up. You will receive a verification email. From this email, click the link to verify. This will open in a browser where you will be prompted to enter your login details. Log in and confirm your details.

### **REMINDERS FOR WHEN WE RETURN TO FACE TO FACE LEARNING:**

#### **Daily COVID-19 Screening Tool**

Please complete the daily screener for each child in your home daily.

The Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening is available here:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

#### **Morning Entry and Dismissal**

Students should not arrive before 9:00 am (15 minutes before the morning bell) and students will proceed to their entrance door directly and enter their classroom. Students will move to their entrance door regardless of transportation, bus, drop-off, before-school programming, or walking. As students are expected to proceed directly to their classroom, staff supervision will not be available on the playground.

There is a parking lot on the west side of the school that is for parent/visitor use before and after school. All parents are asked to meet their children at their designated pick-up spot as identified in the email sent to you by the school. **Please do not idle along the side of the building as that space is designated for school buses.** If you will need to pick up your child(ren) early, please arrange for pick up prior to 2:45. Please allow a minimum of 30 minutes when calling the office to arrange for early dismissal. **During end of day pick up please refrain from parking/idling in front of the school unless you have registered for a pick up pass through the office.**

#### **Face Masks**

Students in Grades 1 to 8 will be required to wear non-medical or cloth masks indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes. **Masks must cover both the nose and the mouth.**

Outdoor times like recess can be used as opportunities to provide students with breaks from wearing masks as long as the students are organized to remain within their cohorts and



physically distance. Masks are also mandatory in bus lines and on the bus for Grade 1-8 students.

Parents/guardians should provide non-medical masks or cloth masks for their children to wear to school. The LKDSB will provide backup non-medical masks for students who do not have their own. Face coverings that provide a tight seal at the chin and nose and cover the mouth are permitted (a gaiter for example), whereas face coverings that do not provide a tight seal at the chin and nose and cover the mouth are not permitted (a bandanna for example). For some students with special needs, or significant medical conditions, wearing a mask may be problematic. Families should work with the school to determine if your child may be exempt from wearing a mask.

**Students should bring labelled refillable water bottles; water fountains will be closed but water filling stations will be accessible.** If you do not have a refillable water bottle, please contact the school.

### Allergies

Please be aware that some students and staff that have an allergy to nuts and to shellfish which includes shrimp, peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oils, peanut bi-products, sesame seeds and other tree nuts. Exposure to these kinds of nut products – even trace amounts - could result in a life-threatening reaction. Shellfish and nut products are not to be sent to school, as our goal is to provide a “peanut and nut aware environment”.

### Medication and Medical Needs

Medication, both prescription & non-prescription, should not be administered to students by school staff. Specific criteria must be met for staff to administer prescription medication when it cannot be administered at home. An “Authorization for the Administration of Oral Medication” form, (available from the office), must be completed by the parent/guardian and physician, then forwarded to the Principal for each school year. This includes the administration of occasional use medications as well.

Should your child have a medical need (such as diabetes, asthma, epilepsy etc.,) that requires special emergency attention please inform the school and an “Individual Medical Emergency Plan” will be put in place. Please notify the office by phone or email if you require a form. You can also send a note with your child and we can send a copy home.

### Bus Information

During the fall we might experience some heavy fog in which there could be the potential for bus cancellations. When there are bus cancellations due to fog, buses will not run in the morning but will run in the afternoon. **Tecumseh is in BUS ZONE 7 and BUS ZONE 8.**

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To check for any bus cancellations during the school year, please tune into the local radio stations or the following website: <https://schoolbusinfo.busstatus.ca/>

**AS PER THE LKDSB  
CODE OF CONDUCT**

PERSONAL MOBILE  
DEVICES ARE TO BE  
USED ONLY DURING  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
PURPOSES AND AS  
PRESCRIBED BY AN  
EDUCATOR.

***Students are  
encouraged to leave  
their devices at home***