

TECUMSEH PUBLIC SCHOOL SEPTEMBER NEWS



Principal's Message...

Welcome back! September is an exciting time and we are looking forward to a new year of learning together. I am very fortunate to join the team at Tecumseh. Our staff has been preparing to welcome students back and I am very proud of their continued hard work and dedication. Our students and families are also committed to reviewing routines to help ensure a successful start and beyond. As we move forward, please know that we will continue to work together to promote a welcoming and safe learning environment.

Students and families are encouraged to read the [LKDSB Handbook](#) for School Success, which outlines important information for the school year, including details about support services, transportation, school programming and operating LKDSB schools.

We will continue to promote the safe operation of schools in alignment with current Public Health directions. Prior to attending school, it is strongly recommended that all students, staff and visitors complete the daily [COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool](#) and its directions must be followed. Following public health guidance, individuals should stay home if they are feeling ill. LKDSB is prepared to respond to changes throughout the school year, if necessary, based on directions from the Ministry of Education and guidance from Public Health.

Please be sure to check the LKDSB website regularly for important updates and information.

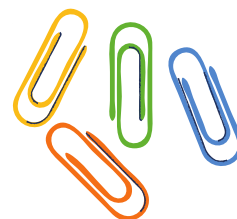
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Let me hear you
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Staff List 2022-2023

Congratulations to Mrs. Hunter who has accepted a position as a Literacy Intervention Teacher with the board. At this time, Ms. Peach has been working with her class.

FDK - Mrs. Mariconda & Mrs. Trinetti	French - Mr. Gartshore
FDK - Mrs. Broadwood & Mrs. Russell	French - Mme. Evans
FDK - Mrs. Cofell & Ms. Sheehan	Gym/Prep - Mr. McEvoy
Gr 1 - Mrs. Kennedy	Prep - Mrs. Park
Gr 1 - Mrs. Brady	Prep - Mr. Brennan
Gr 1/2 - Ms. Mandeno	Resource/Prep - Mr. MacDougald
Gr 2 - Mrs. Allen	Resource/Guidance - Mrs. Bond
Gr 2/3 - Mrs. Archer	Receptionist - Mrs. Weedon
Gr 2/3 - Ms. Hackett	Secretary - Mrs. Caron
Gr 3/4 - Mrs. Caetano	Vice Principal - Mrs. Murray
Gr 3/4 - Mrs. Haskell	Principal - Mr. Rakuc
Gr 4 - Mr. Burnett	Educational Assistants:
Gr 4/5 - Mr. Anderson	Mr. Ryan
Gr 4/5 - Mr. Millar	Mrs. Haskell
Gr 4/5 - Ms. Sims	Mrs. Frain
Gr 5/6 - Mrs. Hunter	Miss Bondy
Gr 6 - Mrs. Pieta	Mrs. Renaud
Gr 6/7 - at this time Mr. Candido will	Ms. Houston
be working with this class	Mrs. Warnock
Gr 7/8 - Mr. Hope	Ms. Clayton
Gr 7/8 - Mrs. Markovich	Ms. McFadden
Gr 7/8 - Mrs. Rountree	Mr. Edwards
Gr 7/8 - Mrs. Walker	
ALLP - Mrs. Podlacha	



Custodial Staff:
Mr. Branco
Mr. Turner
Ms. Myers
Ms. Bennett
Ms. McGonigle



Due to changes in our enrollment and the need for our Board to meet Ministry of Education requirements regarding class sizes, it has been necessary for our school to undergo a reorganization. This is not an uncommon occurrence in schools in September.

This has impacted a significant number of students across grade levels and divisions. At this time, all the families of affected students have been notified and students have moved their belongings with the anticipation of starting in their new classes on Monday, September 19th, 2022.

While this is understandably a change to navigate, we have worked together as a team to make decisions regarding the moving of students. Our new school organization is below:

We have resilient students and very committed staff who will adapt to this change and continue to move ahead to achieve our goal of providing the best possible educational outcomes for your children.

Please contact the school office should you have any questions. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

Mark your calendars...

Friday September 16th - PA Day (no school today)
Tuesday September 27th - Meet the Teacher Night 4:30-6:30
Friday September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Orange shirt day
Thursday October 6th - Terry Fox Run (3rd block)
Friday October 7th - PA Day (no school today)
Monday October 10th - Thanksgiving Monday (no school today)



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.

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 email the principal at krzysztof.rakuc@lkdsb.net if you are interested for further details. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Orange Shirt Day



Orange Shirt Day is on September 30th. On this day, we honour the survivors of residential schools as well as those children and young people who never returned home. This year, the LKDSB will commemorate this day on Friday, September 30th by encouraging students to wear orange and by using this day as a catalyst to encourage learning and understanding about the residential school system and the impacts that system has had on First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people.

Please take the opportunity to learn more about Orange Shirt Day and its origins by visiting and sharing the following link: <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>

Student Absences

Regular school attendance is extremely important to the success of all learners. As hard as it can be some days, starting the school day on time is equally important.

The Safe School Policy of the LKDSB requires our office staff to call the contact numbers of any student who is absent in order to ensure the safety of that student. Families are encouraged to use the School Messenger app to report a student absence. <https://asp.schoolmessenger.ca/lkdsb/samllogin.php> These phone calls do not have to be made if we know in advance why the student is not at school. Therefore, it is very important that you call the school (519-354-2480) if your child is going to be away for any reason. Messages can be left on the school's voicemail at any hour. By doing this, it frees up the amount of phone calls that the office must make in the morning.

Meet the Staff and Families Night

Come and join us on **Tuesday September 27th** from **4:30-6:30** here at Tecumseh for dinner and visit to your student's classroom (**5:00-6:30**). The Optimist Food Truck will be here serving hotdogs, french fries and drinks. The gymnasium will be open for families to sit and eat together before or after their classroom visit.

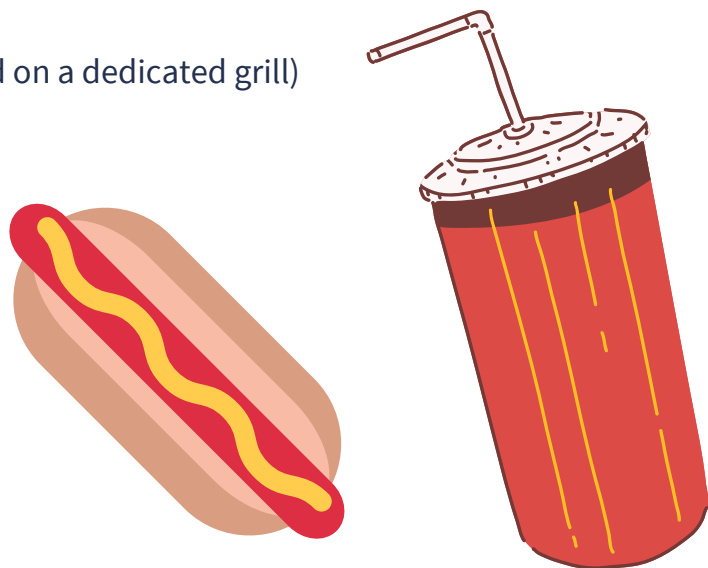
Price List:

Hotdogs \$3.00 (Halal hotdogs available - prepared on a dedicated grill)

French fries \$3.00

Drinks/pop \$1.00

***Debit/Interact will be available**



Community VTRA - Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors, and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, and make better choices in the future.

In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone.

The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents including but not limited to: possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting.

The initial response team is likely to include the Principal / Vice-Principal, police, and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team includes representatives of community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations. Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol.

If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may still proceed.

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