



Tilbury Area Public School

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Principal's Message

It's been an exciting month welcoming our students back to in-person learning and there are more events to look forward to. I want to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff, and families for their on-going commitment to supporting one another and working together to follow Public Health protocols. We've come a long way and we couldn't have done it without everyone's efforts. As we move forward, I am confident that our Falcons will continue to soar!

Daily Screening Protocols

Prior to attending school, all students, staff and visitors must complete the daily [COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool](#). It is very important that this is completed everyday, for each student in your family, and that the directions of the screening tool are followed prior to attending school.

The Ministry of Education has directed all elementary students continue to confirm they have completed the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening prior to coming to school each day. At this time, the Ministry has not set a date as to when confirmation of screening will no longer be required, although daily screening is expected to continue beyond this date.

There are two different procedures:

1) Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students and Self-Contained Classrooms Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten - Grade 3 students and self-contained special education classrooms will confirm the completion of the COVID-19 screener in one of the following ways:

- responding to a school messenger email for each of their K-3 students that is sent to families each morning
- initialing the paper calendar sent home with students each day your child attends school
- contacting and confirming directly with your child's teacher using the typical means of communication for the class or contacting the school office staff (please let us know if you are unable to access the online screening tool)

2) Grade 4 to Grade 8 Students

During morning attendance, the teacher will confirm with the student that they have completed the Ontario COVID-19.

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

Ready, set, read! Our school is hosting a virtual Scholastic Book Fair from February 7th to February 20th. Books can be ordered online using the link below with delivery to the school.

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5173419>

Black History/African Heritage Month

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) acknowledges the ongoing impacts of anti-Black racism in our communities, which cause harm, trauma, violence and the loss of Black lives. We know that the intersections of racism and other social and institutional inequalities result in the ongoing oppression and marginalization of the Black community.

As we approach Black History/African Heritage Month in February, the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) is committed to recognizing the historically erased role of Black Canadians in our history and society.

Grade 8 Graduation Photographs

We are excited about recognizing this year's TAPS graduates! Graduation photographs are scheduled to take place at the school during the school day on Thursday, February 3rd. Should buses be cancelled on this day due to inclement weather, photographs will be postponed and an alternative date will be shared.

UPDATES - Looking Ahead

There are a few items to keep in mind as we look ahead:

- at this time, our upcoming Pizza Days are on-hold; please stay tuned for updates as to when these will resume – any existing orders will be carried forward
- milk sales are continuing during both lunches

- for those celebrating, Valentine's Day is on Monday, February 14th and students are encouraged to wear pink and/or red
- students are also able to distribute Valentine's Day cards to members of their classroom cohorts, however, snacks and treats cannot be shared at this time (participation is voluntary)

- report cards are being sent home with students on Friday, February 18th

- Monday, February 21st is Family Day and there are no classes for students

- as winter weather continues, please remind students to dress appropriately for weather conditions
- in the event of inclement weather, please check www.schoolbusinfo.com and www.lkdsb.net for important updates and information

Parent Council

Are you interested in joining the school's Parent Council? Our next TAPS Parent Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 at 6:30pm. At this time, this meeting will be held virtually. Please email the principal at krzysztof.rakuc@lkdsb.net if you are interested for further details. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Kindergarten Registration 2022-2023

Thank you for your support registering new kindergarten students. If you have questions or still need to register, please contact the school office.

Playground Closed for the Winter season

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.

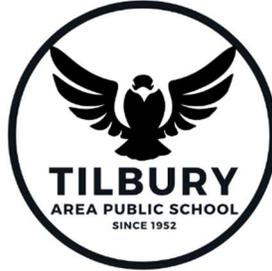
Information Regarding Children's Mental Health

Student mental health continues to be a top priority. Students and/or parents/guardians should contact the school if supports are required. [Visit the LKDSB Mental Health & Well-Being website](#) or access:

- Kids Help Phone, which offers 24/7 counselling and referral services across the province. To use this free resource, children can call 1-800-668-6868, or text CONNECT to 686868.
- School Mental Health Ontario also has a number of great resources for students, parents and families on their website at <https://smho-smsso.ca/>.



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The information below is distributed on behalf of Chatham-Kent Public Health. Should you have any specific questions about this information, please follow-up directly with Chatham-Kent Public Health.

February 2022 COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Bradley Centre 565 Richmond St. Chatham 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	1	2 Bradley Centre 565 Richmond St. Chatham 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	3 Bradley Centre 565 Richmond St. Chatham 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	4	5 Bradley Centre 565 Richmond St. Chatham 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
7 Bradley Centre 565 Richmond St. Chatham 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	8	9 Bradley Centre 565 Richmond St. Chatham 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	10 Bradley Centre 565 Richmond St. Chatham 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	11	12 Bradley Centre 565 Richmond St. Chatham 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
MORE CLINIC DATES TO COME					

All clinics will offer Pfizer for ages 12 to 29, Moderna for ages 30+ and Pediatric Pfizer for ages 5 to 11.

Walk-ins welcome for those aged 5-11.
Youth aged 5-11 must have a parent/guardian with them.
All residents aged 12+ must book at appointment at:

GetYourShotCK.ca

Prefer to book by phone?

Call:

519.351.1010

