



Tilbury Area Public School

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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that it is already March. Spring is definitely in the air and we continue to work together to support our students and families.

We are very fortunate to have such an extensive green space around our school, especially as the weather grows warmer. This time of year, the field can become quite muddy. If your child does not have a pair of indoor shoes at the school, it is appreciated if a pair is sent with them. Also, while this time of year brings periods of warmer weather, it can also get cold and students might need reminders to dress for the weather.

Please review the important information in this newsletter. If you have specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Daily Screening Protocols

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.

The Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening is available using the link below and must be completed each day for each child prior to coming to school: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

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 at the beginning of the month for 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 School and Child Care Screening that day. If a student has not completed the screener, they are to complete the screener at that time.

Regular safety protocols will remain in place for students who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms once at school. Please continue to contact the school office if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Changes to Morning Entry Procedures

In working with our Public Health partners, the morning entry procedures for students will change beginning Monday, March 7th. Starting Monday morning, students will be outside between 9:00 and 9:15. When the morning bell rings at 9:15, they will line up with their classes before proceeding into the building using their designated doors. Supervision is scheduled between 9:00 and 9:15. It is important that students do not arrive before this time. Our recess and end of the day dismissal procedures remain the same.

Parent Council

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

Coming Soon

There are some special dates coming up at TAPS:

- March 09th – Graduation Picture Retake Day for Grade 8 Students
- March 11th – Green and White Day
- March 14th – March 18th – March Break
- March 21st – Funky Sock Day in recognition of World Down Syndrome Awareness Day
- March 25th – Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness

Pizza Day will begin on Friday, March 4th for those students who have already previously submitted orders and take place second lunch every Friday up to and including Friday, May 27th. Prior to May 27th, a new order form will be sent home with students to order for the remainder of the school year.

LKDSB ‘Count Me In LKDSB’ Student Demographic Data Census

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) is launching the *Count Me In LKDSB* Student Census March 1-25, 2022 to collect information to better understand its students and school communities.

This voluntary and confidential survey will collect demographic information about students, such as race, ethnicity, language, religion, gender identity and sexual orientation. The list of questions is posted on the LKDSB website.

Census questionnaires for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be sent to parents/guardians to complete with or on behalf of their child. Students in Grades 9-12 will be provided the link to the census directly and will be provided with classroom time to complete.

The census is directed and supported by the Ontario Ministry of Education. As noted in the Government of Ontario’s Anti-Racism Strategic Plan, all school boards in Ontario will be required to collect race-based data. The results of the student census will identify systemic barriers and bias within the education system. The results will help LKDSB make informed decisions about programming to support student success and allocate resources to where they are needed most.

