



Tilbury Area Public School

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Principal's Message

I want to begin by extending a tremendous *thank you*. Thank you to our students who in these last weeks have adapted to new routines and new changes and who are thriving at TAPS. Thank you to our parents and families for their patience and flexibility as well as their on-going communication with the school office and classroom teachers. And thank you to our staff, a team of professionals who continue to work collaboratively to support our students and school community. As we move forward, I am confident that our falcons will continue to soar. Have a restful and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

The provincial government has updated the COVID-19 school screening daily assessment tool, which is available here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

All staff, students (or parents/guardians on behalf of students) and visitors must complete the screening before attending an LKDSB school each morning. It is very important that this be completed on a daily basis. Also, families are reminded that as per Public Health protocols, drinking fountains are not available at this time and students are encouraged to come to school with a water bottle. Bottles can be refilled at the school using filling stations.

Information from our Public Health partners is available at: <https://ckphu.com/covid-19/>

Should you require information on COVID-19 testing sites, please refer to the link below:
Chatham-Kent: <http://www.ckha.on.ca/covid-19-information>

Further information regarding the LKDSB Reopening Schools Plan is available at:
[LKDSB's Reopening Our Schools information](#)

Additionally, information is also updated at: [LKDSB COVID-19 General Updates](#)

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.

2021 LKDSB School Climate Survey

Every voice counts.

We want students and parents/guardians to share your thoughts about our school climate and whether you consider our school to be a safe and welcoming environment.

The Lambton Kent District School Board is conducting a School Climate Survey October 12-29, 2021 to gather input from students in Grades 4-12, parents/guardians and staff to inform program planning and support safe, welcoming and inclusive school environments.

All students in Grades 4-12 will be invited to participate in the online survey during school hours.

Parents/guardians: The LKDSB is committed to community engagement and supporting safe, welcoming and caring learning environments for parents/guardians and community members. Parents/guardians are invited to share their thoughts on the Parent/Guardian School Climate Survey between October 12-29, 2021: <https://LKDSB.checkboxonline.com/2021-parents>

Parents/guardians are invited to complete one survey per child/school (i.e. if an individual's children attend more than one school, respondents can complete the survey for each school their children attend).

Surveys will be anonymous and individualized results will be kept confidential; however, aggregated school and Board responses will be shared publicly (except in cases where individuals may be identified). It is expected the survey results will be publicly available in Fall 2021.

More information about the School Climate Survey is available here: www.lkdsb.net/survey

Parent Council

Are you interested in joining the school's Parent Council? Our next TAPS Parent Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10th 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!

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.

Upcoming Dates

A reminder that Friday, October 8th is a PA Day and that there is no class for students on this day.

Please see dates below for Picture Day:

Fall - Original - Oct 29, 2021

Fall - Retake - Nov 30, 2021

Grad - Original - Feb 2, 2022

Grad - Retake - Mar 9, 2022

For those celebrating Halloween, on October 29th, students can participate by wearing orange and black to school if they chose to do so. Students are not permitted to wear costumes to school. Also, students will not be able to bring treats to school to share. Thank you for your understanding.



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