

NEWS FROM THE NEST



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We acknowledge that the land on which our school sits and on which we gather each day is a part of the traditional territory of the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi and Delaware Nations. These Indigenous Nations, known as the Anishinaabeg and Lunaapeew, agreed through their ancestral languages to the mutual sharing of the land, with obligations and responsibilities to the environment.

October 2022

From Mrs. Byatt-Millington

Hello Falcon Families!

It's hard to believe that we have the first month behind us! New friendships have been established, relationships with staff are well underway and school activities are beginning to pick up.

It's also certain that fall is here – dressing in the morning is complicated as we're never sure if it is a pants and hoodie day or if a T-shirt is too warm. Layers seem to be the smartest choice this time of year as the temperature fluctuates.

We are very grateful for everyone's support during our start up. It was wonderful welcoming everyone back into the school for the Meet the Staff evening – our hallways haven't been that lively in a few years and it was a great sight to see.

New Staff

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce some new staff members to the Falcon family:

- Mrs. Packham and Mr. Edwards have joined our team as Educational Assistants
- Mrs. Dyck has become our new Grade 5 teacher
- Ms. Brown is filling in as our half time Primary Arts teacher while we go through the staffing process to fill this job.

Social Media

I am please to announce that all of our social media platforms are active and easily accessible. We can be found on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram – all of the links are listed above.

All three platforms will be used to send important information (bus cancellations, school closures), share news about upcoming events and highlight the great things that are happening at TAPS.

If you are connected to any of these platforms, please consider following us to stay up to date!

Student Dismissal

We have been finding a lot more congestion at the end of the school day with students leaving early or families needing to change their travel plans. These last-minute changes have a direct impact on student safety as it creates uncertainty as to where students should be. Also, it causes some students a great deal of anxiety when they are told to do something different than what was discussed in the morning at home. It is sometimes not possible to answer the phone during end of day due to the large volume of calls coming in, meaning that a message may be missed.

To keep students safe at the end of the day, we are asking the following:

- Students who need to be picked up early are dismissed before 3:15
- Changes in pick up plans are communicated to the school office before 3:00

Terry Fox Run

This year, all TAPS students will be participating in the Terry Fox Run, to be held at the school on Thursday, October 13th. Students are encouraged to bring in a Toonie for Terry, but it is not mandatory. All money collected will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Every Child Matters

On September 30th, the school community gathered to acknowledge the harm done to Indigenous Peoples because of the Residential School System. We gathered in the gym for a service of Acknowledgment and Reconciliation. Students continued their learning in their classrooms in age-appropriate ways, by watching videos, reading stories and creating representative pieces of art.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. The money raised went directly back to benefit our students. Each teacher was provided with books for their classroom libraries and the extra money has gone to purchasing materials for our Learning Commons – such as new seating and carpets.

We greatly appreciate all the support our families provide.

Hot Lunches

Our offerings of hot lunches are well underway. The first pizza day of the year was held last week, and everything went perfectly. Moving forward through the year, the plan is to offer the following:

- Pizza – orders sent out for 2-3 months at a time – next order form comes home mid-November
- Harvest Fresh – also sent out 2 months at a time – next order form comes home early November
- Subway – each month we'll offer an opportunity to purchase sandwiches from Subway

Money raised through hot lunch sales goes into the Student Trust Fund, which is used to subsidize field trips and purchase equipment for student use.

COVID Protocols

Currently, the LKDSB continues to take direction from and follow the advice of the CK Medical Officer of Health, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Education.

While many protocols and guidelines have eased up, we are still encouraging families to do the following to keep our building and our people as safe as can be:

- Stay home if feeling sick (to determine when to return to school, feel free to continue to use the School Screener for guidance - [Covid School Screener](#))
- Practice good hand hygiene – soap or sanitizer
- Practice coughing/sneezing into your elbow, not your hands
- Do not share items that touch the mouth (water bottles, lip balm for example)

As everyone has their own level of comfort with being in public, we encourage all our staff and students to respect the choices of others. What is good for one family's health, may be different from another's.

School Council

The first School Council meeting of the year was held in September. Many thanks to Cassandra Carson for acting as Chair and to Amanda Blain for volunteering to be the Recording Secretary. Topics discussed at School Council include fundraising, parent engagement, student achievement, supports for students, special events and graduation.

While we met in person, several parents have asked to have a virtual option as well. For all future meetings, this will be made available. If you would like to join virtually, please contact the office and your email address will be added to the list of members.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 14th at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons.

Sports Update

Our LKESSA sports teams are up and running, thanks to some great staff coaches!

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Burk have launched the Cross-Country team, who have been practicing at recess time – building up their stamina and speed. Their first meet takes place soon at Harwich Raleigh Public School in Blenheim.

Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball have begun their tryouts. Many thanks to Mr. Munroe, Mrs. Bolohan and Mr. Cobb for volunteering to coach our kids on the court.

Student Leadership

Mrs. Martinho and Mrs. Barnwell have begun working with our Intermediate students to form a Student Leadership group. As the year progresses, this group will be an important voice in school decisions and will act in many capacities as role models and leaders for our younger students. We are very excited to see what ideas they come up with for their peers.

Bus Cancellations – Zone 7

During the fall we might experience some heavy fog in which there could be the potential for bus cancellations. During the fall season, when there are bus cancellations due to fog, busses will not run in the morning but will run in the afternoon.

TAPS is in ZONE 7.

To check for any bus cancellations during the school year, please tune into the local radio stations or check the school's social media feeds.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

October 7 – PA Day (no school)

October 10 – Thanksgiving Day (no school)

October 13 – Terry Fox Run

October 20 – Subway Lunch