

TECUMSEH PUBLIC SCHOOL FEBRUARY NEWS



From the office

In recognition of Black History/African Heritage Month, LKDSB is committed to recognizing the historically erased role of Black Canadians in society. Black History month is annually celebrated in February, but the role of African Canadians in our history and society is embedded in our curriculum throughout the year. In addition to activities promoted during the month of February, students, families and staff members are invited to explore the rich history in the surrounding area and learn more about African Canadian History. The week of Feb 5th Tecumseh will have the opportunity to experience a travelling exhibit documenting the 1934 Chatham Coloured All Stars baseball team provided by the Black Mecca Museum of Chatham.

Don't be Late....

The office is dealing with a significant amount of LATES each morning. Students can be on the yard as early as 9:00am and the bell rings at 9:15am. Students have a more successful transition into class if they arrive on time and enter the school through their assigned door. Please be mindful of our start time and set your student up for success! Entry is at 9:15am and students need to proceed to their assigned doors and not enter through the front door.

Mark your calendars...

- Last day to order Pizza - Wednesday Jan 31st
 - GRADE 8 GRAD Photos - Wednesday January 31st
 - Kinderstart - Feb 1st 4:00-7:00pm, Feb 2nd 9:00-3:00pm
 - PA DAY (No School) - Friday Feb 2nd
 - Dental Screenings (JK, SK, Gr 2 and Gr 8s) - Tuesday Feb 6th and Wednesday Feb 7th
 - Term 1 Report Cards go home - Friday Feb 16th
 - Family Day (No School) - Monday Feb 19th
 - PIZZA DAYS - Thursdays: Feb. 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th
- Check out the [LKDSB School Calendar](#) for upcoming Holidays



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Technology (Cell Phones and Devices)

All electronic devices, such as cell phones, media players, digital game devices, walkie talkies, computers and cameras are not to be used while the student is on school property before, during, or after school without the permission of school personnel and only for educational purposes. Cell phones are to be kept in backpacks while at school unless the student has permission from the teacher for educational use. When carrying a personal electronic device, it is the student's responsibility if lost, stolen or damaged. At no time will students use electronic devices for digital, audio or video recording without permission from the teacher. When students need to contact home/parent, it is important that he/she notify school staff rather than use an electronic option, to ensure staff are aware. During nutrition breaks students are not to be using electronic devices, they are to be stored in backpacks. The focus is always responsible use of technology, and to encourage student physical activity and socialization opportunities during nutrition breaks.



Snack Program Donations

While we continue to and are grateful for the funding we are receiving from the Ontario Student Nutrition Program and President's Choice Children's Grant, some families have reached out to ask how they can best support the Student Nutrition Program here at Tecumseh. If you are able to we would love to receive donations of the following items:

- sandwich/snack size ziploc bags
- plastic spoons

A special thanks to the Tecumseh families who dropped off donations in the month of January! We appreciate you.



POPCORN Sales

POPCORN will be sold MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS at first break for \$1.00 (cash only). All proceeds go to support our Snack bin program.

TECUMSEH IS IN ZONE 8. LISTEN TO THE RADIO FOR BUS DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS OR CHECK [HTTP://WWW.SCHOOLBUSINFO.COM](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.



SCHOOL BUS ETIQUETTE

Parents/guardians share a role in reinforcing school bus safety and acceptable behaviour of students while riding the school bus. The expectations of students on the school bus is the same as in the classroom.

Sit in your assigned seat

Find your assigned seat immediately, if you are unsure of your seat number, ask your driver. Always remain seated and face forward. Students who do not sit properly can be seriously injured



Listen to your Bus Driver

Always follow the driver's instructions the first time they ask. They are responsible for your safety.



Keep your hands and feet to yourself

Disruptive behaviour is a distraction to other students and to the driver. The same rules apply on the school bus as in the classroom.



Speak Quietly

Use your inside voice. Excessive noise can be a distraction to the driver and the safe operation of the school bus.



Keep Aisles Clear

Backpacks and other large items are to stay on your lap or under the seat. Items in the aisle may be a tripping hazard and do not allow for a safe evacuation if required.



No eating or drinking

Save snacks for snack time at school or till you get home. They may spill or you may choke if the bus goes over a big bump.



BE KIND. BE NICE. TREAT YOUR DRIVER AND OTHER STUDENTS WITH THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE!