

TECUMSEH PUBLIC SCHOOL JANUARY NEWS



From the office

Happy New Year and welcome back Timberwolves! We are looking forward to all the learning that will be happening here at Tecumseh in 2024. We would like to say congratulations to Mrs. Trinetti (ECE) on her retirement from the classroom in December. We wish her all the best and will miss her very much. Please take the time to review this newsletter as there are important updates and information throughout. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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.

Holiday Shows

It was absolutely wonderful to see such a large crowd at both our Holiday shows in the last week in December leading into the holidays. We are so proud of our students, and thoroughly enjoyed watching their many talents. Thank you again to Mrs. Caetano and Mrs. Sims for all their organization!

Mark your calendars...

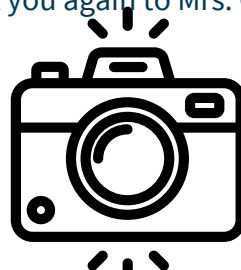
FIRST SCHOOL DAY of 2024 - Monday January 8th

HOME and SCHOOL MEETING - Tuesday January 16th

GRADE 8 GRAD Photos - Wednesday January 31st

Dental Screenings (JK, SK, Gr 2 and Gr 8s) - Tuesday Feb 6th and Wednesday Feb 7th

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 December! We appreciate you.

Colder Weather is Coming!



Due to ice and snow during the fall and winter months, students are at a greater risk of falling or slipping off the playground equipment. To ensure the safety of students, equipment is now closed. Please make sure your students are sent to school prepared for the changing temperatures throughout the day. Having a hat, and a pair of gloves or mitts in their backpack would be helpful on those days when the temperatures drop.

PIZZA and POPCORN my oh my..



An email will be coming soon about PIZZA dates for January/February 2024

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.

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.

Chatham-Kent Public Health:

Subject: Report Immunizations to Chatham-Kent Public Health



Please see the message below from Chatham-Kent Public Health. Do not reply to this email. Contact Chatham-Kent Public Health directly [at (519) 352-7270 ext. 2457] if you have any questions.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Chatham-Kent Public Health (CKPH) will be implementing the annual suspension process again in 2024 for all students with incomplete immunization records. We'd like to give you the opportunity to **report** your child's immunizations to CKPH or **visit your health care provider** to obtain missing vaccines before our first notices are mailed in early January. First notices are followed by a Suspension Order, which is mailed to those who still have incomplete records at least 4 weeks before the suspension date of **March 5, 2024**. Those students who have not received and/or reported required immunizations by the suspension date will be suspended from school for up to 20 days or until our records are updated.

The **Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)** requires **parents/guardians to report immunizations** (or provide appropriate exemption documents) to CKPH for the following diseases if their children attend school in Ontario: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Meningococcal disease, Pertussis (whooping cough), Varicella (chickenpox - for children born in 2010 or later).

Even if a student has all the required vaccines, if the vaccines have not been reported to CKPH, they will receive a first notice in the mail and could be suspended. Immunizations are not automatically reported by health care providers to CKPH, and it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure our records are up to date.

View your child's current record with CKPH and **REPORT IMMUNIZATIONS ONLINE** at www.ckphu.com/vaccination.

You may also mail/drop off a copy of your child's record: Immunization Records, 435 Grand Ave. W., 2nd Floor, Chatham, ON, N7M 5L8

CKPH wants children to stay in school, so we are here to support parents/guardians to ensure records are up to date. **If you have questions about submitting your records or vaccine requirements call: 519-352-7270 ext. 2457.**

Thank you,
Chatham-Kent Public Health