

TECUMSEH PUBLIC SCHOOL MARCH NEWS



From the office

We would like to remind families that Spring Break will be March 11-15! We hope you take this time to relax and enjoy some extra time together as the Spring temperatures start to creep in. Also congratulations to the players of both our Senior level basketball teams for their outstanding performance this season.

During the month of May our Grades 3 and 6 students will be participating in EQAO testing. This is a Ontario wide assessment that we are spreading out over the entire month of May. Students will typically be writing this assessment from 9:30-1:30, and it is important that their attendance is consistent. Please take these dates and times into consideration when scheduling appointments and holidays.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to the office.

Mark your calendars...

Spring Break March 11-15 (no School)

Pizza Sales open March 18- April 7

March 20th - FREE SOUP DAY

Easter Holiday March 29-April 1 (No School)

April 3rd - *Kinderstart day visit (Please call the school to schedule a time for you visit)

This event is for students born in 2020

Pizza days - April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

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.

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