



# Thamesville Area Central School

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### *From the Office*

Welcome 2024! We are excited to welcome our staff and students back. We hope you all had a restful and relaxing Holiday Break and have a great start to 2024!

### *Bus Zone 6- Inclement Weather*

The Lambton Kent District School Board has administrative procedures, which will assist parents on mornings when dangerous weather conditions exist, such as fog or snow. If foggy, buses may be cancelled for the morning route, however students will be bussed home after school. If buses are cancelled due to snow, they do not run in the morning or the afternoon. Parents should listen to their local radio station or check the transportation website at [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) or download the MySBI app by CLASS.



### *School Playground*

The playground equipment is no longer available for use during school and after school hours. **Once the freezing temperatures are consistent, our playground equipment is closed and will not re-open until the Spring.** The Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange advises the closure of school playgrounds due to the following reasons:

**Freezing temperatures** - At temperatures below 0 deg. C, very few types of protective ground surfacing remain resilient enough to offer any degree of protection to a falling child - regardless of depth. If the ground cover is frozen, the play equipment is NOT safe for use.

**Snow build-up** - Snow can cause two problems on a play structure - first, it can make play surfaces very slippery; secondly, it can create suffocation hazards if the openings at the end of tube slides or similar structures become closed in by drifting snow.

**Ice or freezing rain** - As noted above, ice or freezing rain can make play surfaces, hand grips and stairways very slippery, increasing the risk of slip and fall injuries.

**Clothing** - Winter clothing is much different than normal clothing. Synthetic materials, such as nylon, reduce sliding resistance, particularly on plastic slide beds. This can increase the travel speed on this equipment to a dangerous level, and if combined with frozen ground cover can increase the chance of injury. Winter clothing is also very bulky and is more likely to have drawstrings or hooks and clips which can become entangled in components of the equipment. Please remind your child to not use the school equipment outside of school hours during the winter months.

## KinderSTART

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Find your eligible school at: [Address Check](#)
2. Complete the online registration form [www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten](http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten) in advance
3. Come to Thamesville Area Central Public School and meet our caring staff on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, from 4:00pm - 7:00pm or Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

### Remember to bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child!

We look forward to meeting our new Tigers families and students!



## School Spiritwear

Please take a moment and check out our School Spirit online Shop! There are many different types of items available such as hoodies, pants, hats, shorts, and t-shirts! I am sure there is something there that may suit your fancy and your price range. Check out the following link for more details:

