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From the Principal's Pen

Thank you for welcoming me to your wonderful school community. I have had the privilege of joining the children and educators on the playground and in their classrooms as I get to know the children, staff, and community. The YMCA Before and After School program has also provided me with a warm welcome. The staff and children are eager to get to the learning and are gaining skills and strategies everyday. While visiting some of the classrooms, I have had the opportunity to listen to children read during independent reading time, create fun dinosaurs, engage in keyboarding skills in preparation for EQAO, calculate the perimeter of a rectangle, and use technology to learn about science concepts.

The last week of January brought some tricky weather and with this bus cancellations across the county. Thank you for your patience as we navigate snow, and what seems like three other seasons during January and February. This first week I was able to engage the children in short basketball games in the gym. You would be proud of our intermediate students who coached some of the junior students on skills and strategies on the court. They were awesome!

The month of February brings a season of kindness. As a school we are committed to being kind all year. Kindness lets us build positive relationships between students and our community. Simple acts of kindness such as holding the door for others, greeting others positively, listening to others and offering help are some ways of being kind. Generally, when we demonstrate kindness, we also generate feelings of gratitude. I am grateful to join the Parkhill West Williams Public School community. Join me in spreading kindness.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Walton
Acting Principal
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P.W.W. Home and School

Please join us on Monday, February 5th @ 6:30 for our Home and School meeting. We will be meeting in the library. If you would like to join via email please contact the office for the link. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come out.

Graduation Photo's

Edgeimaging will be in the building on Tuesday, February 6th at 9:00 a.m. to take graduation photo's of our Grade 8 and SK students. Information was sent out via School Messenger on January 26th.

Hot Lunch

February's hot lunch will be a panzerotti from Grammies. This will be on Tuesday, February 27th for the first nutritional break. The cost is \$3.50 per panzerotti and that is for pepperoni and cheese. Please see School Cash online to place your orders. Orders are due by Friday, February 23rd. All proceeds will go towards our 2023/24 Snack program.

Pancake Day

P.W.W.'s Pancake Day is coming soon!! On Tuesday, February 13th, we will once again be hosting a pancake breakfast, complete with toppings, fresh fruit and juice! For \$5.00, students can enjoy a yummy breakfast with others in our gymnasium turned Pancake House!! All proceeds will go towards our year end Canada Celebration. We are currently seeking volunteers to help run this exciting event! If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Miles at the office.

Thanks for your continued support of our school!

Mrs. Hayter



PWW Carnival

It's that time of year again!

Hopefully the weather cooperates! Carnival will be Tuesday, February 13th. Please make sure your child(ren) come prepared for outdoor activities (snowpants, hats, and extra mitts).

Mr. Ford



Kindergarten Registration for September 2024



Thames Valley District School Board is excited to welcome children to Kindergarten in September 2024. Throughout each day in Kindergarten, your child will be involved in spontaneous play as well as more structured play-based learning both indoors and outside. Kindergarten Educator teams provide children with a safe learning environment that meets each child's individual needs and interests. **Registration will take place from Monday, January 15, 2024, to Friday, February 2, 2024.** To be eligible for registration for the Kindergarten program, children must be four years of age by December 31, 2024. To register for Kindergarten, please complete the on-line pre-registration form found on TVDSB'S main webpage via a link OR on each school's main webpage via a link (enter school information and website) OR on TVDSB's website (www.tvdsb.ca) under "Parents" and then under "Kindergarten Program". Complete the on-line registration for the Kindergarten program at the designated home English school for the 2024-2025 school year. If you do not have access to technology, please contact the school to complete the paper registration form at the school. We are also excited to share that TVDSB will be hosting a virtual Kindergarten information night for Kindergarten families on January 29, 2024. Stay tuned for further details.

English Kindergarten in French Immersion Registration for September 2024

English Kindergarten Programming is offered as space permits in several French Immersion(FI) Schools. **Registration for English Kindergarten in French Immersion will take place during the Kindergarten Registration period of Monday, January 15, 2024 to Friday, February 2, 2024.** Parents/caregivers wishing to register their Kindergarten Year 1 child for French Immersion English Kindergarten will pre-register at their designated home English school online via TVDSB's website. Parents will indicate their intent to enroll their child in English Kindergarten at their designated French Immersion Public School K 1 (check box) and enter any relevant information to support their request. Please note that siblings are not guaranteed a place in the English Kindergarten in French Immersion program. If a child was on the wait list during the 2023-2024 school year, a new Designated French Immersion School English Kindergarten Application Form needs to be completed for Kindergarten Year 2 by February 2, 2024. English Kindergarten Year (2) Programming is also offered as space permits in designated French Immersion Schools. If your child is already attending Kindergarten Year 1 (K1) at the designated home English school, and is interested in applying, please contact the school to obtain an application form. Intent to register for English Kindergarten in French Immersion schools must be completed and documentation verified by Friday, February 2, 2024 in order to be considered. Should applications for English Kindergarten in French Immersion exceed the number of available spaces, a random selection process will be implemented to determine which children may attend with K1 or K2. We are also excited to share that TVDSB will be hosting virtual Kindergarten information night for Kindergarten families on January 29, 2024. Stay tuned for further details. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your designated home English school.

A message from the Middlesex-London Health Unit about vaccines

The *Immunization of School Pupils Act* requires children to be immunized against certain diseases to attend elementary or have a valid exemption on file with the Health Unit.

The Health Unit will soon be mailing letters to the parents and/or guardians of students who are overdue for required vaccines according to Health Unit records. Families who receive letters should follow-up with the Health Unit immediately. Students with missing vaccine information are at risk of being suspended from school and not being protected from these diseases.

To avoid receiving letters and possible suspension, the Health Unit is encouraging families to take the following actions:

Review and update Health Unit immunization records for your child.

Review records online at <https://www.healthunit.com/immunization-records> or call the Health Unit (phone number below).

Compare Health Unit records with any records you have for your child (e.g. records from your doctor, your child's yellow card, vaccine records from another province or country)

Add any vaccines that your child has received but are missing from Health Unit records. Vaccines can be added online or by calling, faxing, mailing, or dropping off records during Health Unit business hours (see below)

If your child is missing vaccines, make sure they get caught up!

Schedule an appointment with your child's doctor or nurse practitioner. Don't forget to update the Health Unit once your child receives their vaccines.

Don't have a doctor? Call the Health Unit or visit us online <https://www.healthunit.com/immunization> for information about vaccine clinics.

Middlesex-London Health Unit:

Phone: (519) 663-5317

Fax: (519) 663-0416

Administrative Offices for record mailing and drop-off (*reception hours only, these are not clinic hours):

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London, ON N6A 3N7

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