



Tecumseh Local Schools

Connecting Link

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The Home/School/Community Connection

August 2011

Welcome Back

In this issue of the Connecting Link, parents and community members will find important information regarding the start of the new school year. We are looking forward to having our students back in the buildings on the first day of school and also look forward to working with parents and community members in support of our youth.

We have some new faculty and staff members joining us this year. Over the summer, Eric Gearhart was selected as the principal at Tecumseh High School. Mr. Gearhart is familiar with our students, parents, staff, and community members, having served as a teacher at the Tecumseh High School from 1999 through the 2007-08 school year. Mr. Gearhart left Tecumseh to accept a position as assistant principal at Franklin High School, beginning in August 2008. He is excited to rejoin the faculty and staff at THS.

The summer has been busy as we ready our buildings for the new school year. It has been especially busy at the elementary schools as we move from neighborhood schools to grade-level buildings. Students in kindergarten and first grade will attend Donnelville Elementary. Park Layne will house the district's second and third grade students and New Carlisle will be the school of attendance for the district's fourth and fifth grade students. Preschool and Head Start students will attend Medway Elementary.

Bus routes will remain the same. Students will be bussed to their neighborhood schools as they always have. Once students arrive at their neighborhood schools they will board another bus that will shuttle these students to their school of attendance. The shuttle trips will be short, adding about 10 minutes to the student's ride each way.

Bus schedules will be posted on the district web site and in the newspaper on August 11. If you have questions about your child's bus route, please call the transportation department at 845-4492.

Class lists will be posted at the Donnelville, Park Layne and New Carlisle Elementary by Tuesday, August 9th.

Remember to Use
The Education Connection
845-4483

First Day For Students

The first day for students in grades 1-12 is Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

Kindergarten parents will receive a letter from Donnelville prior to August 17 indicating what time their orientation is scheduled. Please watch for this letter. If you have questions, please call Donnelville at 845-4540.

Open House Dates and Times

August 15 - Donnelville Elementary - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

August 15 - Tecumseh High School - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

August 16 - Park Layne Elementary - 5:00-6:30 p.m.

August 16 - New Carlisle Elementary - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

August 16 - Tecumseh Middle School - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Time Schedules

Tecumseh High School

7:15 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.*

Tecumseh Middle School

7:15 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.*

Elementary Schools

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Note the new start/stop times

Latchkey

Latchkey will be available at Donnelville, New Carlisle, and Park Layne Elementaries. Students can attend latchkey in their "home" area or at their new grade-level school. A shuttle bus will take students from each "home" elementary to each of the grade-level buildings in the morning and back in the afternoon. This will allow families to utilize latchkey in one location. Information and registration will be available at open house.

Golden Age Club Cards

District residents who are over 60 years of age can attend most school functions for free by applying for a Tecumseh Local Schools "Golden Age Club" card. To apply, simply bring proof of age and residency to the district central office at 9760 W. National Rd. and complete an application. For more information, please call 845-3576.

"Learning for all - whatever it takes"

Back to School August 17, 2011

Students Must Register

If you are new to the area or have a child who will be attending any of our schools this year for the first time, please register your child as soon as possible so that all preliminary paperwork can be completed before school begins on August 17, 2011. Building offices will be open beginning August 8th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Arrival Times

Students in grades K-5 should arrive at school NOT MORE than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time for school. High school and middle school students should arrive NO EARLIER than 7:00 a.m.

For the 10-15 minute period before school, principals may designate the waiting area out-of-doors. During inclement weather (rain, snow, severe cold, heavy winds, etc.) the principal will provide an indoor area where students may wait. Upon arrival at school, all students shall report immediately to the area designated by the building principal and remain there until time to proceed to their homerooms or lockers, as specified by individual building practices.

Medication at School

The policy for the administration of medications will be strictly enforced in all buildings. A written request is required from both the physician and the parent. Forms for this purpose are available in every school building and on the district web page at www.tecumseh.k12.oh.us and apply only to the current school year. Special forms for asthma inhalers and severe allergic reaction (EpiPen) injectable medication are also available. Parents are responsible for providing updated information should changes be necessary during the school year.

No medication will be accepted or administered until both authorizations, including complete directions, are received in the school office. This applies to prescription and over-the-counter medications. If at all possible, ask your physician if the medications can be prescribed in doses to be taken at home.

Immunization Requirements

All students are required by Ohio law to have the proper immunizations for admission to school. Immunization requirements are on the Tecumseh Local web site at www.tecumseh.k12.oh.us and listed under Board Policy 5320.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Nursing Division of the Clark County Health District at (937) 390-5600 or the school nurse.

Bus Schedules

Bus stops for elementary school, middle school, and high school students will be published in the New Carlisle News and posted on the Tecumseh web site at www.tecumseh.k12.oh.us prior to school opening. Parents are advised to check for times and locations or you may contact the bus garage at 845-4492 for specific information. Please have children at their appropriate bus stops early for the first few mornings until bus schedules are set.

Bus Guidelines

Please remember these important guidelines when your child rides a bus to and/or from school.

- All students are to be outside waiting at their assigned bus stop at least 5 minutes before the normal pick-up time.
- All students must ride the bus assigned by Tecumseh Local.
- If your child needs to ride a different bus or get off at a different stop, you must send a note to the school. If approved, the school office will then issue a bus pass. No changes will be made without a bus pass.
- Bus passes will not be issued for buses that are at capacity.
- Bus passes are not issued for playdates, sleepovers, etc.
- For rare emergencies - phone calls can be made to the school office for bus changes.

Student Handbooks - Rights and Responsibilities

All students will receive handbooks and other printed material on their rights and responsibilities within the district. Parents and students are encouraged to become familiar with these materials.

Federal Programs

The Tecumseh Local School District participates in various federal programs including Title I, IC, IIA, IID, III, IV, V-A, and IDEIA-B. Your comments and suggestions regarding these programs are welcomed. Please call the board office at 845-3576 if you wish to discuss any of these federal programs.



Lunch and District Information

The Tecumseh Local Child Nutrition Services offers both breakfast and lunch to all students.

	<u>K-5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
Breakfast (daily)	\$ 1.25	\$1.50
Breakfast (weekly)	\$ 6.25	\$7.50
Breakfast (monthly)	\$25.00	\$30.00
Lunch (daily)	\$ 2.10	\$2.35
Lunch (weekly)	\$10.50	\$11.75
Lunch (monthly)	\$42.00	\$47.00

Applications for free or reduced-price meals are available, in English and Spanish, at all school buildings. Questions concerning school meals may be directed to the Child Nutrition Office at 845-4519.

Students are encouraged to prepay for meals (cash or checks) to allow the food lines to run more efficiently.

Students in grades 4 through 12 are required to use a PIN in the lunch line.

Parents have online access to their child's lunch account. Once an account is set up, parents can view their child's balance and account history at any time.

Menus On-Line

Monthly school breakfast and lunch menus are available on the district web site.

www.tecumseh.k12.oh.us

Breakfast Menu

All Buildings

Wednesday, Aug. 17 - Pancake on a Stick, Assorted Cereal, Juice, Milk, Pop Tarts

Lunch Menu

Middle/High School

Wednesday, Aug. 17 - Bacon Cheeseburger, Bean Burrito, Chef Salad, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Elementary

Wednesday, Aug. 17 - Cheese Pizza, Applesauce, Fruit Slushie, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Congratulations to the TLS Child Nutrition Department

The TLS Child Nutrition Department recently participated in a detailed audit conducted by the Ohio Department of Education. This audit focused on several areas, including a nutritional analysis of the meals provided by the district. We are happy to report that the TLS Child Nutrition Department received a perfect score on the nutritional analysis.

Congratulations to the staff of the Child Nutrition Department!

Special Education Office
Ms. Paula Crew, Director
Ms. Susan Wile, Supervisor
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New Carlisle, OH 45344
937-845-4495

Tecumseh High School
Mr. Eric Gearhart, Principal
9830 W. National Rd.
New Carlisle, OH 45344
937-845-4500

Tecumseh Middle School
Mr. Bradley Greek, Principal
10000 W. National Rd.
New Carlisle, OH 45344
937-845-4465

Donnelsville Elementary School
Ms. Karyl Strader, Principal
150 East Main St.
Donnelsville, OH 45319
937-845-4540

Park Layne Elementary School
Mr. Greg Baker, Principal
12355 Dille Road
New Carlisle, OH 45344
937-845-4470

New Carlisle Elementary School
Mr. Brian Dixon, Principal
1203 Kennison Ave.
New Carlisle, OH 45344
937-845-4480

Transportation Department
Ms. Sherri Oxner, Supervisor
9710 W. National Rd.
New Carlisle, OH 45344
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Athletic Department
Mr. Craig Eier, Athletic Director
937-845-4512

Child Nutrition Services
Ms. Stacy Coggeshall, Supervisor
937-845-4519

Libraries & Technology Dept.
Ms. Veronica Cassidy, Network
Manager and Technology Coordinator
937-845-4485

Medway (Pre-school and Head Start)
116 Middle St.
Medway, OH 45341
937-845-4475

Administrative Office
9760 W. National Rd.
New Carlisle, OH 45344
Dr. Jim Gay, Superintendent
Ms. Debra Decker, Treasurer
Mr. Bradley Martin, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Mike Lucas, Director
937-845-3576

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2011-2012 School Calendar

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- First/last day
- Testing dates
- No school for students

August	17	First Day for Students
September	5	Labor Day - <i>No School</i>
September	19	Par/Teach Conferences TMS
September	21	Teacher Inservice - <i>No School</i>
September	22	Par/Teach Conferences TMS
October	3-7	Achievement Testing
October	14	End of 1st Grading Period
October	17-18	Par/Teach Conferences THS
October	17-19	Par/Teach Conferences Elementary
October	21	COTA Day - <i>No School</i>
October	24-28	OGT Testing
November	23-25	Thanksgiving Vacation
December	16	End of 2nd Grading Period
December	19-31	Christmas Break - <i>No School</i>
January	2	Christmas Break - <i>No School</i>
January	16	Martin L. King Day - <i>No School</i>
January	25	Teacher Inservice Day - <i>No School</i>
February	13-16	Par/Teach Conferences
February	17	<i>No School (Conference Make-Up Day)</i>
February	20	Presidents' Day - <i>No School</i>
March	9	End of 3rd Grading Period
March	12-16	OGT Testing
April	2-6	Spring Vacation - <i>No School</i>
April	23-30	Achievement Testing
May	1-4	Achievement Testing
May	10	Teacher Inservice - <i>No School</i>
May	22	Last Day for Seniors
May	25	Last Day for Students
May	28	Memorial Day
May	29	Last Day for Teachers
June	3	Graduation

Identification of Children with Disabilities

Each year school districts throughout Ohio must attempt to find and identify all children and youth from birth to age 21 who have a disability or are suspected of having a disability. Handicapping conditions include serious vision loss or blindness, serious hearing loss or deafness, physical disabilities, severe mental retardation, severe behavior disorders, learning disabilities, developmental delays, and marked deficiencies in speech or learning patterns.

Parents or guardians of children with possible disabilities are encouraged to call Paula Crew, Director of Special Education, at 845-4495. All information will be treated confidentially.

Schools need to identify even very young children who are suspected of having a disability in order to plan for the school years ahead for classes and teaching staff to serve these students with very special needs. Please inform your neighbors, friends, and relatives to call if they are parents of a child who may have disabilities.



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