### What is The Education Connection?

The Education Connection is a telephone number that you can call 24-hours a day to listen to your child's homework assignments, report your child's absence, hear the lunch menu, find out the scores of the big game, hear about school closings and leave a private message for a staff member.

## Be a Part of the Team!

We have installed The Education Connection in our district to increase the availability, frequency and accuracy of information you need to know about your child's education. Educating a young person is a team effort. Being an effective part of the team means staying informed. We encourage you to call The Education Connection on a regular basis to stay informed.

#### Be in the Know!

Talk to your child's teachers and find out how they are using The Education Connection. Ask them for their four-digit T.E.C. Teacher Number. Using this number you will be able to listen to information about homework assignments or activities they are doing in the classroom.

## How Did They Do That?

From time to time you might receive an automated telephone call from The Education Connection. These calls are directed specifically to your household to inform you of important information or remind you of appointments that you do not want to miss. If you have an unlisted telephone number, or have asked the district to keep your telephone number in confidence then you will need to ask your child's school to include your telephone number in these special, automatic telephone calls.

## Who Created The Education Connection?

The Education Connection is a product of Insta-Info, an Ohio based company.

The Education Connection was designed by a group of educators and parents to increase the flow of information between the school and the community.

We are positive that you will find the information contained on The Education Connection helpful in your efforts to see your child succeed in school.

Insta-Info has worked closely with our district staff to implement The Education Connection. Every teacher will utilize The Education Connection in different ways. We encourage you to provide feedback to the staff at Tecumseh as we work with you to improve communication in our educational community.

#### How was The Education Connection Made Possible in Our District?

In 1993 the district's strategic planning committee identified improving communications with our community as a priority. The administration presented The Education Connection to the district's school board and teachers for their comment and input. The Education Connection was selected as a tool to help improve communication in our district. Tecumseh purchased and installed The Education Connection system in the fall of 1998.

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One telephone number keeps you connected to your child's education. To find out how look inside.

# What's for Dinner?

We have no idea, but we do know what's assigned for homework. Option number one is the place to go when you want to verify that your child has completed his/ her homework assignments. Each teacher in our district has been assigned a four-digit T.E.C. Teacher Number. Using this number you can find out what homework assignments are assigned to your child. Check with your child's teacher to see if he/ she is recording homework information and ask for his/her T.E.C. Teacher Number.

# What's for Lunch?

Do you pack a lunch today or send money for your child to buy a school lunch? Help with this morning quandary is just a phone call away! Have your child check the menu on The Education Connection. If you are looking for the location of the upcoming game or the score of the last game, you will find it all under Public Events.

# Need to Talk to the Teacher?

Now, when you call the school office and a teacher can not come to the telephone, we can transfer you to the teacher's private voice mail box. Using voice mail you can leave a detailed, private message for any staff member in the district.

Teachers can also assign you an individual number that allows you to call The Education Connection and leave them a message 24-hours a day!



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FOR HOMEWORK/CLASSROOM/STUDENT ACTIVITIES (ANY TEACHER/ACTIVITY/BUILDING CODE NUMBER) XXXX

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#### 2 TO REPORT A STUDENT'S ABSENCE 5 McAdams ECC

- 1 TECUMSEH HS
- 2 NEW CARLISLE MS
- **OLIVE BRANCH MS** 3
- 4 DONNELSVILLE ELEM.
- **PUBLIC EVENTS**
- 1 TECUMSEH HS
- 2 NEW CARLISLE MS
- **OLIVE BRANCH MS** 3
- DONNELSVILLE ELEM. 4
  - **1** Sporting Events
  - 2 Club News
  - **3** ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - 4 BREAKFAST / LUNCH MENU
  - **5 PTO** INFORMATION

#### **TECUMSEH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION** 4

- **1** SCHOOL BOARD MEETING INFORMATION
- **2 DISTRICT WIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 3 DELAYS, CLOSINGS, AND EARLY DISMISSALS
- **PRIVATE VOICE MESSAGING** XXXX XXXX
- **Help on using this system** 0

#### **KEYS WITH SPECIAL MEANING** # **RETURN TO PREVIOUS MENU**

# Going to Miss School **Today?**

We now have a central place to call to report your child's absence. Regardless of what grade your child is in, you can call The Education Connection 24-hours a day to report your child's absence. Call as soon as you know your child will be absent. Gone are the days of fighting to get through to the school office in the morning!

# **Bad Weather?** Is There School **Today?**

Perhaps the most popular telephone number on a snowy morning is that of The Education Connection. When school is canceled for any reason, you will hear about it first on The Education Connection. You can also listen to the school board meeting agenda and other district announcements under option four.

6 MEDWAY ELEM.

7 PARK LAYNE ELEM.

WESTLAKE ELEM.

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