

Tecumseh Local Schools eNewsletter

May 10, 2022

Learning For All ~ Whatever it Takes!

Mission Statement: Tecumseh Local Schools is the driving force behind a community of diverse and proudly connected Arrows. We are relentless learners who strive to become better tomorrow than we were today.

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are on the home stretch for the 2021-2022 school year. We are delighted that we have navigated back to a more normal ending to the school year than we've experienced the past two years. Our students and staff members are enjoying those special end of the year activities that culminate a year of learning. Students have enjoyed visiting places such as the Ohio Caverns, Kings Island, and Brukner Nature Center. Our local businesses have been wonderfully accommodating to us as well. Students have traveled to Evan's Cattle Ranch, where they enjoyed a sightseeing wagon ride throughout the property. Students traveled to the New Carlisle Library where the awesome Miss Maggie thrilled the students with her bubble machine and shared stories. This past Friday, students in Mrs. Wright's classroom at Tecumseh High School traveled to participate in the CBC Cup Competition at London High School. Each student was paired with a high school buddy who volunteered to travel with them for the event, offering help, encouragement, and cheering them on! We are fortunate to have amazing students who help foster an inclusive environment and help us realize our Vision Statement, "*Learning for All ~ Whatever it Takes!*"



We are looking forward to the 2022 Graduation as well. Last year, we held the graduation at Spitzer Stadium due to the COVID social distancing protocols. We received such positive feedback about the graduation ceremony being held in the stadium, that we have opted to continue with this new tradition. There is something special about celebrating our seniors in our very own stadium! Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd beginning at 7:30. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m. **Tickets will be available (maximum twelve per student) on the Tecumseh Website beginning Monday, May 16th.** The link is provided here; [Graduation Tickets](#) for your convenience. We will once again have golf carts available to provide rides from the parking lots to the stadium for those in need. If you need handicapped seating, please contact Mrs. Fiorita at (937) 845-4502. Our famous concession stand will be open for your enjoyment as well. We are looking forward to celebrating our Seniors!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Crew

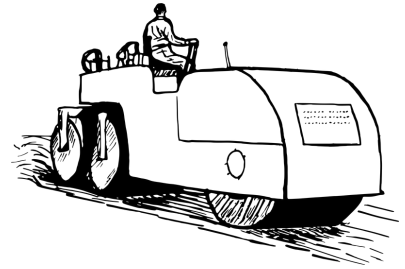




From Brian Dixon, Director of Facilities and Safety

Summer Projects

During the week of June 13, you will notice a repair project taking place at Tecumseh High School. The front parking lot will be resurfaced including the front access road that connects the entrance by central office to the athletic driveway entrance. A-Z Asphalt will begin grinding off the top layer of existing asphalt and replacing it with a new layer of asphalt. The grindings from the old parking lot will be used in several places on campus to improve gravel driveways. The parking lots on the east and west of THS will remain open to traffic. Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this project.



Tecumseh Local Schools will be hosting a public auction on June 16, 2022 starting at 10:00 am. This auction will take place at the bus garage compound. With the help of Mumma Auctioneers, we will be selling equipment and supplies that are no longer used in the district. We will begin advertising items in the next couple weeks. All funds generated from this auction will be distributed back into the general fund for district operations.

From Lauren McFarland, Tecumseh Middle School Principal

STEM Club, Literature Circles, 5th Grade Tours, Oh My!

Tecumseh Middle School has been busy! From new instructional initiatives to visits from incoming 6th graders, TMS has had some great things taking place! Over the past four weeks, around 20 TMS students have been meeting weekly as part of the STEM Club. Four TMS teachers volunteered to run this after school program. Mrs. Collinsworth, 8th grade science teacher, ran a rollercoaster group, Ms. Wallace, 8th grade science teacher, ran an egg drop group, Mrs. Blackburn, 8th grade science teacher, ran a balloon rocket group, and Ms. Belvo, 6th grade science teacher, ran an isopod group. Each group has worked on going through the scientific process of forming a hypothesis, running experiments, analyzing results, and then sharing their results with the other groups. Students really enjoyed participating in this after school program and working in an area that interests them. TMS is hoping to continue this after school STEM program next school year.

In addition to the STEM club, 6th grade ELA students have been participating in student choice literature circles! Students chose a novel that interested them and read it with their group. Each student had a role in their group - Director, Quoter, Illustrator, Summarizer, and Character Sketcher. At various points throughout the novel, the groups would meet and perform their various duties. The 6th grade ELA teachers hope to make literature circles a regular component in their curriculum.

Finally, TMS welcomed the class of 2029 in having 5th grade tours over three days. 5th grade students met the principals, did choir and band screenings, toured the building lead by 8th grade tour guides, and had their questions answered by Mrs. Clark, head secretary. The tours culminated with a 5th grade parent orientation meeting. 5th grade tours are a great opportunity for 5th graders to experience the middle school before they join it officially in August.

Exciting things are happening at Tecumseh Middle School. We are grateful to be able to provide students with these various activities and to develop a love for learning.



New Courses Being Offered At Tecumseh High School for 2022-2023



While the 2021-2022 school year is winding down, the administration and staff continue to plan for the 2022-2023 school year and beyond. Recently Tecumseh High School was selected by the Ohio State Support Team as one of several high schools to be given the opportunity to offer students the Lean Six Sigma course. Lean Six Sigma certification will provide students with a competitive advantage over the competition. It is a recognized asset to a student's resume. Students will also improve upon problem-solving and leadership acumen. The Lean Six Sigma certification is a great way to improve student capabilities as a leader and help them improve any value stream. At Tecumseh High School the course will be referred to as Career Development and Leadership and is open to students in grades 10-12. Students who complete the semester course will receive a half elective credit and meet ALL state mandated graduation requirements - competency and two graduation seals.

In addition to Career Development and Leadership, Tecumseh High School will also be offering a new science course. Conservation Science is an opportunity that was presented to Tecumseh High School in late April. Since that time we have been able to meet with representatives from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Division of Wildlife to determine if Conservation Science was a good fit for THS and our students. Like the Lean Six Sigma course, it has been determined that Conservation Science is a course that presents unique opportunities for our students.

One Ohio high school has already implemented the course with positive feedback. A new hands-on science class has Tuslaw High School students exploring conservation efforts while having a little fun. As part of a pilot program, the school began offering a conservation science course.

"The concept is a hands-on science class for conservation of fish and wildlife," high school Principal Adam McKenzie said. "It's geared toward nature lovers who like to go hunting and fishing. It kind of screamed Tuslaw. That's what our kids are into." "The concept is how can we be better responsible conservationists," McKenzie said. "(Students) are able to go out and understand the conservation behind our natural resources and observe. How do we get bass and bluegill to thrive? We are really excited about it." Tuslaw students have been focusing on conservation efforts, as well as learning about population management. Recently students had to develop a way to test the strength of fishing knots.

We are excited about these new opportunities for Tecumseh High School students. The courses and descriptions will be presented to the Board of Education for approval at this month's meeting and students will be permitted to change their schedules to take advantage of these opportunities.

ARROW PRIDE

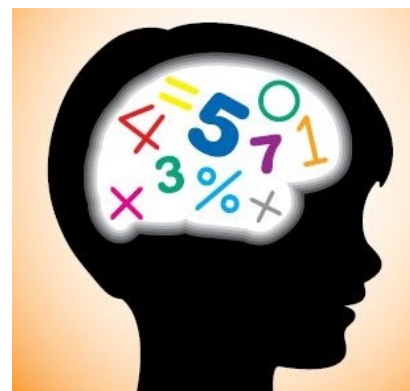
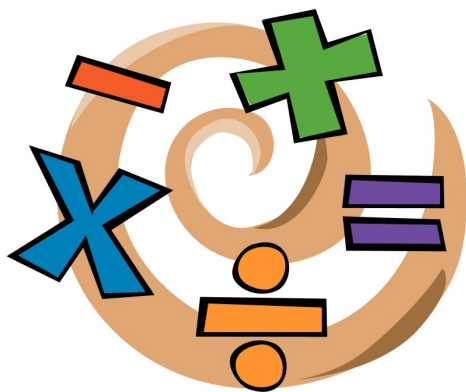
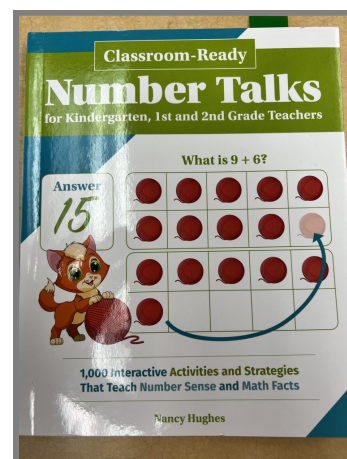


Math Emphasis at Donnelsville

This year our building has been putting an emphasis on Math instruction. We know reading is super important and we have had an emphasis on Reading for years here at Donnelsville. This emphasis in Reading will continue.

For whatever reason, Math is difficult for a lot of students. We have been emphasizing fact practice at Donnelsville this year. Knowing basic facts (+, -, x, /) helps students accomplish more complex tasks quicker. Many students get hung up on trying to figure out basic facts and never get to the task they are trying to complete. Parents can help their children by quizzing their kids on basic facts a few times a week. There are different websites online that help students practice these facts as well. Many teachers have tried <https://www.splashlearn.com/math-skills/math-facts> here at school.

Several teachers took part in a book study recently at Donnelsville. They met every week for about 8 weeks and studied Number Talks. Here is a great [website](#) that explains what these Number Talks are. Number talks increase a child's number sense and give valuable information to the teacher about how a student is thinking. Students take turns explaining how they might solve a math problem in their head --mental math. For example, a simple problem for a 2nd or 3rd grader might be $55+27$. Some students may try to line up the problem in their heads, like you would in a standard algorithm using pencil and paper. When we ask the students to solve these problems mentally, we are looking for students to explain how they might solve this problem by manipulating the numbers. A student might look at the number 55 as two 25's and 5 more. They then might know that there is another 25 in 27 with two ones left over. So they could be thinking 3 twenty-fives is 75 and then they may add the 5 and 2 to get 82. Having students figure out these mentally and listen to new strategies from their peers is the goal of Number Talks. Try asking your child at home to do some mental math and explain their thinking. We will continue to emphasize math growth at Donnelsville next year as well.





From Kathryn Randenburg, New Carlisle Elementary Principal

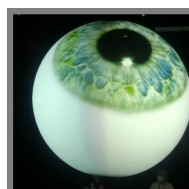
Family Game Night

Thursday, May 28th, New Carlisle Elementary had a Family Game Night. There were all kinds of games and activities for families to enjoy. There was so much to do; there were board games in the library, Minute to Win It games in the art room, four square, bowling, and basketball in the gym, and giant Jenga, giant Yahtzee, giant Connect Four and cornhole could be found in the cafeteria! We supplied popcorn, cookies and punch which the students enjoyed. Our staff came in to help monitor the games and play with families and students. It was a great opportunity for families to get together and have some fun they may not usually make time for when they have all the demands of home. We appreciate all the families who came out to enjoy the fun!



Field Trips

New Carlisle Elementary has been able to begin going on field trips again this year. Our Second Grade enjoyed going to Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, the Third Grade went to the Dayton Dragons Field for a tour and time on the field, The Fourth Grade went to Carillon Historical Park and the Fifth Grade went to Brukner Nature Center. All of these encounters help to broaden our students' experience and schema that will help them in all facets of their lives and education. We were able to have a few parent volunteers that helped make this successful and memorable.





From Karyl Strader, Park Layne Elementary Principal

Park Layne Elementary Students Are Loving Learning



Students at Park Layne Elementary are busy learning and having fun while they're at it. Thanks to the generosity of our Tecumseh Elementary PTO, each grade level

was able to take a learning field trip this spring. Our first grade classes traveled to Ohio Caverns to tour the caves and play outside. Prior to their trip students learned about caves and bats, wrote stories and/or reports and much more. Our kindergarten classes traveled to



Learning Tree Farm

outside of Dayton in early May where they were able to interact with chickens and goats, ride

a tire swing, play in a meadow and more. Even though we live in a more rural community, many of our students have not had any opportunities for an experience like this complete with holding a live chicken! The pictures say it all.

In addition to our field trips, students have really been working hard on their reading, writing and math skills and making tremendous progress. We were able to offer after school tutoring three days a week for five weeks to a select number of students. These students worked hard and made strong gains during this time. Most students have learned all of their sight words and have placed a star with their name on it on the lobby windows. Kindergarten students must master 40 sight words and first graders must master 284 sight words! Our PTO also gave money to our school last spring to be spent on playground equipment. Due to supply chain issues we've waited over 9 months for our equipment to be installed, but it's all in place and students are enjoying it.





From Karyl Strader, Park Layne Elementary Principal

Finally, were you aware that Park Layne Elementary now has it's own therapy dog? Daisy joined the staff of Park Layne right before our Christmas break. She typically spends the day at school a few days per week. She greets students as they arrive in the morning, visits classrooms, listens to students read books or their own writing and acts as a reward for some students. She likes to do tricks but her best attribute is just leaning into people who need a little love and support. She seems to know just who needs her and is happy to help make people feel happy and loved.



From Melissa Fogt, Special Education Supervisor

Graduation from high school is a rite of passage for many teenagers, the first obstacle to becoming an independent adult. For some students, leaving high school means going to college, joining the military or trade school, while others go to work and some students don't have any idea what they want to do or where to start figuring it out. Still other students need some assistance dealing with all the choices and hurdles and that is where Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, O.O.D. comes in. O.O.D. is a free resource to any student at least 14, who has been identified under IDEA as having a disability.

O.O.D. can help the student with getting a job through career exploration and job shadowing, how to interview and create a resume through Job Development, summer program options, and if a student needs help getting a license, O.O.D. can help with that once the student is 18. Several Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors come to the high school to work with individuals so the need of driving to an agency has been eliminated. Again this is a free resource and students are not required to continue working with O.O.D. once a student has obtained a job or just decided that they want to try something else.

If you think your student might benefit from the services of O.O.D. you can reach out to the Office of Special Education at 937-845-4495 for assistance or O.O.D. through the link below.

<https://ood.ohio.gov/individuals-with-disabilities/oodworks/welcome>



K-5 Math Conference



Pala Suver & Jennifer Evans

Several dedicated teachers attended a 2-day virtual math conference provided by the Bureau of Education & Research. Teachers learned and discussed practices and strategies to help students with number sense, math fluency, and classroom structure. These math discussions will continue throughout the next school year as we work to strengthen our math programs.

Conference Focus & Highlights

- Learning the key components of highly successful guided math models and how you can incorporate them into current math programs
- Organization of a guided math program based on best practices of effective instruction and assessment to guide decisions for forming small guided math groups
- Developing teacher expertise in guided math instruction to raise math achievement
- Acquiring dozens of instantly usable strategies, innovative tips and techniques that teachers can use and share with their school and district teams



Danielle Morrow, Beth Hetzel, Ellie Savage



Robin Morris & Liz Lawrence

Thank you teachers for providing the best instruction for our students!



Summer Learning

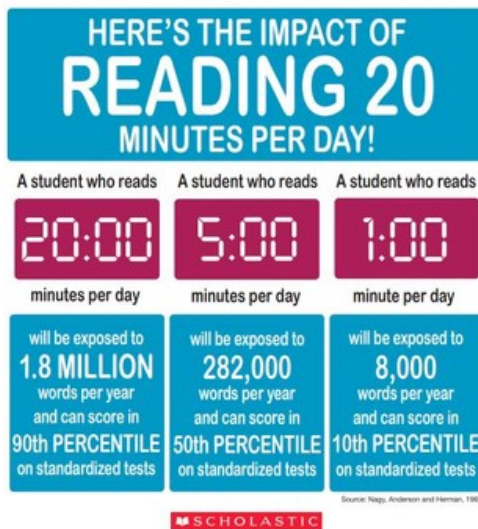
We all learn in so many different ways and summer is the perfect time to explore all those unique opportunities. It doesn't matter if you're indoors or outdoors, physically or mentally active, with a group or by yourself, you can grow that brain through all types of activities. Below is a list of activities in our local area that are free and/or cheap to enjoy this summer.

Look for weekly activity updates through TLS messaging and social media.

Read, Read, Read! This is one of the best things your child should do this summer. Encourage them to read on their own, read to them, or listen to a recorded book. It all helps to improve fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. Find a great selection of books and reads at the library or online.

[New Carlisle Library](#) - So many books and fun activities throughout the year!

Reading Matters!



[15 Best Websites to Find Free Online Books for Kids](#)

[Online Books for Tweens and Teens](#)

Museums Our area has a lot to offer when it comes to museums. Museums are a great way to pique interest in a child's mind and potentially give them a topic to explore further through reading.

[The National Museum of the United States Air Force](#) - Free!

[Springfield Museum of Art](#) - Adults \$5, 17 and under Free

[The Heritage Center of Clark County](#) - Free!

[Boonshoft Museum of Discovery](#) - Admission - Children (3-17) \$11.50, Adults \$14.50, Seniors (60+) \$12.50, Children (under 3) Free.



The Great Outdoors The benefits of physical activity include improved thinking for children 6 to 13 years of age and reduced short-term feelings of anxiety. Regular physical activity can help keep your thinking, learning, and judgment skills sharp and help you sleep better.

[National Trail Parks and Recreation](#) - Trails to walk, parks to play in, and so many other activities are offered throughout the year!

[Clark County Parks District](#) - Wetlands, battle site, George Rogers Clark Park, trails, and other exceptional programming.

[Five Rivers Metroparks](#) - Nearly 20 locations throughout the Dayton area - hiking, biking, outdoor play, photography, and so much more.



From Veronica Cassidy, Technology Coordinator



ParentSquare

Communication is top priority for Tecumseh Local. In January the District moved to the new **ParentSquare** application as it's main communication tool! Parents can communicate directly with their student's teachers, receive announcements from the classroom, building, or district, and stay up to date on everything going on in your students' school life. Go to the **Parent Resources page** on our website for more information.

ATTENTION: *The TLS app will no longer be used after the conclusion of this school year. Please download the ParentSquare app for all district communications! The link and more information can be found on the **Parent Resources page** of our website.*



Chromebook Device Check & Turn In - The last few weeks of school students will need to bring their devices back to school for a device check and to turn them in. Those students who will be participating in the summer school program, virtual OR in person, will be able to keep their Chromebook, BUT will need to bring the devices in to be checked.

IMPORTANT: Please ensure **ALL** of the following steps are completed:

- Please review the student device policy located in your FinalForms account and on the Tecumseh Local Technology page under "Departments" on the district website
- Your student is responsible for the following **FOUR** items
 - ⇒ Actual Chromebook Device
 - ⇒ Power Adapter (brick and cord)
 - ⇒ Case
 - ⇒ Case Strap
- Any missing items will be charged to the student's school account!
- Please **notify** your student's teacher if there is any issue with the device. This will ensure repairs can be completed over the summer
- Ensure the **device** is **IN** its case properly
- Case should be clean - please vacuum out if you have pets and/or if the case is dirty
- Close AND zip the case
- Ensure the **power adapter (brick & cord)** is properly stored in the pocket
- Ensure the **strap** is attached

From Denise Robinson, Treasurer

SC View is the software application that the district uses to create requisitions/purchase orders. In that software module, we have the ability to scan invoices and email them to the requisitioner to be approved. The requisitioner receives an email with the invoice attached and can click "Yes" or "No" for payment. If approved, we can move forward with payment of the invoice.

We have begun to pilot this process this year and have received very positive feedback. Moving forward to next year, we will be working to implement this process for more requisitioners. This will cut down on processing time of invoices, as well as create a digital trail of the entire accounting process.



Tecumseh Local Schools - 2022-2023 District Calendar

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August 2022

15-16 Teacher Work Days
17 First Day for Students

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February 2023

8 Two-Hour Delay, Staff In-Service
17 Conference Make-Up Day, No School
20 Presidents' Day, No School

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September 2022

5 Labor Day, No School
14 Virtual Learning Day
30 In-Service Day, No School

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March 2023

8 Virtual Learning Day
10 End of 3rd Grading Period

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October 2022

12 Two-Hour Delay, Staff In-Service
14 End of 1st Grading Period
28 Fall Break, No School

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April 2023

3-7 Spring Break, No School
12 Virtual Learning Day

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November 2022

8 Election Day, Virtual Learning Day
11 Veterans Day
23 Conference Make-Up Day, No School
24-25 Thanksgiving Break, No School

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May 2023

12 In-Service Day, No School
25 End of 4th Grading Period
26 Last Day for Teachers
29 Memorial Day

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December 2022

14 Two-Hour Delay, Staff In-Service
16 End of 2nd Grading Period
19-30 Holiday Break, No School

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June 2023

4 Graduation

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January 2023

1 New Year's Day
11 In-Service Day, No School
16 M.L. King, Jr. Day, No School
25 Virtual Learning Day

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July 2023

4 4th of July

X	First / Last Day for Students
X	No School for Students
X	Two-Hour Delay
X	Virtual Learning Day

1st Quarter - 41 days	3rd Quarter - 46 days
2nd Quarter - 41 days	4th Quarter - 48 days
1st Semester - 82 days	2nd Semester - 94 days
Total Student Days - 176	

District Contingency Plan

The district will make up any calamity days missed beyond five (5) in order to provide our students with a quality education. All days missed beyond five (5) will become virtual learning days on the day they occur.

IN-SERVICE DAYS:

No School for Students September 30, 2022, January 11, 2023, May 12, 2023
Two-Hour Delay for Students October 12, 2022, December 14, 2022, February 8, 2023

VIRTUAL LEARNING DAYS: September 14, 2022, November 8, 2022, January 25, 2023, March 8, 2023, April 12, 2023

The calendar may be changed by the Board of Education at any time.

BOE Approved 1/19/2022