



Tweedsmuir News

October 2023

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Message from Administration

Dear Tweedsmuir Families,

We were thrilled to see so many of you at the Meet Our Families Night last week. Thank you for coming to visit, meeting our educators, supporting our Book Fair, donating to our school by ordering pizza, purchasing Tweedsmuir T-shirts and visiting our beautiful learning spaces. It was a pleasure to be able to host this in-person event!

We would like to extend a welcome to past and future members of our School Council who attend our first school meeting on October 2nd, 2023. We have a few fun events going on in October. Our cross-country team will be attending the TVDSB meet in Dorchester on October 4th this week. Thank you to parent volunteers for driving our runners to their event. Our school-wide Terry Fox event will take place for students on October 5th.

A reminder that Friday, October 6th is a TVDSB professional activity day and students will not be attending school for classes. There is also a long weekend coming up and Monday, October 9th is holiday. The school will be closed with classes returning on Tuesday, October 10th.

October is International Walk to School Month (IWALK) supported by the London and Middlesex Health Unit. Students are encouraged to walk and wheel to and from school for a single day, a couple of days, or every day of the month!

Monday, October 31st is Orange and Black Day at Tweedsmuir. Dress in these two colours to show your spirit! We kindly ask that costumes do not come to school on this day to avoid them becoming dirty, ripped, or have pieces go missing. Thank you in advance.

We look forward to another great month of learning and growing here at Tweedsmuir.

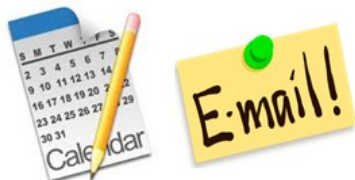
Sincerely,

Ms. M. Hendry, Principal and Mrs. S. Cater, Vice-Principal

STAY CONNECTED

Visit us online:

www.tvdsb.ca/tweedsmuir.cfm



School Calendar - Sign-up for e-news



Parent & Teacher
Association

Parent Council Meeting

Monday October 2

6:30 p.m.

In person at Tweedsmuir
or
Virtually on Teams

Email
Tweedsmuir@tvdsb.ca
for meeting link

Reporting Lates/ Absences

Report absences and lates through SchoolMessenger. This can be done by calling the toll free # **1-844-305-3756**

OR



There is also a SchoolMessenger app in the your mobile smartphone's app store. Download it and give it a try!

App Store: SchoolMessenger
Google Play: SchoolMessenger

Note - To enable, it's important that we have the correct email address on file.

For more information, go to the [Tweedsmuir website](http://www.tvdsb.ca/tweedsmuir.cfm).

Picture Day

Friday October 27th



HAPPY
thanksgiving

No School
Mon. Oct. 9th





<https://terryfox.org/terrys-story/>

THE TERRY FOX

Thursday October 5

To donate, go to <https://schools.terryfox.ca/TweedsmuirPSLondon>

Tu-Tu Tuesday - if our fundraising goal for Terry Fox reaches above \$222 the teachers will wear tu-tu's on Tuesday October 10th.



ORANGE & BLACK DAY

Tuesday October 31

No costumes please.

Thames Valley District School Board has a commitment to equity and inclusion:

- All identities and abilities are honoured in Thames Valley.
- Hate has no place in Thames Valley schools or workplaces.
- Every student deserves to feel safe at school.
- Students learn best when they feel included in their school community.
- Removing barriers to student success requires meaningful change.
- Thames Valley has a legal responsibility to promote equity, inclusion, and human rights.
- Identity-affirming school communities support positive mental health and well-being for every student. Responding to incidents of racism, discrimination and other forms of oppression includes ensuring that individuals who are impacted have the mental health and well-being supports needed.



PD DAY

**Friday
October 6**

NO SCHOOL



Tweedsmuir PS is in the Ward 1 area of the city.

Our municipal ward councillor's name is Mr. Hadleigh McAlister:

hmc alister@london.ca cell: 226 219 9371

If you are concerned about the following school zone and safe arrival concerns:

Request for sidewalks/speed bumps on Manitoulin Dr
Residents on Tweedsmuir Ave concerned about traffic and blocked driveways during entry and dismissal school times

There is currently a petition available to be signed by Manitoulin Drive residents regarding speed bumps and sidewalks along Manitoulin Drive. Currently, he still requires more signatures on the petition. This information will also be discussed at the school council meeting on October 2nd at 6:30pm.

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):

110-355 Wellington Street

London, ON N6A 3N7

*Monday-Friday 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.

51 Front Street East

Strathroy, ON N7G 1Y5

*Monday-Thursday 8:30a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.



LET'S WALK! CELEBRATE IWALK Month

**October Is International
Walk to School (IWALK) Month.**

**Students around the world are walking and
wheeling to school.**

Join the global movement!



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@OntarioAST



www.ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca

Tweedsmuir Spirit Days 2023-2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Spirit Day</u>
Friday Sep. 29th	Orange Shirt Day (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)
Tuesday Oct. 31st	Black and Orange Day
Friday Nov. 9th	Backwards Day
Friday Nov. 30th	Jersey Day/ Black and Green
Tuesday Dec. 19th	Funny Socks
Wednesday Dec. 20th	Silly Sweater
Thursday Dec. 21st	Winter Wonderland (Wear Blue and White)
Friday Dec. 22nd	PJ Day
Friday January 12th	Beach Day
Thursday January 25th	School Spirit (Black and Green)
Monday Feb. 12th	100's Day
Wednesday Feb. 14th	Pink & Red Day
Wednesday Feb. 28th	Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day)
Friday March 8th	PJ Day
Thursday March 21st	Sock Day (World Down Syndrome Day)
Wednesday March 27th	Decade Day
Tuesday April 2nd	Blue Shirt Day (Autism Awareness)
Friday April 26th	Rainbow Day
Thursday May 23rd	Hero Day
Thursday June 6th	Purple/Green (London Family)
Friday June 21st	Rainbow Day (Pride)