



## TMS E-News - 12/4/2020

### TMS School Photos are in!!

You can pick up student pictures from the main office during the school day (8am-3pm) Monday-Friday. If you come to TMS, ring the bell out front and we will ask your student's grade and name.

If you need to pick up after school hours, we will offer an evening pick up on Monday, 12/7 from 7-8pm at TMS.

**\*\*If your student missed picture day at TMS, there is another option for getting their photo taken. Lifetouch is opening their office (near Sharonville) to students who want to come in for a photo. Here are the details/contact information: Lifetouch Studio Office on 12/7 between 4:00-7:30. Direct number to call to schedule is (513) 577-7587 ask for Tammy**

You can be great!  
- Builders Club



Help our community!  
- Builders Club

### Winter **PJ and Sock Drive !!!** to support Talawanda students

**Who:** Talawanda Middle School **Builders Club**  
**When:** December 7th - December 15th  
**Why:** To help those in need  
**Where:** PJ's and socks can be dropped off during school hours at TMS



P.O. Box 392 • Oxford, Ohio 45056

***PUSH has funding for furnace and water heater repairs or replacements. Grants are available to low-income, homeowners in the Talawanda School District for critical and emergency home repairs. Call Jeanne or Sabrina at 513-523-8100 for more information***



# pax tools

## SIMPLE STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING KIDS BEHAVIOR

Do you want to reduce conflict? Have better relationships?  
Help your children manage their own behavior?  
**You need PAX Tools!**

### Join us for a FREE upcoming workshop:

**Who: Oxford Area Parents & Caregivers**

**When: Wednesday, December 9th**

**Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

**Where: Virtual Workshop via Zoom**

**FREE PAX Toolkit and holiday basket for all participants!**

**RSVP @ <https://forms.gle/GKffaeXVbvcy5gAi6> or 513.461.0455**

**Find out more at [www.paxis.org](http://www.paxis.org)**

### What are PAX Tools?

PAX Tools is a collection of evidence-based, trauma-informed strategies to improve cooperation and self-regulation with youth. PAX Tools draws on decades of science to create strategies that support parents, youth workers, and other caring adults to create a nurturing environment that ultimately helps kids thrive!

### Do the Tools work?

According to over 40 years of research at places like John's Hopkins University and Wright State University, for every 100 first graders that get the kernels in school through the PAX Good Behavior Game, we'd see some great results when they reach age 21:

- 7 more kids will not be smokers
- 4 more kids will not be alcohol dependent
- 12 more kids will not be drug dependent
- 1 more kid will not commit violent crime
- 11 more kids will not need mental health services
- 7 more girls will not feel suicidal
- 9 more girls will graduate from high school
- 7 more boys will attend college

### Who should attend a PAX Tools training?

PAX Tools is intended for any caring adult who interacts with children, such as parents, caregivers, professionals and volunteers. Caregivers who participate in PAX Tools trainings will receive the materials they need to effectively use PAX Tools with children, including the PAX Tools App.

# PAX TOOLS-WE BUILD GREAT KIDS!

# Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:**



**Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2–14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.**

**Seek medical care immediately if someone has  
Emergency Warning Signs of COVID-19**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.





# TALAWANDA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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*Empowering Every Learner Every Day!*

## **Returning to School during COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic**

The symptoms of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) are like many other childhood illnesses/conditions. In order to provide the safest learning environment in our buildings, the Nurses at Talawanda will be very cautious when deciding if a student needs to leave school. We appreciate your support when these decisions are made.

Students with a new onset of **Cough, Shortness of Breath or NEW loss of taste and/or smell** are suspected to have COVID-19. They will need to be picked up from school immediately and follow the steps below.

If your student has **two (2)** or more of the following symptoms they will also need to be picked up from school immediately and follow the steps below.

- Chills/fever
- Congestion (nasal or sinus)/Runny nose
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle/body aches
- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Sore throat

As in previous years, students with a fever of  $>100.0$ , will be sent home.

- If a fever of  $>100.0$  was their only symptom, they can return when they are fever free for 72 hrs, without fever reducing medications.
- If they had a fever of  $>100.0$  and any symptom listed above, they must follow the steps listed below.

If your child is sent home from school for a suspected case or symptoms of COVID we ask that you do not return to school until your child meets the criteria below.

- If your child is sick and does not get tested for COVID-19, your child must stay at home for 10 days or as directed by the health department. Please call your doctor for further evaluation. \*Please note that COVID testing or negative test results are not required to return to school. However, if your child is ill and not tested, he/she must stay home for at least 10 days unless a doctor's note stating an alternate diagnosis or note showing a negative test result is provided.
- If your child was tested and found to be positive for COVID, your child may return to school as directed by the Butler County Health Department, (which is usually 10 days after the date of their positive test). A negative test result is not required to return to school after isolating for 10 days. Students must also be fever free for 72 hours, without fever reducing medication, and have an improvement of their symptoms before returning to school.
- If your child has a COVID-19 test that is negative, he/she may return to school after getting the negative results and when he/she has been fever free for 72 hours (without fever reducing medicine) and when symptoms have improved for 72 hours. A note showing negative test results is required before returning to school.
- If your child visits a healthcare provider and gets a diagnosis other than COVID-19 he/she can return once they have met the criteria to return, based on the diagnosis. Again, they must be fever free, without fever reducing medication for 72 hours. **Please show this letter to your medical provider since Talawanda requires a doctor's note stating the alternate diagnosis before your child can return to school.**

**\*\*Additionally, any siblings must begin to quarantine when they arrive home from school today. They may return to school if your doctor provides an alternative diagnosis or you receive a negative COVID-19 test result.\*\***

Please reach out to your school nurse if you have any questions. Thank you!



**PublicSchoolWORKS**  
A Safety & Regulatory Compliance System



# Stay Safe Speak UP!

(Remain Anonymous)

Call or go online today to report harassment, threats, suspicious behavior or other concerns which may jeopardize the safety of students, employees or school facilities.

Your message is very important in helping us maintain a safe school environment.



## ***It's easy!***

### **Phone**

1.866.listen2me (toll free)

### **Online**

1. Go to [www.talawanda.net](http://www.talawanda.net)
2. Click on Health & Safety
3. Click on Safe School Help Online

## Report these safety concerns:

- Weapons
- Drugs / Alcohol Abuse
- Suspicious Behavior
- Suicide / Self Abuse
- Problem Relationships
- Sexual Assault
- Fights / Violence / Abuse
- Harassment / Threats
- Theft / Vandalism
- Health Concerns / HIV / AIDS



24/7/365

Available all day, every day,  
from anywhere.

online or  
1.866.listen2me