

Welcome to Kindergarten



At Plattsville & District Public School



Welcome!

When you arrive at school each day, you will wait for your teacher to greet you and welcome you into the classroom.

[Have A Great Day | Back to School Song for Kids | Following Rules | Jack Hartmann](#)



Get ready for a great day!

When you enter the classroom you will hang your backpack up on a hook. You will change your shoes. You will wear indoor shoes when you're in the classroom and you will put your outdoor shoes back on when it's time to play outside.



Stay organized.



You will bring a backpack to school everyday to carry your belongings in. It will be your job to carry the things you need between home and school each day.

You will be part of a class.

[Phonics Song 2](#)

[10 Little Numbers](#)

[The Opposites Song](#)



You will have teachers and classmates to work and learn with. You will be part of a class that will remain in the same classroom to explore and investigate.

It's time to explore!

You will have a lot of adventures at school. There will be different activities and games to explore and investigate. At school, we all try to share and take turns when we play.

[Share and Take Turns \(Read Aloud\)](#)

[Body Parts Song for Kids - This is ME! by ELF Learning - ELF Kids Videos](#)

[Clap Your Hands | Action Songs for Children | The Kiboomers](#)



It's time to tidy up.



[Clean Up Song | Tidy Up Song | The Singing Walrus](#)

Each day you will be asked to clean up after yourself. Everyone will work together to keep our classroom neat and clean.

When you need to go!



There will be a washroom in your classroom. There will be a toilet and sink in the washroom. You will tell your teachers when you need to use the washroom so they know where you are and that you are safe. At school, everyone closes the door when they take a turn to use the toilet. Everyone washes their hands after they're finished using the toilet.

[How to Wash Your Hands](#)

You will get hungry and thirsty when you're at school.



You will bring food to school each day. You will need a lunch bag and a water bottle. Practice opening your containers at home so you will know how they work when you get to school. You will get to eat with your classmates three times every school day! Remember to label all your containers.

It's time to play outside!

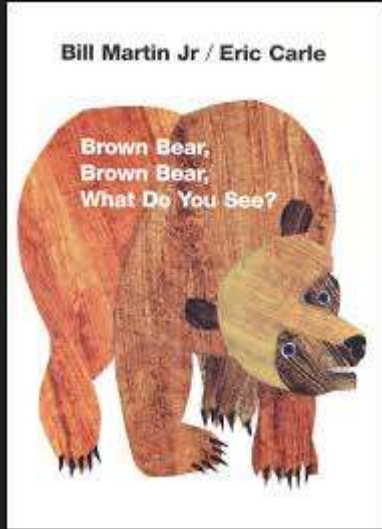


You will dress for the weather to learn outdoors and participate in outdoor activities! Some days you will need rainboots and splash pants. You will play outside in all seasons. You will run and jump and move your body and have fun with your classmates and teachers.

[Seasons Song](#)

Join in music and storytime.

You will enjoy new stories and hear some of your favourite stories again. During story and music time you will enjoy being with your classmates and teachers. You will dance, sing, learn, and take turns.



[Brown Bear, Brown Bear \(text to music with book art\)](#)

Our Kindergarten Educators



Hello Friends! My name is Mrs Harkness. I was a grade 1 teacher for a long time, and now I'm very excited to in kindergarten! I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU! I love reading stories, and playing outside! We will have lots of fun learning and playing together in kindergarten!



Welcome to Plattsville Public School! I am Mrs. Finnigan and I have been at Plattsville for over ten years, but this will be my first year teaching Kindergarten. I look forward to learning together as we play, create and explore. I am already excited about September, when you get to begin your Kindergarten adventure.

We can't wait to meet you!



Hello Kindergarten! My name is Tammy Bender and I am a registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE). I'm excited to meet and welcome you all to Plattsville in September! :)



My name is Tiffany Knelsen. I have been an early childhood educator for 20 years. I have worked at Plattsville school for 10 years. I feel very blessed to watch the kindergarten kids learn and grow and help that along by providing engaging and age-appropriate provocations. I enjoy reading books and providing resources to add to the children 's inquiring about the world around them. I look forward to meeting and getting to know the new families for this coming school year.

Here are some other people you will meet:



I'm Ms. Elcombe, the Principal at Plattsville & District Public School. I am so excited to meet you all as you begin your first year at school! I have been a teacher for many years, and this will be my third year at Plattsville as Principal. I love to visit the Kindergarten classes to read stories and see all of the great learning that's happening!

You are going to LOVE being a Plattsville Panther!



Mrs. Werezak

I am looking forward to meeting our new students in September! We will have lots of fun learning together. I may be familiar to an older sibling since this will be my 13th year at Plattsville. When you meet me in person I will have a big smile! I love to be outside and read books.

I look forward to sharing both things with you.

Mrs. Levely and Mrs. Schultz
Learning Support Teacher and Educational Assistant



Ms. Knight
Administrative Assistant



It's time to get ready go home.

[Goodbye, School Song For Kids](#)



At the end of each school day, you will put your outdoor shoes on and put your lunch bag in your backpack. You will wait with your classmates to go outside where your parent or babysitter will be waiting for you. If you ride the bus, a teacher will take you to the bus area. You can tell your family about all your school adventures when you get home!

Some information for the Adults



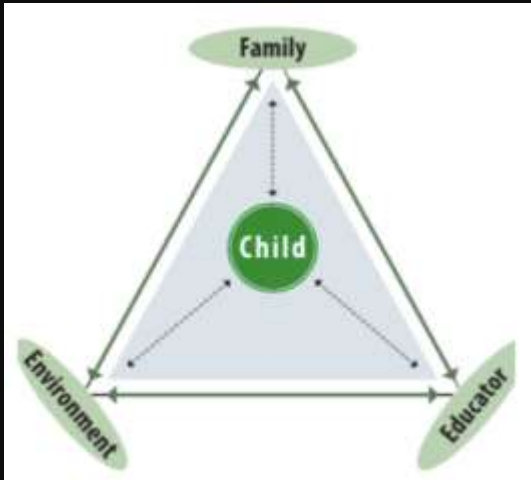
Check out more information at our
Kindergarten at PDPS page

<https://plattsville.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/kindergarten-at-pdps.aspx>

Setting the Foundation for a Positive Start to School

Essential Learning Conditions are built on the foundation of

Relationships



Important Reminders

- Inform school in advance (if possible) of:
 - Absence/Lateness
 - Change in end-of-day routine
 - Changes to contact numbers/address/email



School Phone Number: 519-684-7436

Attendance – SchoolMessenger

- Nut-free foods only (no 'Wow' butter).
- Label all personal items.
- For further information on Full Day Kindergarten visit:



[TVDSB Welcome To Kindergarten webpage](#)



Our Day at School

- 8:50 – 9:00 am Supervision on the Yard
- 9:00 – 10:40 am Block 1
- 10:40 – 11:25 am Nutrition Break/Recess
- 11:25 – 1:05 pm Block 2
- 1:05 – 1:50 pm Nutrition Break/Recess
- 1:50 – 3:30 pm Block 3
- 3:30 – 3:40 pm Dismissal



Balanced Day - Eating



- **Two Breaks**
 - **10:40 – 11:25**
 - **1:05 – 1:50**
- **Nutritious Snack provided each break**



- **Eating 20 to 25 minutes**
- **Recess 20 or 25 minutes**
- **Lunch ideas can be found at**

<https://plattsville.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/kindergarten-at-pdps.aspx>

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/links.html>

<https://www.unlockfood.ca/en/Children.aspx>

The First Day Of School



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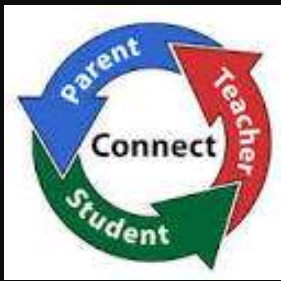
- ✓ Indoor running shoes
- ✓ An extra change of clothing
- ✓ A large backpack (no wheels)
- ✓ Lunch/Snack

Dress for Success!



- Running shoes with velcro for outside
- Practice putting on/taking off coat
- Elastic waist pants
- Dress for the weather
- Dress in layers





Communication between Home and School

- * Students in FDK do not have planners
- * Each classroom has a 'home bag' containing a 'communication book'
- * Money and forms must be in sealed envelope or baggie, labeled with your child's name.
- * Staff will communicate their own contact information
- * PDPS uses SchoolMessenger emails, private Facebook page and PDPS website for sharing/communicating information





What Can I Do To Help My Child Be Ready?

- Read to your child often
- Review the Program Expectations
- Practice washroom routines
- Practice dressing him/herself
- Take care of personal belongings/clean up after self
- Start or continue to learn the names and sounds of the letters in the alphabet, numbers and counting
- Practice reading and printing his/her name



Gradual Entry to JK

- All Senior Kindergarten students will return to school on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.
- Junior Kindergarten families will receive a letter through email with information regarding your child's class educators and the day they will begin. Once they arrive on their first day, they will continue to attend school.
- All new JKs will be in school by Friday, September 9, 2022.

Bus Transportation

Families who qualify for bus transportation must register with Student Transportation Services in June 2022.

Check for eligibility at mybigyellowbus.ca, phone 519-649-1160.

TVDSB Transportation webpage:

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/transportation.aspx>

Download the **BusPlannerDelays** app (available for iPhone and Android).

STS usually provides a 'new riders' safety day opportunity for the JK students during the month of August. Information will be shared directly by STS through their parent portal.

School Age Program

Oxford Community Child Care provides our before and after school program.

Please contact OCCC directly regarding registration.

519-539-4419

email sap@oxfordccc.ca

website

<https://oxfordccc.ca/school-age-programs>



Police Checks & Offence Declarations



- Required for all volunteers
- In school, field trips
- Sign Offence Declaration each year
- Requires a signed letter from the Principal
- 4-8 weeks to receive

DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE!!!

You will have fun learning and playing and making friends at school.



You will have so many great adventures at school!