

Volunteer Recognition

We want to take a moment to thank all of the volunteers who support us at PDPS. We have helpers that provide us with our Nutrition Program bins and organize our Hot Lunches every week. We have volunteers that help some of our students with their reading and writing in Strong Start. We have parents who are part of the School Council who do our fundraising and organize events for families. We have volunteers who come to help with field trips and special events. There are too many names to name, but please know that we are extremely grateful for all you do to support our students and staff!

For any parents who previously had completed Police Checks to volunteer at the school, forms should have been sent home on Friday to assist in keeping your records up-to-date. For any parents who have not yet completed their Police Check, please remember that to volunteer to accompany your child on any school trips, these will need to be on file. The process has become very simplified and quick online and is free for school volunteers. To obtain the necessary 'agency letter', please call or email the office to receive a letter signed by Ms. Elcombe. Thanks again to all who volunteer to support PDPS!

Colour Paradise Fundraiser

School Council have organized a fantastic Spring fundraiser to support the purchase of new outdoor equipment and resources to benefit our students of Plattsville and District PS. With Spring around the corner, we have partnered with a local greenhouse, Colour Paradise, to provide gift cards in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations with 15% of all purchases returned to our fundraising initiative!

A gift card from Colour Paradise Greenhouses is perfect for any landscaping or yard project or for the beginner or avid gardener alike. This fundraiser will begin on Wednesday, April 19 and close Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Cards can be purchased through SchoolCash online.

Cards will be delivered just in time for Mother's Day as well as the beginning of the gardening season. They will be sent home in a sealed envelope with the oldest child on May 8! We thank you in advance for your continued support. Happy Spring!

Address: 1209 Bleams Road, Mannheim, ON. N0B 2H0

Website: <https://www.colourparadise.com/>

Autism Awareness Week

April is Autism Awareness Month. It is an opportunity for positive action to provide spaces of support and advocacy for our diverse communities while learning about autism and how to make our communities better for people on the autism spectrum. Our students will have opportunities to participate in different activities throughout the week to learn more about autism and how to support their peers at school. Friday, April 28 will be 'Light it up Blue' Day for Autism.

Office Support

Just a reminder that during the time of Mrs. Vink's tenure with us in the office, if you are dropping off your child late or picking up your child early, please make sure to stop in at the office and fill out the sign-in/sign-out sheet in the office to ensure that we have accurate attendance records for Safe Arrival. Thanks for your understanding and patience during this time.

Milk & Popcorn

We will have limited cartons of Chocolate and white milk available for sale on Monday. Our delivery is scheduled for Tuesday morning to replenish our stock. SchoolCash online is open daily until May 4 for purchasing tickets. These will continue to be printed and distributed on Mondays only.

Produce Express Fundraiser

Just one week left to take advantage of the Produce Express fundraiser for our Nutrition Program. 10% of all sales during April will be donated back to the school when you use the code PLATT2023 in the 'fundraising code' box at checkout. See the attached flyer for more details.

Education Week

All P.D.P.S. families are invited to attend a school-wide open house on Thursday, May 4th between 3:45 and 5:15. This will be an opportunity to enjoy a short, filmed drama (starring P.D.P.S. students!) in the gym, followed by an opportunity to tour classrooms and hallway displays to see and experience various aspects of our amazing country. Classes are preparing a wide range of exhibits and experiences and the students look forward to sharing these with their families! This is a drop-in evening; the film is being prepared to introduce and launch the 'Across Canada' event. It will be played multiple times in the gym, so please feel free to arrive and begin your adventure when you are able. For those not able to attend in person, we will be filming in the classrooms and hallways to put together a single video to be shared at a later date.

In addition, our Scholastic Book Fair will also be open that same evening from 3:45 to 5:30 pm. More details will be provided next week about the Book Fair and its hours of operation.

Mental Health Week

May 1 – 5 is also Mental Health Week. We will be focusing on providing information and resources to our students and families for mental health and wellness awareness throughout the week. The TVDSB is also excited to offer virtual Family Well-Being Workshop Series presentations during the week from 6:30-7:30 pm. Information and registration can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/familiescaregiversworkshops/upcoming-events>

- Nutrition for Mental Health & Well-Being - The Gut-Brain Axis (Wed May 3)
- Sleep Hygiene Practices for Children and Youth (Thurs May 4)

Lost & Found

If anything belongs in your home, please contact Ms. Elcombe (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) or your child's teacher and we will get them back to you on Monday. Please also look carefully at the 'last chance' items. Any items not claimed by the end of the month will be donated. Don't forget that the Mabel's Labels fundraiser runs continually throughout the year (search Plattsville and District Public School). These also make great gifts for new JK families so feel free to pass on the information!

https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

Pop Tabs and Dead Batteries

We continue to collect pop tabs to donate and dead batteries for e-waste. Feel free to send these to the office.

Thoughts of the Day this past week

Everything has beauty, but not everyone can see it!

Good things take time.

Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.

Stay close to people who feel like sunshine.

Friends are the chocolate chips in the cookie of life.

Upcoming Dates

April 24 – 28 Autism Awareness Week

April 26 Superintendent Visit

April 28 Light it up Blue Day (wear blue) for Autism Awareness

May 1 – 5 Education Week, Mental Health Week, Scholastic Book Fair, Grade 7/8s to Vansittart Woods Leadership Program, Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4 Across Canada: A Choose Your Own Adventure Open House

May 5 Plattsville Spiritwear/Red, White and Black Day

May 11 PDPS Track and Field Meet (Gr. 4-8),

May 12 PDPS T&F Raindate, Anything But a Backpack Day

May 14 Mothers' Day

May 15 International Family Day, School Council Meeting in-person

May 18 Kindergarten Orientation

May 19 PA Day

May 22 Victoria Day

May 23 Regional Track & Field Meet at CASS

May 26 PDPS Spiritwear/Red, White and Black Day

May 30 Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO, Toonie Treat Day

Have a great weekend, Panther families! Contact Us at plattsville@tvdsb.ca or 519-684-7436.