

Colour Paradise Fundraiser

There are just a few days left to order gift cards from Colour Paradise for our School Council's Spring fundraiser. Cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 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 **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/](https://www.colourparadise.com/)

Milk & Popcorn

We will have limited cartons of chocolate and white milk available for next week. Unfortunately, our delivery day has now been scheduled for Thursday before we can replenish our stock. We have lots of popcorn available! SchoolCash online is open daily until May 4 for purchasing tickets. These will continue to be printed and distributed on Mondays only.

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. Students have been busy preparing their classrooms and hallways with a wide range of exhibits and experiences and they 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. Please see separate information for Book Fair Times.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to announce that we are having our final spring Scholastic Book Fair next week from Monday-Thursday. Please note that the fair is open on Monday only for browsing with sales beginning on Tuesday through until Thursday evening. The in-person fair will be closed on Friday with the virtual link remaining open. See the attached live link for a sneak preview of some of the upcoming books. <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5181235>
Please also see the schedule attached for specific classroom and before/after school hours. Happy reading everyone!

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 weekend 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.

From Southwestern Public Health

Best Practices for Skin Cancer Prevention

It is important to work and play outside without raising your skin cancer risk by protecting your skin from the sun. Did you know that about 80% of UVR exposure occurs before the age of 18? Research indicates that childhood exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer later in life.

The skin is the largest organ in your body and protects you from dehydration, the sun, bacteria, infections, pollution, etc. There are limits to your skin's ability to protect you. Ultraviolet (UV) radiation damages the DNA of your skin cells and can cause cancer. Most cases of skin cancer are preventable, and you can reduce your risk of getting skin cancer by following these best practices:

SEEK – seek shade

SLIP – wear clothing that provides sun protection

SLAP – wear a hat that protects your ears, face and neck

SLOP – wear SPF 30 or higher to protect your skin

SLIDE – protect your eyes

Clothed in Love Event

The Clothed In Love event is happening at the Plattsville Missionary Church on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. It's a completely free event where parents can come find donated clothes for themselves and their kids at no cost.

Produce Express Fundraiser

Just 2 days left to support the Produce Express Fundraiser for the Nutrition Program at PDPS. Use code PLATT2023 in the 'fundraising code' box at checkout and 10% of the sale will be donated back to the school.

Thoughts of the Day this past week

Never be afraid of being different - you are wonderful just as you are!

A person with autism is Always Unique Totally Intelligent Sometimes Mysterious.

Autism - where the little things are NEVER little, and every milestone is a celebration!

Together we can make a better world for people with autism.

Dr. Seuss says, why fit in when you were born to stand out!"

Upcoming Dates

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 9	Superintendent Visit, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
May 10	Bear Witness 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, Baseball @ Hickson, 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, Toonie Treat Day
May 25	Baseball @ PDPS vs. East Oxford
May 26	Primary Trip to Twin Valley Nature Park, PDPS Spiritwear/Red, White and Black Day
May 30	Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO, Toonie Treat Day, Baseball @ PDPS vs. Hickson
May 31	Superintendent Visit
June 1	Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO

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