

December 23, 2022

## Winter Concert Assemblies

Thank you to all the students and staff who put in all of their time, effort and talents into making our Winter Concert Assemblies so successful this year! Thanks to all of the families and community members who were able to attend. See some photos in our 'December at PDPS' at the end of this update.

## Save the Date!!!

We are planning a ONE DAY E-Waste Recycling Fundraiser on January 20, 2023 to raise money to replace aging technology and peripherals at the school. Start gathering your items! They will be accepting computers, laptops, cell phones, telephones, batteries, TVs, fax machines, cameras, radios, video games, consoles, video game accessories, printers, scanners, copiers, audio/video players and records, cords, plugs...basically anything except paint! We are also looking for some larger boxes to contain the donations...if you have any to recycle in the new year, please consider donating them to the school for this fundraiser.

## PDPS Nutrition Program Fundraiser

Just a few more days left to contribute to our Produce Express fundraiser. 10% of all sales using the Plattsville code, PLATT2022 through to December 31 at [www.fresherproduce.ca](http://www.fresherproduce.ca), will go back to our school Nutrition Program. Thanks once again for your support!

## Every Student Belongs – TVDSB Survey Results

Results of the 2020-2021 TVDSB Every Student Belongs Survey are now available! This survey is about students' identities and asked questions related to cultural origins and ethnicity, race, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit, language, religious beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, and disabilities. This survey is required and supported by the Ministry of Education and is happening all across Ontario. We are looking forward to using what we learn about student identities to continue to build equity and focus our work on anti-racism and anti-oppression in Thames Valley. Please visit our website to learn more about the survey and to view the results for the board: [www.tvdsb.ca/everystudentbelongs](http://www.tvdsb.ca/everystudentbelongs) .

## Hot Lunch Program

Just a reminder to get orders in **BY NOON SUNDAY, January 8** for the first hot lunches on Tuesday (Pizza) and Thursday (Subs) of 2023.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER - HOT LUNCH CANCELLATION POLICY

If buses are cancelled, the program continues. If the school is closed then the program will be cancelled and credits will be applied to accounts. If refunds are necessary then families can contact Lunchbox directly with that request. If schools are closed we will post a hot lunch update ASAP to both Facebook sites (School Council and the main PDPS page).

<https://lunchboxorders.com/>

## Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos and let your child's teacher know if anything belongs to your home. Please also have a look at our 'Last Chance' items that have been 'lost' since October. If you see anything that may belong to your child, please let us know. 'Last chance' items not claimed by Dec. 23 will be donated to charity. To help keep your child(ren)'s items from being lost, don't forget about School Council's ongoing fundraiser with Mabel's labels! [Lost & Found Dec.23](#) [Last Chance Items December](#)

[https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/)

## School Sign

We are looking for a student or community member who would look after changing the sign as needed for rentals or events, as well as making sure the grass is cut around the bottom of the sign as needed. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Ms. Elcombe.

## A Message from Southwestern Public Health

Every time of year is a good time to get outside! It can be harder in the winter to stay active and safe when outdoors. However, if you follow these quick tips you can ensure that your children can be safe and active all winter long.

- Protect your child's head, ears, hands and feet to prevent frost bite
- Remove drawstrings and scarves which could catch on play equipment and choke your child.
- Ensure children have water proof and warm boots that are large enough for their toes to wiggle in
- Ensure your children stay clear of snow banks, roads and fences where snow plows can't see them
- Remind your child to stay away from snow removal equipment such as snow blowers
- Review road safety with your child, drivers will have a harder time seeing your child and stopping on ice
- Avoid snowballs which can seriously hurt a child, especially if they have ice in them
- Remove all your child's wet winter clothes as soon as they come inside
- Bring play inside if the temperature is below - 15°C or the wind chill is - 20°C or lower

For additional winter safety tips on: sledding, skating, skiing/ snowboarding, and snow mobiles please visit [Caring for Kids](#).

## Winter Girl's Club at Western University

Please see the attached flyer for more information on the Winter Girl's Club at Western, starting in January. [Winter Girl's Club](#)

## Thoughts of the Day this past week

One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.

May your day be filled with good thoughts, happy moments and kind people.

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

Everyone is like a snowflake - all different in our own unique and beautiful ways.

May this season be full of light and laughter for you and your family! Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Blessed Kwanza, and Happy Holidays to you all!

## Upcoming Dates

December 24 – January 8	Winter Break
Monday, January 9, 2023	Back to School!
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Friday, January 20	PA Day, E-Waste Recycle Drop Off
Sunday, January 22	Lunar New Year
Monday, January 23	School Council – virtual meeting
Friday, January 27	Term 2 begins

Have a fantastic winter break, Panther families! See you next year! [December at PDPS](#)

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