

Feb. 10, 2023

Caring Cookies

Thanks to everyone who has pre-ordered Caring Cookies. These will be delivered to students on Tuesday, February 14. It's not too late to help!!! There is still an opportunity to donate to the **"Toonie Tuesday - Give a little, help a lot"** campaign through SchoolCash Online or by sending in a toonie from February 14th to 21st. The Caring Fund is a program that was created to support students in emergency financial need within Thames Valley District School Board. Over the past 3 years, the requests for this fund have doubled within our Board. Thank you so much for your support!

Popcorn and Milk Sales

We thought we now had a better idea of what 'stock' we need to have on hand for both milk and popcorn, but once again, we've run out of milk on Friday! We will have more chocolate and white milk starting on Tuesday! To purchase tickets for milk or popcorn, please remember do so through SchoolCash online by Sundays at noon. Tickets purchased during the week will be printed and distributed to students on Mondays. Both fundraisers will continue through to the end of this year and into next year and proceeds will go toward purchasing new/replacing worn out school uniforms for teams and clubs, as well as purchasing new/replacing aging technology for student use. As this is a school-based fundraiser, if you have any questions, please contact Ms. Elcombe.

<https://tvdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Class photos

Class photos will be taken on Wednesday, February 15. Our photographers will be back in the spring to take team and club photos.

Report Card and Kindergarten Communication of Learning

Distribution of Term 1 Report Cards and Kindergarten Communication of Learning will be on Thursday, February 16. Individual Education Plans (IEPs) were not affected and will come home today as originally scheduled. Please note that Term 2 began on January 28.

Yearbook poll results

Thank you to those families who completed the yearbook poll. Attached please see the results of our survey. According to the majority of families who have responded, a 'paper' copy of a yearbook produced by our Graphics Services Department is the choice most favoured for purchase. The two versions are 'tied' in terms of 'yes' and 'maybe' responses. Once we have more specific details as to costs, etc. we will re-launch the poll with just the two options, and then will set up SchoolCash online for pre-orders.

School Council Fundraiser – Elmira Chicken Products

Thank you to all families who have ordered Elmira Chicken Products for our fundraiser. Further details regarding pick up on Saturday, February 25 will be provided shortly. Please contact Dawn at boomer_dawn@hotmail.com. If you have not already done so, please make sure that a master copy of your order list has been sent to the school. This will be returned to you with your pickup order.

Kindergarten Registration for 2023-2024

Thanks to everyone in the community for 'putting out the word' about Kindergarten registration. Although the official registration period ends today, this is a reminder that you are able to pre-register new students (any grade) online at any time before the start of September. Please contact Mrs. Knight at the school (plattsville@tvdsb.ca or 519-684-7436) for information.

<https://secure.easyregister.ca/pub/LoginER.aspx?tk=ER&oid=9VTbHHEIPdro6R%2b5TDI8QQ%3d%3d>

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos and let your child's teacher know if anything belongs to your home. To help keep your child(ren)'s items from being lost, don't forget about School Council's ongoing fundraiser with Mabel's labels!

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

TVDSB School Climate Survey - Your School, Your Voice

School climate exists in every school. It is like the personality of a school. Creating and sustaining a healthy school climate benefits all members of our school community. We want to hear your thoughts and experiences about the school climate at our school. This year, you will be invited to complete an online survey. If you have any children from Grades 5-12, they will also be invited to participate – time will be provided during school hours next week. Attached please find a flyer with a QR code and the web address to complete the student survey on behalf of families.

E-Waste Fundraiser

Thanks so much to everyone who dropped off e-waste in January. We have just learned that we saved the landfill from 800 pounds of standard electronics and 200 pounds of computer and laptop waste! We will be receiving a cheque for \$135 to be used to support our technology program here at the school. We are thinking of doing another e-waste collection fundraiser in the spring, so please 'hold on' to any items, if you're able to do so. We are still collecting old batteries and pop tabs at the school on an ongoing basis. Please bring these items to the office to recycle.

Hot Lunch Program

Just a reminder to get orders in **BY NOON SUNDAYS** for the hot lunches on Tuesday (Pizza) and Thursday (Subs).

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. Food will be kept in the fridge for one day following a bus cancellation and distributed (cold) the following day or can be picked up at the school during school hours. 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/>

PDP Lightning Minor Ball

Early bird discount is until Feb 15th and then registration closes March 1st.

<https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=princetonontario>

Black Community Engagement Session

Thames Valley is pleased to announce the third in a series of Community Engagement Sessions designed to foster and enhance relationships with various groups and communities. This initiative is in alignment with Goal 2 and 3 of the TVDSB Operational Plan.

Goal 2: Staff establish a culture of belonging, inclusion and respect that results in success for all students.

Goal 3: Engage and communicate with Thames Valley students, staff, families, and community.

These sessions will take place throughout the year in various locations and will provide an opportunity for groups and communities to share feedback on their experiences in Thames Valley schools.

The third Community Engagement Session will provide an opportunity for the Black Community to gather and share their feedback.

Details related to the session are as follows:

What: Black Community Engagement Session

When: Wednesday, February 22, 2023; 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School (450 Millbank Dr, London, ON)

Who: Any and all members of the Black Community connected to TVDSB are invited to attend.

How: Register at the following link: https://tvdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_do2iUudTWKywBpQ?Q_CHL=qr

Description: The Black Community Engagement Session is for Black students, families, and community members in London, ON.

The session will be an opportunity for Black individuals in the community to share their thoughts, feedback, and experiences in TVDSB schools. A free meal will be provided to all attendees. Please see the poster for the session here.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact Matthew Sereda (matthew.sereda@tvdsb.ca) or Rheba Moore-Nash (r.mooreenash@tvdsb.ca).

Toonies for Tummies

From February 2nd-16th and March 2nd- 16th local Oxford County grocery stores will be participating in the annual Toonies for Tummies campaign. 100% of donations are directed back to surrounding schools to help support their Student Nutrition Programs!

If able, please pass along this information to your school families and staff so that they can help support your program by donating a toonie (or more!) at the check out or by saying thank you to the staff! Below is the schedule for each location:

Food Basics/ Metro: February 2nd-16th

Sobeys/Foodland/Fresh Co: March 2nd-16th

Thoughts of the Day this past week

Every day brings new choices.

Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the COURAGE to continue that counts.

A great attitude creates a great day, which becomes a great month, which becomes a great year, which becomes a great life.

The tongue has no bones, but it is strong enough to break a heart, so be careful with your words.

A little progress each day adds up to big results.

Upcoming Dates

Month of February	Black History Month
Monday, February 13	Student Teacher begins with K2, School Climate Surveys Gr. 5-12 begin in classes
Tuesday, February 14	Valentine's Day, accepting \$ for TVDSB Toonie Tuesday Fundraiser for the Caring Fund (to 21 st), Caring Cookies distributed
Wednesday, February 15	Class Photos, Gr. 3 CCAT testing begins
Thursday, February 16	Term 1 Report Cards and Communication of Learning Reports home *date extended due to technical issues with our new Student Information System
Monday, February 20	Family Day
Tuesday, February 21	Shrove Tuesday, Toonie Tuesday Fundraiser ends, Gr. 2/3A & 2/3B to Vansittart Woods
Wednesday, February 22	Ash Wednesday, PINK SHIRT Day, Black Community Engagement Session
Friday, February 24	PDPS Winter Olympics (details to follow)
Saturday, February 25	Elmira Chicken Products – pick up at PDPS

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