

Staffing Update

This week, we welcomed Ms. J. Arthur who will be with us to the end of the school year on Days 2 and 7, replacing Mrs. Howe-Jones' position which has been left vacant since before Christmas. We will also be welcoming our new Charge Custodian, Ms. C. White on Tuesday, and wish to thank Mrs. Hutchinson for 'filling in' for most of our day shifts since early September who now gets to return to her afternoon shift! We know that our students, staff and families will welcome both of our new educators to the Plattsville Community!

Family Day & Pink Shirt Day

This coming Monday, February 20 is Family Day – no school for staff and students. Here's a link from the City of Woodstock with some activities to do together. <https://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/en/live-and-play/family-day.aspx> Pink Shirt Day will be on Wednesday, February 22 to promote kindness and inclusivity at school, in our communities, in our country and in the world!

Winter Olympics

Our Grade 7/8 class will be running our "PDPS Winter Olympics", a week of cross-graded 'team building' activities, culminating with games and activities on Friday. The 'raindate' will be Fri., Mar. 1 if the yard is too wet or muddy. Thanks to Mrs. Dickson and crew!

Caring Cookies

Thanks to everyone who purchased Caring Cookies and donated to the Toonie Tuesday campaign for the TVDSB Caring Fund - so far we have raised over \$400! 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 until February 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 will have both chocolate and white milk for sale on Monday, and lots of popcorn ready for next Wednesday (all flavours). To purchase tickets for milk or popcorn, please remember to do so through SchoolCash online by Sundays at noon. Tickets purchased during the week will be printed and distributed to students on Mondays. <https://tvdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

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

Many of our Grade 5 – 8 students have already completed the student School Climate surveys in class this week. The remainder of students will be provided with time next week. For students in JK – Grade 4, we would ask that you complete the student survey on behalf of your children at <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/school-climate-survey-students.aspx>. We would also invite ALL parents and/or caregivers of our Grades JK – 8 students to complete the family survey at <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/school-climate-survey-parents-and-caregivers>. Thank you for sharing your voices!

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/>

Voilà Learning

In collaboration with Voilà Learning, the Board will be offering two (2) **live support sessions for TVDSB families interested in learning more about how to register their child(ren) for a FREE Voilà Learning account**. These optional support sessions will include a live demonstration of how to download the program, navigate the virtual campus, and request help from a live tutor. The sessions will conclude with the opportunity to ask questions. Both sessions will cover the same material and will be conducted virtually/online using the following links:

Support Session #1: Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA INTERNET/DEVICE](#) or call in (audio only) via [+1 226-213-5352](tel:+12262135352), [182500868#](tel:+182500868)

Support Session #2: Thursday, March 2, 2023, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA INTERNET/DEVICE](#) or call in (audio only) via [+1 226-213-5352](tel:+12262135352), [89132363#](tel:+189132363)

Registration is not required to attend the sessions. Please feel free to simply drop in.

Reminder: What is Voilà Learning?

Voilà Learning is a virtual learning platform that offers FREE English/French/Math [online homework help and tutoring](#) for all TVDSB students in Grades 1-12, **Mondays to Thursdays, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (EST)**. **Parents and caregivers can click [HERE](#) to register their child(ren) for a free account.**

Find the Kind

Be You Apparel & Co. out of Woodstock ran a 'Find the Kind' campaign in all elementary schools in Woodstock and surrounding areas, including Plattsville! The company asked staff to nominate 3 students, one from each division (JK – Gr.2), Gr. 3 – 5, Gr. 6 – 8), who show kindness on a regular basis, and who may also go 'above and beyond'. Each award recipient will be gifted a Be Kind Tumbler and a Find the Kind certificate that describes why they were chosen, then they will also be recognized next week at the school. Thanks to Be You Apparel & Co. for including PDPS! We have so many students who would be deserving, it's difficult to just choose 3!

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.moorenash@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

A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference.

Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile." Happy Valentine's Day Panthers!

The flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of all.

Gratitude and attitude are not challenges, they are choices.

Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you.

Upcoming Dates

Month of February

Black History Month

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

****Saturday, February 25**

****Elmira Chicken Products – pick up at PDPS 8:30 – 11:00 am****

Contact Dawn (boomer_dawn@hotmail.com) if you need further information.

Have a fantastic weekend, Panther families!

Contact Us at plattsville@tvdsb.ca or 519-684-7436.