

### **Elmira Chicken Pick Up TOMORROW**

A reminder to all families that Elmira Chicken will be ready for pick up at the front of the school 8:30 am – 11:00 am on Saturday, February 25. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn at [boomer\\_dawn@hotmail.com](mailto:boomer_dawn@hotmail.com) or 226-989-7224. Thank you again for your generous support of this School Council Fundraiser!

### **Staffing Update**

We are thrilled to welcome back Mrs. Schultz this week. We also said ‘goodbye for now’ to Mrs. Woolcott who has been covering since we returned in January.

### **Winter Olympics**

Due to the unsafe yard conditions as a result of Wednesday and Thursday’s weather, our Winter Olympics has been postponed to Thursday, March 2 during our middle and last blocks. Please make sure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing for an afternoon outside, and perhaps a change of mittens/socks for the end of the day. Thanks to our Grade 7/8 class with Mrs. Dickson and all of the staff and students who have worked so hard getting ready for our ‘Winter Olympics’!

### **Student Headphones**

If your child has a set of headphones at home that they might bring in to keep at school, it would be very helpful. We are currently sharing a limited number of headphones amongst a number of different classes, they are very vulnerable to being broken or damaged, and in light of the reminder from Southwestern Public Health below, it’s not the ‘best practice’. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide headphones for every student, but continue to replace and purchase new ones as our budget allows. Thank you in advance.

### **Popcorn and Milk Sales**

We will have lots of 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.schoolcashonline.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! This week we are also showcasing some more ‘last chance items’ that have been in the Lost and Found since the beginning of January. If you recognize any items as belonging to your home, please let us know.

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

### **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/>

### **From Southwestern Public Health**

Headlice. No one wants them but would you know if your child had them, or what to do about it if they did?

Headlice spread through head to head contact, or contact with contaminated items such as hats, headphones or combs. Your child may have no symptoms at all but **if you see your child itching or sores on your child’s head they may have headlice**. Headlice can be found by carefully combing through your child’s hair with a nit comb.

If your child has headlice you will need to **treat them with a product that kills live lice** which you can get at your pharmacy without a prescription. Follow directions on the bottle. You will also need to **comb your child’s hair with a nit comb to remove all the eggs (nits) and lice. Your child’s bedding, and clothes will need to be washed in hot water and dried in a hot dryer. Items that cannot be washed should be sealed in a bag for two weeks.**

If you do not notice a decrease in the headlice after 2 or 3 treatments consult your doctor.

No one wants headlice but being prepared will help prevent spread throughout your household. Know what to look for and what to do.

For more information head to [www.swpublichealth.ca](http://www.swpublichealth.ca) and type head lice into the search bar or click the following links for the [Head Lice Fact Sheet](#) and [Head Lice FAQ](#).

### **Badminton and Pickleball Opportunity**

The Woodstock Badminton Club is offering free ‘drop-in’ programs for badminton and pickleball for students in Grades 4 through 8. Please see the attached ad for more information.

### **Toonies for Tummies**

From March 2<sup>nd</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

### **Thoughts of the Day this past week**

Education is the movement from darkness to light.

Change is the end result of all true learning.

The Best way to predict your Future is to create it.

When you know better, you do better.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Month of February

Black History Month

**\*\*Saturday, February 25**

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

Contact Dawn ([boomer\\_dawn@hotmail.com](mailto:boomer_dawn@hotmail.com)) if you need further information.

Thursday, March 2

Winter Olympics (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> block), Badminton team practice after school

Tuesday, March 7

Purim, School Climate Surveys due

Thursday, March 9

Badminton team practice after school

March 11 – 19

March Break

Sunday, March 12

Daylight Savings Time begins

Friday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 20

Back to school, Spring Begins

Have a fantastic weekend, Panther families!

Contact Us at [plattsville@tvdsb.ca](mailto:plattsville@tvdsb.ca) or 519-684-7436.