

January 13, 2023

E-Waste Recycling Fundraiser

We are planning a ONE DAY E-Waste Recycling Fundraiser on January 20, 2023 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm 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! There will be boxes placed outside the front doors where you can drop off your items. [E-Waste Fundraiser Poster](#)

TVDSB Award of Distinction

The Award of Distinction is an annual recognition given by the Thames Valley District School Board Trustees to students, staff, volunteers, parents, and all individuals or groups who have made significant contributions at a system or school level. Please see the attached poster and link for additional information including criteria and nomination forms for the 2023 Award of Distinction. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, 2023 February 9, at 4:00 p.m. <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/our-board/award-of-distinction.aspx>

[2022-2023 Award of Distinction Poster](#)

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 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/>

Coming Soon

Over the next couple of weeks, we will begin selling milk daily (chocolate and white) and popcorn on Wednesdays...watch your email for more information as these are finalized. Proceeds from both 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.

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! [Lost & Found Jan. 13](#)

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. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks.

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.

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 frostbite.

Remove drawstrings and scarves which could catch on play equipment and choke your child.

Ensure children have waterproof and warm boots that are large enough for their toes to wiggle in.

Ensure your children stay clear of snowbanks, 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 snowmobiles please visit [Caring for Kids](#).

Western University Engineering Outreach

Please see the attached flyer for more information on the Winter Girl's Club at Western starting in January and Discovery Western Summer Camp registrations. <https://mailchi.mp/uwo/december-2022-newsletter-5431692?e=30cbbc7f78>

OCCC Job Posting for Plattsville's Before & After School Program

Please see the attached job postings for Oxford Community Child Care, the organization that runs the Before and After School Program here at PDPS. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone you think might be interested. [OCCC Job Postings](#)

Thoughts of the Day this past week

This is a new year...a chance for a new beginning, a chance for things to change.

Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can.

Always try just one more time.

Don't compare yourself to others. Compare yourself to the YOU of yesterday.

It may be Friday the 13th, but it's still a Friday and a reason to dance!

Upcoming Dates

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 weekend, Panther families!

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