

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Although the official 'event' is over, we are still collecting donations to support the Heart and Stroke Association of Canada and have already raised \$1190 towards our school's goal of \$3000. Every little bit counts! Thanks to those who have already donated at <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/24880>. There's still time to donate!

### **Year-End Carnival**

What a great celebration of our School and Families! Thanks to everyone who came out to the School Council's Year-End Carnival last night! Special thanks to the organizing committee and volunteers – these events can't run without you!

Thanks to the following local businesses who donated to our Raffle:

Plattsville Guardian Pharmacy	Keller Family (SC Johnson)	Tickner Stainless Services	Shakers Family Restaurant
Melissa Gardiner	Pixel Financial Group	Ponyback Hats	Otherside of the Fence
Synergy Development	Gold Canine	The Suburban Farmer	Trails Edge
Home Hardware	JD Sweid Foods	Just Stichin'	Plattsville Dental

### **PDPS Talent Show**

Thanks to Mrs. Finnigan and Mrs. Finnie for organizing a fantastic talent show today! The performances were incredible. Well done, Panthers!

### **Champions!**

Congratulations to our Intermediate Baseball team, 2023 Champions of the Oxford Regional Slo-Pitch Tournament in Innerkip this week! It took two international tie breaker innings, but they emerged on top! Way to go, Panthers! Thanks to Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Dickson for coaching our winning team!

### **Milk & Popcorn**

We have completed our milk and popcorn fundraisers for this year. With our profits, we were able to purchase new pinnies for in-school and interschool extramural activities! Thanks for your purchases this year! Hold on to those unused tickets as they will be honoured next year! We plan to continue both the milk and popcorn fundraisers which will start up mid-September.

### **Outstanding Payments**

All SchoolCash online purchases are now closed for the year. If you have any outstanding field trip payments, please send the cash to your child's teacher by Tuesday, June 20. Thank you.

### **Strong Start**

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for next year, please contact Mrs. Werezak at [r.werezak@tvdsb.ca](mailto:r.werezak@tvdsb.ca) for more details.

### **Lost & Found**

Please have a careful look at the Lost and Found and 'Last Chance' pictures for this week. If anything belongs in your home, please contact Ms. Elcombe ([t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca](mailto:t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca)) or your child's teacher and we will get them back to you on Monday. Don't forget that the Mabel's Labels fundraiser runs continually throughout the year [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/) and these labels have been very helpful in returning items to students so they do not end up in the Lost and Found in the first place! **Any 'last chance' items from April not claimed will be donated at the end of the school year.** Thanks for your help!

### **French Language Support and Enrichment**

The FSL Portfolio is pleased to announce that the Canadian Parents for French (CPF) association will continue to offer FREE French language support and enrichment opportunities for French Immersion and Core French students in Grades 1 to 12 in July 2023. These voluntary programs will be delivered remotely from July 4-28, 2023, and feature a daily 45-minute class over a 2-week period. These programs are funded by the Ministry of Education and are led by certified OCT teachers and/or teacher candidates enrolled in an Ontario Bachelor of Education program. **Registration is currently open and closes June 28, 2023. Spaces are limited.** See the attached flyer for program offerings and registration link.

### **ACT-i-Pass**

The ACT-i-Pass is a card that grade 5 children can use to access different physical activity opportunities for FREE (or reduced cost) at participating service providers. This year, the program has expanded and is now available to children in London, St. Thomas, Oxford County, Elgin County, and Middlesex County. The 2023-24 year runs from July 2023 to June 2024. Program registration just launched and **now current grade 4 students** (children entering grade 5 in September 2023) can begin to register for the program.

**Sora Summer Reading Access**

Sora Sweet Reads and SYNC Audiobooks for Teens are annual summer reading programs that currently available to students and staff through Sora, the student reading app, which provides free access to ebooks and audiobooks 24/7. The program is designed to encourage students to keep reading all year long, even while school is out in the summer. Sora comes free with 250+ high-interest ebooks and audiobooks (Always Available) - including a collection just for schools in Canada - that your students can enjoy not only during summer, but year-round. In addition, all titles are simultaneous use, so you never have to worry about holds or waitlists. And the Public Library Connect is now live in Sora. This means all TVDSB students and staff are now able to log into London Public Library ebook collection through Sora using their TVDSB school credentials! To access titles from the London Public Library through Sora. Please see the attached directions for how to access Sora resources.

<https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/330232/ils/tvdsbca/form/Thames%20Valley%20District%20School%20Board>

Families are also reminded that **they can access the TVDSB Databases all summer long**. This attached brochure provides links to each database as well as the log-in information needed to access from home. These databases can be used to research fun summer projects or to enhance reading opportunities. Please remember all log-in information is for TVDSB students and family only. Families may also find some great resources on our Home Resources for Parents and Students.

**Produce Express**

Don't forget to use the **PLATT2023** code as you are making your spring and summer purchases from Produce Express! They have generously offered us an ongoing fundraising code that can be used throughout the year, summer included! All proceeds go toward our school's nutrition program. Just enter our code in the 'fundraising code' section when you checkout. Thanks for your support!

**From Edge Imaging**

The end of the year is almost here! Congratulations to you - summer is just around the corner and we know you can't wait. *This is a reminder to all parents and students: don't forget to purchase your 2022-2023 school photos from Edge.* School photos are the perfect way to start celebrating summer and all of the achievements you have accomplished! Be sure to follow these simple steps and order your photos now!

1. Find your portrait code and passcode on your photo proof sheet (don't have it? Call or LiveChat Edge's customer care team directly and be prepared with your child's student number @ 1-888-416-334 or [edgeimaging.ca](http://edgeimaging.ca)).
2. Go to [edgeimaging.ca/order](http://edgeimaging.ca/order) and enter your codes.
3. Easily purchase your photos and remember this school year and everything you've accomplished!

Thank you so much and have a wonderful summer!

**Plattsville and District Minor Hockey**

Registration for this coming season for the Plattsville and District Minor Hockey Association is now open. Kids born in 2020 or earlier are eligible to register.

**Plattsville Community Day & Superhero Run**

Today (Saturday, June 17) is the Plattsville Community Day and Superhero Run. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

**Plattsville Traffic Survey Summary**

The following information has been received from the Township and we have been given permission to share it with our PDPS Families.

The County hired Green Light Consulting (GLC) to complete a pedestrian crossing warrant study on Albert Street between Platt Street and Walter Street. Results of the 8 hr study period concluded that a **PXO crossing is not warranted** in this area based on Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) pedestrian crossing criteria as summarized below.

<i>Min 8 Hr Warrants</i>		<i>Actual Compliance</i>		<i>PXO Warranted</i>
<i>Ped Vol</i>	<i>Veh Vol</i>	<i>Ped Vol</i>	<i>Veh Vol</i>	
100	795	33	1,167	NO

It was noted that there is currently no sidewalk facility on the south side of Albert Street, east of Platt Street which is likely a contributing factor to the number of pedestrians that would cross the street in this area. In light of the information above, if the township is interested in pursuing the installation of sidewalks on the south side of Albert Street, east of Platt Street the County would be willing to work together to achieve this.

Transportation staff will be meeting with Jim Borton in July to discuss 2024 road projects and budget needs at which time this could be discussed further if interested. However, while in Plattsville, we also had the consultant gather pedestrian data to further inform

the Community Safety Zone (CSZ) evaluation of Albert Street between Duoro Street and the east leg of Fennel Street. With data gathered by the consultant, we can confirm that Warrant 2 criteria has been met so a CSZ is warranted for this road segment. Staff plan to present a report to Council for additional CSZ locations that meet the warrants in Q4 of this year. Upon Council approval, additional CSZ's would be implemented in 2024.

Please contact Shawn Vanaker, Supervisor of Transportation, Oxford County for further inquiries. [svanacker@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:svanacker@oxfordcounty.ca)

**Thoughts of the Day this past week**

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.  
Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.  
Procrastination makes easy things hard and hard things harder.  
Optimism is a happiness magnet. If you stay positive, good things and good people will be drawn to you.  
To find your talent, you need to seek it.

**Upcoming Dates**

- June PRIDE Month
- June 17 Plattsville Community Day, Superhero Run
- June 18 Father's Day
- June 21 National Indigenous Peoples' Day, Grade 8 Graduation, First Day of Summer
- June 23 PJ Day, Gr. 4/5 – 7/8 Trip to Bingeman's
- June 26 SK Graduation
- June 27 Report Cards and Term 3 IEPs home
- June 28 Eid al-Adha begins at sundown
- June 29 Last day of School, Recognition Assembly
- June 30 PA Day

Have a great weekend, Panther families! Contact Us at [plattsville@tvdsb.ca](mailto:plattsville@tvdsb.ca) or 519-684-7436.