

### **Track & Field Day**

The PDPS Track & Field Day will be held on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. All Grade 4 – 8 students will be participating throughout the day and should be prepared to be outside for the majority of the day. Hats, sunscreen, water bottles, appropriate outdoor clothing and perhaps a blanket or towel to sit on would be recommended along with their snacks and lunches. There will be some items sold during the event ***only to those students participating*** to fund future Track and Field expenses at the school. Please see the menu attached. Students who have ordered subs on that day will receive them, as usual, during their first break lunch. Visitors are welcome to attend and Grades K – 3 students will have an opportunity to watch some of the events during the day. Our younger students will have their own Track and Field Day opportunity at a later date, and there will be opportunities for them to purchase special snacks coming soon. During the meet we will have Kindergarten and Primary classes and recesses outside during the day, so we ask that visitors refrain from interacting with these students during their learning times.

### **Spirit Days**

Our Student Council has planned another two Spirit Days for this month. May 12 will be 'Anything But a Backpack' Day, and May 26 will be another PDPS Spiritwear/Red, White and Black Day.

### **Bear Witness Day**

Bear Witness Day is Spirit Bear's birthday and invites people of all ages to "Bear Witness" to ensure Jordan's Principle is fully implemented! Jordan's Principle is a child-first principle and legal rule which ensures First Nations children receive the services and supports they need when they need them. We encourage our PDPS students to bring a 'teddy bear' to school this coming Wednesday, May 10 to help connect to their learning about Jordan River Anderson for whom the Principle honours and is named.

### **Math on the Move**

This month our TVDSB Math team visited Julie Atchison at CTV News London to find out how she uses math in her daily life. Attached please find the links to this month's video and infographic, as well as those from earlier in the year.

### **Colour Paradise Fundraiser**

Thanks to everyone who supported the School Council's Colour Paradise Fundraiser. Cards will be distributed and sent home with the oldest child on Monday, May 8.

### **Milk & Popcorn**

We have lots of chocolate and white milk available for next week. SchoolCash online is temporarily closed. If you wish to purchase new tickets for the coming week and did not do so by May 4, we will accept cash for next week until we can have the online option back up and running. A sheet of Milk tickets (20 cartons) is \$20 and a sheet of popcorn tickets (20 packs) is \$40. For those who did purchase ahead of May 4, tickets will be printed and distributed on Monday.

### **Education Week**

We had an amazing turnout for our "Across Canada: Choose Your Own Adventure" night on Thursday. Thanks to all students and staff for their preparation, rehearsals, research and hard work in preparing excellent displays and exhibits to help us choose our 'Field Trip' destination. And...the winner is the Territories (Grade 5/6 classroom)! A very special thank you to Mrs. Livingston, the author and inspiration for the evening! Our videographers are on a field trip today, so we hope to have the video out next week to share with those who were unable to join us, or who would love to see the event again!

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Thank you for the overwhelming support of our Spring Scholastic Book Fair! We are excited to be able to purchase many new resources for our Library Learning Commons and classrooms! If you ordered a book from the in-person sale, we hope to have them arrive next week for you to take home. If you ordered online, they should be delivered directly to your home.

### **Lost & Found**

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 (search Plattsville and District Public School). [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/)

### **Chess Day**

Thanks to Mrs. Schultz for our first 'Chess Day' at PDPS! It was an amazing success, and the kids can't wait for another chance to show off their skills!

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

One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.

Take every chance you have in life because some things only happen once!

Exercise not only changes your body, it changes your mind, your attitude, and your mood.

A truly amazing teacher is hard to find, difficult to part with, and impossible to forget.

When life gives you darkness, dip it in glitter and sparkle all day!

### **Upcoming Dates**

May 9	Superintendent Visit, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
May 10	Bear Witness Day
May 11	PDPS Track and Field Meet (Gr. 4-8),
May 12	PDPS T&F Raindate, Anything But a Backpack Day
May 14	Mothers' Day
May 15	International Family Day, Baseball @ Hickson, School Council Meeting in-person
May 18	Kindergarten Orientation
May 19	PA Day
May 22	Victoria Day
May 23	Regional Track & Field Meet at CASS, Toonie Treat Day
May 25	Baseball @ PDPS vs. East Oxford
May 26	Primary Trip to Twin Valley Nature Park, PDPS Spiritwear/Red, White and Black Day
May 30	Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO, Toonie Treat Day, Baseball @ PDPS vs. Hickson
May 31	Superintendent Visit
June 1	Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO

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