

November 18, 2022

Scholastic Book Fair

Our hybrid Scholastic Book Fair will open on Monday, November 21 online at <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5170991> and will be open until Sunday, November 27. There will be opportunities for all students to visit in-person and make purchases this week with their class, as well as 'open' times on Thursday and Friday for students who have money to make purchases. The in-person Fair will be open to the public at the following times: Tuesday – Friday 8:30 – 9:20 am, Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. It will also be open on Thursday after school until 4:00 pm. Profits from the Fall Scholastic Book Fair will go towards the purchase of new books and resources for the PDPS Learning Commons. Happy Reading!

Photo Retakes

Retakes will be taken during the afternoon of Tuesday, November 22 (this could be either during block 2 or block 3, no specific time has been provided). This will allow time for orders to be delivered in time for the holidays in December. Please email your child's teacher if you wish for them to have a retake photo done.

Dielemans Fundraising Orders

If you arranged to have your Dielemans items from our School Council fundraiser shipped to the school, they have arrived! Please feel free to drop by the school office Monday between 8:45 am and 3:00 pm to pick up your orders. Many are too large to send home with the students. If you're unable to pick up on Monday, please phone the office at 519-684-7436 to arrange an alternate time. Thanks for all of your support!

PDPS Nutrition Program Fundraiser

Throughout the months of November and December, Produce Express will donate 10% of all sales using the Plattsville code, PLATT2022 at www.fresherproduce.ca, back to our school Nutrition Program. Thanks once again for your support!

Hot Lunch Program

Just a reminder to get orders in **BY NOON SUNDAY** for this upcoming week's hot lunches on Tuesday (Pizza) and Thursday (Subs). For the next week, we will be treating each day like a snow day cancellation. If lunches need to be cancelled, there is no action needed. Lunchbox Orders will credit accounts.

Nutrition Program

Southwestern Public Health, which takes care of ordering for our Nutrition Program, has made the decision to cancel all food deliveries for the coming week due to the uncertainty of the school climate. If we are in-person, please pack lunches accordingly.

Extra Clothing needed

We keep a variety of 'extra' clothes at the school for students who need a change and who have forgotten or need winter gear. We have a need for a few t-shirts and pants sized 4 to 8. If you are doing a purge at home and have any gender-neutral type items that may fit this criterion, we would be happy to receive them to have on hand if needed. Thanks in advance.

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos and let your child's teacher know if anything belongs to your home. The 'last chance' items have been in the Lost & Found for at least 2 months. Every month, we will share the 'last chance' items in hopes they will be 'found'. If not, they will be donated to charity. This week is the last for this set of Last Chance items. 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/

Guidelines for Student Dress

Thames Valley has made clear commitments to support equity and human rights in everything it does. The newly developed TVDSB Guidelines for Student Dress reflect a human rights and equity driven approach to ensuring dress code consistency across the district and ensuring that schools' student dress codes are free of bias, discrimination and the potential for inequitable treatment of students from diverse and marginalized backgrounds. The Guidelines consolidate student dress best practices from boards across Ontario. A review of other school boards' dress policies was conducted during the development of TVDSB's Guidelines, ensuring that expectations in Thames Valley are in alignment with the documents of other boards. A copy of the Guidelines, as well as a video by our TVDSB Student Trustees, are available at <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/students/guidelines-for-student-dress.aspx>. Our students in Grades 2/3 – 8 have participated in an in-class presentation on the new Guidelines.

EQAO Webinar for Parents and Guardians of Elementary School Students

Students in Grades 3 and 6 will write the EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) assessment in May 2023. They are providing information for parents and guardians on Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30 pm. This webinar is for all interested, not just those with students in Grades 3 and 6. Register for this free live webinar and learn about EQAO assessment results and Ontario's large-scale assessment program at the elementary school level. EQAO will review highlights from the 2021–2022 assessment results. The session will also highlight how the primary (Grade 3) and junior (Grade 6) EQAO assessments have been modernized. The session will be approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff.

Registration: www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507

November Food Drive

We're just a few items short of our 300-item goal for our November food drive. All donations will be distributed to a local charity at the beginning of December. We will plan our second food drive for the spring. Thanks for your generosity in supporting the local community!

TVDSB Resources for Students and Parents

Please see the attached brochure for an updated version of TVDSB Resources for Students and Parents.

Parent Volunteers and Police Checks

In just 24 hours, you can have your Police Check completed and be approved as a volunteer at PDPS! This is just a reminder to parents that if you wish to volunteer with students (e.g., driving to games/events, accompanying classes on trips, working with students in the school), you **MUST** have a valid Police Check on file and have signed an annual Offence Declaration for 2022-2023. The 'vulnerable sector check' is free, and can be completed online, but you will need to have a letter signed by Ms. Elcombe to go forward with the process. You can let your child's teacher know that you would like a copy of this letter, and one will be sent home.
<https://www.opp.ca/index.php?id=147&lng=en>

2SLGBTQIA+ Community Engagement Session

Thames Valley is pleased to announce the second in a series of Community Engagement Sessions designed to foster and enhance relationships with various groups and communities. The second Community Engagement Session will provide an opportunity for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to gather and share their feedback.

Details related to the session are as follows:

What: 2SLGBTQIA+ Community Engagement Session (see poster attached)

When: November 23, 2022; 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Where: H.B. Beal Secondary School (525 Dundas Street, London, ON)

Who: Any and all members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community connected to TVDSB are invited to attend.

How: Register at the following link: https://tvdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42tcRbNLvhhbaho

TVDSB Seasonal Art Contest

The SEASONAL ART CONTEST is back! Send us your artwork by Nov 25 for a chance to be featured on [#TVDSB](#)'s seasonal greeting cards. Check out www.tvdsb.ca/contest to see the rules and guidelines for this challenge!

Light Up Plattsville

Plattsville Lights Up for the Holidays is making its 2022 return! By December 9, families in this community are encouraged to decorate their homes for the holidays. During the week of Dec. 14 to 19, students will be voting for their favourite decorated home. You will help bring some Christmas cheer to our town and may also win a prize – that's a 'win-win'. Please see the attached flyer for further information. Thanks to our sponsors, Trails Edge Tavern and the Plattsville Lions Club.

Upcoming Dates

Month of November	PDPS Food Drive, Hindu Heritage Month
November 21 – 25	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week Scholastic Book Fair week
Tuesday, November 22	Picture Re-take Day Safe Schools Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 23	2SLGBTQIA+ Community Engagement Session
Friday, November 25	Waterloo-Oxford Music Concert Assembly Class Choirs sing National Anthem at Kitchener Rangers game
Monday, November 28	School Council meeting
Tuesday, November 29	EQAQO Webinar

Have a fantastic weekend, Panther families!

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