

November 4, 2022

Report Cards

Elementary Progress Reports and Kindergarten Communication of Learning: initial observations will be sent home with students on Friday, November 11. These show a student's development of learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as the student's general progress in working towards achievement of the curriculum expectations in each subject (Grades 1–8) and the Kindergarten Program's Four Frames.

Remembrance Day

Our students will be leading our Service of Remembrance on Friday, November 11 at 10:30 am. Members of the School Community are welcome to join us for this service. Doors will be open at 10:20 am. If you wish to lay a wreath, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Hot Lunch Program

Just a reminder that there will be no hot lunch on Tuesday, November 8. School Council and Lunchbox will make a decision as to Thursday's sub day on Monday, and this will be communicated to families. Please note that Lunchbox will be canceling orders and crediting accounts for any orders previously made for Tuesday. No action by families is required.

Spiritwear

PDPS Spiritwear from WSC is to be delivered to the school on Monday or Tuesday. Please let us know if you wish for us to 'hold on' to your order and arrange for it to be picked up at the school. All other orders will be sent home with the students when they arrive.

PDPS Nutrition Program Fundraiser

Throughout the months of November and December, Produce Express will donate 10% of all sales using the Plattsville code back to our school Nutrition Program. Please see the attached flyer for further details and our school code. Thanks for your support!

Strong Start

We are just about ready to begin our Strong Start tutoring program at PDPS. We could use a few more volunteers to be able to support a few more children! If you're interested, please see the information about the program attached or at www.strongstart.ca. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Werezak (r.werezak@tvdsb.ca) who is the program coordinator for our school.

Photo Retakes

We now have our retake date from Edgelmaging. 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.

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. Don't forget about School Council's ongoing fundraiser with Mabel's labels!

https://mabelslabls.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

November Food Drive

We're off to a great start with our November food drive. We are hoping to receive donations of at least 300 items by the end of this month, representing one non-perishable item for each student and staff member at PDPS. 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!

****Student Support Supervisors *Desperately* Needed at PDPS!** - still looking!!!!**

A very important role in our PDPS community is that of our Student Support Supervisors. At this time, we are STILL in need of regular support on **Mondays and/or Wednesdays and/or Thursdays from 10:35 – 11:35 am** to help with adequate supervision of students both inside and outside during our nutrition breaks. **THIS IS A PAID POSITION** that does require an application to be completed. If you are interested in one or more days or you know of a member of the larger community who may be interested, please contact Ms. Elcombe directly at t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca or 519-684-7436 ext. 4 to begin the process. Thank you for your consideration!

Pumpkin Carving Showcase

Thanks to Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Johnson's Grade 6/7 class for organizing and looking after this year's very successful Pumpkin carving showcase, and to Ms. Hutchinson for all of her work setting up and taking down all the tables! Please see the photo collage attached for this year's entries.

Pop Tabs

Don't forget to send in your pop tabs! We are working toward supporting a student from Ingersoll to receive a new accessible stroller.

PDPS School Council Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who ordered from the Dieleman's catalogue to support the School Council fundraiser. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward resources to provide tools and resources that support students' mental health and well-being needs and sponsoring the annual celebration and study of Canadian literature, the 'Forest of Reading' program. Everything should be shipped and received by purchasers by December 5.

Safe Schools Team

The Safe and Inclusive School Plan (SISP) is completed annually by every elementary and secondary school in the Thames Valley District School Board as a guide to creating and maintaining positive school climates. This important work is facilitated at the school-level by a school-based team. This team is composed of students, family members, teachers, support staff, community partners, and the principal. The Safe and Inclusive School Team meets several times throughout the school year. During this time, school teams will identify one local priority, and create a plan to support the identified goal. As the plan is implemented throughout the year, the Safe and Inclusive School team will continuously support these goals and monitor the results. If you are interested in becoming part of the PDPS Safe Schools Team, please contact Ms. Elcombe (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca or 519-684-7436). We will be setting a tentative meeting date of Tuesday, November 22 at 2:00 pm to review and reflect on our current plan, and use school data to create our 2023 SISP.

Parent Volunteers and Police Checks

In just 24 hours, you can have your Police Check completed and be approved as a volunteer at PDPS! As our extra-curricular activities have begun, and field trips have been booked, this is just a reminder to parents that if you wish to volunteer with students (e.g., driving to games/events, accompanying class on trip, 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. This initiative is in alignment with Goal 2 and 3 of the TVDSB Operational Plan.

Goal 2: Staff establish a culture of belonging, inclusion and respect that results in success for all students.

Goal 3: Engage and communicate with Thames Valley students, staff, families, and community.

These sessions will take place throughout the year in various locations and will provide an opportunity for groups and communities to share feedback on their experiences in Thames Valley Schools.

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

Upcoming Dates

Month of November	PDPS Food Drive
Sunday, November 6	Daylight Savings Time ends
November 7 – 11	Treaties Recognition Week
Monday, November 7	International Inuit Day
Tuesday, November 8	Indigenous Veterans' Day
Friday, November 11	Remembrance Day Service of Remembrance Reports home
Monday, November 14	Girls' & Boys' Volleyball Regional Tournament
Wednesday, November 16	Louis Riel Day
Friday, November 18	PA Day – Parent/Teacher Interviews
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

Have a fantastic weekend, Panther families!

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