

October 21, 2022

### **Don't Forget!!!**

Monday, October 24 is a Professional Activity Day for Staff – there is no school for students. It is also Municipal Election Day – get out and vote!

### **Lost & Found**

There are a few new items, and a few since the first weeks of school on our Lost and Found table. Please see the attached photos and let your child's teacher know if anything belongs to your home. Thanks!

### **PDPS School Council Fundraiser**

Ahead of the holiday season, Dieleman's fundraiser provides a number of shopping options. 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. **Deadline to order online is November 2.** The information is incorrect on the flyer in the package of catalogues sent home yesterday. Extra catalogues are available from the Office, but there are additional items not listed in the catalogues available through their online store as well. Items can be shipped directly to home or to the school. Everything should be shipped and received by purchasers by December 5.

Be sure to register online so that family and friends can shop under your unique account (organization ID#7167). <https://dfscanada.com/online-shopping/>

### **Pumpkin Carving Showcase & November Food Drive**

This year Plattsville School will be having a pumpkin carving showcase. We hope that many students will be involved in this exciting event! We will not be having categories and students over the course of the day will get to come and see these awesome creations. At the same time, we will begin our November Food Drive for a local food bank! If you wish to participate, please bring the pumpkin that you carved at home and/or food donations to the school between 8:00 and 8:50 on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Drop-off will occur at the Intermediate doors (on the 'park' side of the school). Students from the 6/7 class will be on hand to help organize the showcase and collect the items for donation to a local food bank. Everyone who enters a pumpkin into the showcase or brings in a food donation item on October 31 will have the opportunity to enter their name for one of 12 little prizes to be drawn at the end of the day.

We ask that all pumpkins be picked up by 3:40 pm on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> so that you have them at home for trick-or-treaters in your neighborhood. Any pumpkins not picked up at the end of the day will be thrown in the garbage. Thank you for your participation and have fun!!!

### **Hot Lunch Program**

School Council have arranged Tuesday and Thursday hot lunch options with **Lunchbox by SchoolCash Online**. During the first nutrition break, Tuesdays are pizza days from Andy's Legendary Pizza, and Thursdays are Subway Subs.

Just a reminder that orders need to go in on Sunday by 12:00 pm for the following week, and need to be canceled 2 days ahead of delivery, if known. Families can order for the full year. Please see previous updates for specific ordering instructions.

### **\*\*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, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:35 – 11:35** 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](mailto:t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) or 519-684-7436 ext. 4 to begin the process. Thank you for your consideration!

### **Parent Volunteers and Police Checks**

As our extra-curricular activities are starting up, and field trips being booked over the next month, 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 in order 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>

### **Photo Retakes**

We are still waiting to hear back from EdgelMaging with regard to a date for photo retakes. As soon as one is confirmed, we will get that information out to families.

## **Curling**

Want to try Curling? Attend the Open House THIS SUNDAY, Oct 23, 2022, from 1 – 3 PM. Curling season starts the week of Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. Juniors (ages 10 – 14) curl on Monday evenings. Register for the season at [www.plattsvillecurling.ca](http://www.plattsvillecurling.ca).

## **The Christmas Place**

Please see the attached information for The Christmas Place 2022. This is an opportunity to help meet the needs of families in Oxford County by donating or to access this service for your family.

## **Upcoming Dates**

Month of October	Islamic History Month Women's History Month Cyber Safety Month
Monday, October 24	PA Day
October 24 – 28	Municipal Election
Monday, October 31	Media Literacy Week Halloween/Orange & Black Day Pumpkin Carving Showcase Kick-off to November Food Drive

Have a fantastic weekend, Panther families!

Contact Us at [plattsville@tvdsb.ca](mailto:plattsville@tvdsb.ca) or 519-684-7436.