

October 28, 2022

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos and let your child's teacher know if anything belongs to your home. Thanks!

PDPS School Council Fundraiser

Just a few more days to order items from our Dieleman's fundraiser ahead of the holiday season. 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 this coming Wednesday, November 2.** 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. 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 31st**. Drop-off will occur at the **Intermediate doors** (on the 'park' side of the school). At the same time, we will begin our November Food Drive for a local food bank! 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 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 have to be thrown in the garbage. Thank you for your participation and have fun!!!

Rangers Choir

Our Grades 4 – 8 class choir has been invited to sing the National Anthem at the Kitchener Rangers game on Friday, November 25. Families have been notified through SchoolCash online about ordering additional tickets for the game. The window to order tickets closes on Friday, November 4.

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 meeting later this month to review and reflect on our current plan, and use school data to create our 2023 SISP.

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 Four Frames.

Remembrance Day

Our students will be leading our Service of Remembrance on Friday, November 11 at 10:40 am. Members of the School Community are welcome to join us for this service. Doors will be open at 10:30 am.

Photo Retakes

We are still waiting to hear back from EdgelMaging regarding a specific date for photo retakes. As soon as one is confirmed, we will get that information out to families. It would not be until the end of November/early December at the earliest.

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.

Parent Volunteers and Police Checks

As our extra-curricular activities are starting up, and field trips being 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. **UPDATE: We have had a parent let us know that from the time of the online application to receive their completed Vulnerable Sector Check was less than 24 hours!** <https://www.opp.ca/index.php?id=147&lng=en>

****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 or 519-684-7436 ext. 4 to begin the process. Thank you for your consideration!

Pearson School of the Arts

Please see the attached information regarding the enriched ARTS program at Lester B. Pearson PS in London.

From Southwestern Public Health

Cold and flu season is upon us! While COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities, this time of year is a good reminder that hand washing, utilizing cough and sneeze etiquette, masking, and vaccinations are all important tools in our toolbox to stay well against a variety of illnesses. The School and child care screening tool (<https://www.ontario.ca/school-screening/>) can still be utilized daily to gauge the appropriateness of a child or adult being at school.

New resources to support hand hygiene curriculum for students is available on our website

here: <https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/partners-and-professionals/curriculum-support.aspx#Hand-Hygiene> , with additional information about infection prevention here <https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/my-health/preventing-infection.aspx>. Current trends, resources and other information pertaining to COVID-19 can be found here <https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/my-health/covid-19-novel-coronavirus.aspx>.

Please remember: If you are sick with respiratory symptoms, or similar such as runny nose, congestion or sore throat, including with a diagnosis of COVID-19, stay home until you are without a fever and symptoms have been improving for 24 hours, and 48 hours if symptoms including nausea, vomiting and diarrhea are present. If you have COVID-19, you are required to wear your mask for 10 days from symptom onset. Remember that this information is subject to change. The best way to understand if you are eligible to enter or return to school is to complete the school and childcare screening tool online. This can be done daily as it has been in the past for all members of the school community.

Level Up! Skilled Trades Career Fair

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development (MLITSD) announced plans for Level Up! Skilled Trades Career Fairs to be held across the province. There is an open evening invitation for interested students and parents/guardians to attend the career fair being held in London on Tuesday, November 9 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Western Fair Agriplex (316 Rectory Street). The target audience is students in grade 7-12. Parents and guardians are invited to see the exhibits and learn more about the skilled trades as a career path. There will be 30+ booths set up by industry partners as well as an information table for the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Plattsville Pumpkin Parade

The Plattsville Lions Club will host a pumpkin carving contest, food drive and donation event on Tuesday, November 1, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Plattsville Park and Pavillion. Please see the attached flyers for further information.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, October 31	Halloween/Orange & Black Day Pumpkin Carving Showcase Kick-off to November Food Drive
Month of November	PDPS Food Drive
Tuesday, November 1	Plattsville Pumpkin Parade Event
Wednesday, November 2	Grade 9 'Take your Child to Work' day
Sunday, November 6	Daylight Savings Time ends
Friday, November 11	Service of Remembrance Reports home
Monday, November 14	Girls' & Boys' Volleyball Regional Tournament
Friday, November 18	PA Day – Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 21 – 25	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week Scholastic Book Fair
Friday, November 25	Waterloo-Oxford Music Concert Assembly Class Choir sings 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.