

PDPS Update Sept. 9, 2022

What a fantastic 'return to school' we've had here at PDPS! Thanks to all the staff, students and families for your support, flexibility and cooperation as we welcome our students back and our new students and families to Plattsville & District PS. We have an amazing school Community and want everyone to be 'connected' to what's happening at the school throughout this school year! We strive for our students to be successful, productive and compassionate citizens, and trust that the behaviour of all members of our school community will be guided by these principles.

Communication Between School and Home

Messages from the school will be sent using SchoolMessenger. They will also be posted to our school website (plattsville.tvdsb.ca) and to our private Facebook page (search Plattsville & District Public School PDPS to join) as appropriate. Your child's educators will let you know the best way to contact them, and there is a contact list with emails found on the school website (Contact Us link near the top of the home page). To contact the office, please use the plattsville@tvdsb.ca email.

School Hours

School Office Hours are 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Office staff can be reached at the email address above, or at 519-684-7436.

8:50 am	Supervision of students, arrival of buses	12:25 pm	Period 6
9:00 am	Period 1	1:05 pm	Nutrition Break (K-Gr.3), Recess (Gr.4-8)
9:20 am	Period 2	1:30 pm	Nutrition Break (Gr.4-8), Recess (K-Gr.3)
10:00 am	Period 3	1:50 pm	Period 7
10:40 am	Nutrition Break (K-Gr.3), Recess (Gr.4-8)	2:30 pm	Period 8
11:00 am	Nutrition Break (Gr.4-8), Recess (K-Gr.3)	3:10 pm	Period 9
11:25 am	Period 4	3:20 pm	Bus Student Dismissal
11:45 am	Period 5	3:30 pm	Dismissal

Student Information Verification

A reminder to make sure to verify the student information forms and privacy form in the Parent Portal as soon as possible. If you have any changes (e.g., emergency contact, cell #, etc.), please print a copy of the form, write out the changes and return the form to Ms. Knight, or email them to plattsville@tvdsb.ca. If you have any questions or issues with the portal, please contact plattsville@tvdsb.ca as well. You will not be able to make changes to the student information in the portal – they must be received by the school in writing. Please note that there are some other important documents to be completed, but will not be accessible until the student information has been verified online.

Individual Plan of Care (IPOC)

If your child has any health conditions requiring an Individual Plan of Care (asthma, anaphylactic allergy, diabetes, epilepsy, or other potentially life-threatening health condition, please complete the IPOC notification to the school in the Parent Portal. **The IPOC must be updated each year, or whenever changes to the plan are made.** Once you have indicated your child's need for an IPOC, you should immediately receive back an email stating the school has been notified that a condition exists. You will then need to go into the IPOC section again to complete and submit the forms. If **prescription** medication is to be administered DAILY by staff at the school, you will need to complete the "Authorization for Daily Administration of Prescription Medication" form; if **prescription** medication is to be administered AS NEEDED by staff at the school, you will need to complete the "Authorization for Administration of PRN Prescription Medication" form. These two forms will need to be signed by a medical professional. If your child is able to take their medication on their own without staff support (e.g., asthma inhaler), you will need to complete the appropriate section of the "Authorization for Administration of PRN Prescription Medication" form. Please note that staff will not be able to administer non-prescription medications to students. Please provide paper copies of these forms to the school as soon as possible. If you have any questions concerning IPOCs, please contact Ms. Elcombe directly at t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca or 519-684-7436 ext. 4.

Spiritwear

Arrangements have been made with WSC for direct purchases of Plattsville & District PS Spiritwear. Please use the following link to access the online store. Ordering is available now until September 22. <https://plattsvilleps.schoolmerchcanada.com/>

Nutrition Program and Hot Lunches

Our Nutrition Program will begin on September 19. Students will be provided with the opportunity to choose a healthy snack, provided free of charge to all students at least 3 days a week. Our School Council will be organizing Hot Lunches again this year. More information will be provided shortly.

School Council

Learning thrives in a collaborative, team-oriented culture, where students, staff and parents feel safe to take risks and problem solve together. We benefit greatly from the tremendous support provided by Plattsville's school community, and eagerly anticipate the on-going involvement of our parents and other community members as the year proceeds. Please consider contributing to our school community by joining our School Council, which meets monthly throughout the year. Our first meeting will be **Monday, September 26 at 6:30 pm virtually**. We encourage all families to participate as Executive or Members. Sub-committees of the Plattsville School Council include Fundraising, Safe Schools, and the Welcome Committee, to name a few. Parents and community members interested in elected executive positions should review the Roles and Responsibilities and complete the appropriate Nomination form attached. Nominations should be sent to Ms. Elcombe by email (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) no later than Friday, September 23. [Meeting Link for September 26 Election Bylaws](#), [Roles & Responsibilities](#), [Nomination Forms](#) can also be found in the 'Parents' section under the School Council tab and the 'Files' section on our Facebook page.

New Outdoor Learning Equipment

From the proceeds of School Council fundraising last year, we have been able to purchase many pieces of outdoor learning equipment for students to use during outdoor learning and recess times. Items include a variety of balls (e.g., utility, soccer, basketball), shovels and bug boxes for our younger students, flag football belts and a disk golf set for our older students. The kids have been enjoying these new items this week! Thanks to School Council for organizing the fundraisers and to families for their generosity in participating in those opportunities to support our students' learning and well-being.

Lost & Found

We have done a good job at taking care of our clothing this first week. There are several items left over from last year. If you recognize anything belonging to your household, please contact your child's teacher to let them know and we'll get the item(s) back to their homes! [Lost & Found Photos June 30, 2022](#) have been posted separately in the 'School' section of the PDPS website under the PDPS Weekly Update tab and on our Facebook page.

BYOD Protocol & Student Code of Conduct Form

In addition to the [TVDSB Bring Your Own Device \(BYOD\) Protocol](#) attached, families are asked to complete the Technology Agreement in the Parent Portal for each child, and students in Grades 4 – 8 will also be asked to sign a [Technology Code of Conduct Form](#) for use of school technology.



Mark Fisher, Director of Education and Secretary

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Protocol

Staff and students may bring their own computing devices to schools to limit the use of shared devices at the schools and school related events. Students and staff should not share their personal devices with others. Mobile technology devices include, but are not limited to, laptops, netbooks, Chromebooks, tablets, iPads, and smartphones.

1. Before bringing a personally owned mobile technology device to school, students and staff should record its make, model, and serial number. This information should be maintained by the family at home. Students and staff should clearly label the device and its peripherals, such as cables or headphones, with the first and last name.
2. TVDSB will not be responsible for lost, damaged, stolen items or incidents of cyber security breaches.
3. Students are responsible at all times for complying with their school's "Code of Conduct", "Computer Safe & Acceptable Use Code of Conduct", copyright legislation and the conditions outlined in this document. It is the expectation that personal owned mobile devices will be only used for educational purposes.
4. Any mobile technology device that is brought to school should have a fully charged battery at the beginning of the day. TVDSB schools do not have sufficient charging points for all students and staff.
5. Students and staff will use TVDSB's wireless network connection when at school. Please refer to Appendix A – Connecting to TVDSB's Wireless Network. TVDSB is not responsible for charges that may occur from accessing other connections.
6. Privacy and safety are paramount for students and staff. Students must obtain permission from a teacher or administrator before recording, taking pictures, or publishing images, information, or works of individuals or groups (school code of conduct). Recordings and pictures may be taken for teacher-approved projects only, and permission must be obtained.
7. It is not the responsibility of TVDSB to troubleshoot individual personal, non-board devices.

Release Date: September 8, 2020

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PDPS Student Technology Code of Conduct

As a member of the Plattsville and District Public School community and a user of school technology,

- I will always conduct myself in a responsible, legal, ethical and polite manner;
- I will not damage school property.
- I will treat devices with care and respect.
- I will be considerate of others.
- I will limit my time on the device so that others may have a turn. If someone needs the device I am using for school work, I will graciously let them use it;
- I will access Internet sites for educational purposes only. I understand that there is a firewall in place and I will not attempt to tamper with it. I will report any messages that are racist, pornographic, dangerous, or obscene to a teacher immediately. I will remember that the websites that I am accessing can and will be monitored;
- I will not add apps, extensions or tamper with the settings on school owned technology;
- When using images or quoting information from the Internet, I will always identify my source. I will strive to use copyright free images in my published works. I understand that to use someone else's writing without identifying the source will result in consequences as well as a penalty in the assessment;
- I will only use my cell phone, iPod, headset, or electronic game at school when authorized by a teacher to do so. I will not hold the school responsible for any lost or damaged personal items;
- I will not use my personal technology at school, unless asked by the teacher for educational purposes.
- I will not use any technology or device during breaks unless directly supervised by a teacher with their permission.

Failure to follow the above guidelines will result in losing access privileges and/or disciplinary action.

I have read and understood the above terms and conditions set out by the school and the Board. I agree to follow these guidelines at all times.

Student name _____ Date _____

Student signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Phone: 519-684-7436
Email address: platts@tvdsb.ca
Website: <http://plattsville.tvdsb.ca>



Mental Health and Well-Being

Thames Valley District School Board is committed to the mental health and well-being of all students and staff, recognizing the importance of strengthening the sense of community within every school by establishing the [Essential Conditions for Learning](#). Throughout the school year, we will be working on prioritizing the strengthening of relationships so that students feel safe, connected, and regulated in order to be ready to learn. More information can be found on our TVDSB website. <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/safe-schools-families-and-caregivers.aspx>



Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

School Council is once again running an ongoing fundraiser throughout the year. With the new year upon us, now is a great time to LABEL, LABEL, LABEL everything! This really does help the school to get everyone's belongings home, and not on the Lost & Found table. School Council receives a small percentage of all sales when our school is selected before checkout. https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/

School Accident Insurance

If you are interested in student accident insurance, for the 2022-23 school year TVDSB is pleased to offer families the option of two student accident insurance providers to choose from to purchase insurance for your children. <https://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/> <https://insuremykids.com>

Public Health

Throughout the school year, our Public Health will be supporting students by completing dental screenings (JK,SK,Gr2), vision screenings and immunizations for our Grade 7 students. Please see the attached flyer for [Plattsville's dates for 2022-2023](#). More information regarding each clinic will be provided closer to the date.

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC HEALTH

Healthy Schools Information 2022-2023

Plattsville & District Public School

Important Dates

Your School Nurse	Universal Team, 1-800-922-0096 ext.1308
Dental Screening	December 5 & 6, 2022 1-800-922-0096 ext. 3412
Vision Screening	May 19, 2023 1-800-922-0096 ext. 1206
Vaccine Clinic #1	October 13, 2022
Vaccine Clinic #2	April 14, 2023 1-800-922-0096 ext. 3532



International Language Elementary

The International Languages Elementary Program will return to in-person learning for the 2022-23 school year. Please see the attached flyer and weblink for information regarding the instruction of international languages for students. <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/programs/international-languages.aspx>

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, September 16	Freezie Friday – \$2 each, 1 st break, proceeds towards Terry Fox Run fundraiser
Monday, September 19	Nutrition Program begins
September 24 – 25	Drumbo Fair
Monday, September 26	School Council Meeting and Elections, Rosh Hashanah
September 26 – 30	Truth & Reconciliation Week
Wednesday, September 28	Rowan's Law Day (Concussion Awareness)
Thursday, September 29	Terry Fox Fun
Friday, September 30	Orange Shirt Day
Wednesday, October 5	Individual School Photo Day, Yom Kippur
Friday, October 7	Terry Fox Run (raindate)
Monday, October 10	Thanksgiving Monday
Thursday, October 13	Grade 7 Immunizations
Monday, October 31	Halloween

Drumbo Fair

The coordinators from the Drumbo Fall Fair (September 24-25) have dropped off School Fair flyers and entry tickets to the school. If your child is interested in entering items by September 18, please let their classroom teacher know, and can pick some up from our office. For more details, please visit www.drumbofair.com . There will be some artwork from our PDPS students on display at this year's fair as well...we hope you'll check it out!

Have a wonderful weekend, Panther families!

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