

Student Information Verification

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Student Verification forms for each of their children. Please make sure to verify the student information forms and privacy form in the Parent Portal as soon as possible. **If you have indicated changes to student information is needed (e.g., change of cell phone number, alternative emergency contact, etc.), this must be sent to the school 'in writing' either through email plattsville@tvdsb.ca or on paper for each child.** Changes cannot be made through the Parent Portal. If you have any questions or issues with the portal, please contact plattsville@tvdsb.ca as well.

Individual Plan of Care (IPOC)

Just a reminder that 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 and medication forms 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 only until Thursday, September 22.**
<https://plattsvilleps.schoolmerchcanada.com/>

PDPS School Council Elections– September 26

A reminder to all families and community members that we will be holding our first virtual School Council Meeting for the election of our Executive on **Monday, September 26 at 6:30 pm.** *We would strongly encourage all families to attend the meeting. The link is below. You do not need to download Teams to participate as there is a web-based version that can be accessed.* Please consider contributing to our school community by joining our School Council, which meets monthly throughout the year. 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. **Attending the meeting does not commit you to an executive or sub-committee position – these are volunteer only!**

Nomination forms will be accepted up to 12:00 pm on Monday, September 26.

[Election Procedure Bylaws](#) [School Council Roles & Responsibilities](#) [Nomination Forms](#)

Microsoft Teams [link](#) to meeting

Meet the Community Night

Save the date! We will be having our 'Meet the Community Night' on Thursday, September 29. Further details will be sent early next week in a separate email from SchoolMessenger. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Rowan's Law Day

Every year, the last Wednesday in September is Rowan's Law Day – a day to increase awareness for students, staff, and parents/guardians about concussions and to share the story of Rowan Stringer, a 17 year-old rugby player who died after being hit in the head twice in less than a week while playing high school rugby. It was the belief that she could shake it off and get back in the game that ultimately ended Rowan Stringer's life. Concussions in sport are a recognized health concern – but brain injuries are not limited to people who play sports. Everyone is at risk. All TVDSB students and staff are encouraged to **wear purple** in recognition of Rowan's Law on **Wednesday September 28, 2022**.

Terry Fox Run 2022

PDPS staff and students will be participating in our school run on Thursday, September 29 during the last block of the day (raindate Friday, October 7). The Terry Fox Foundation has created an online fundraising page for our school as well as provide student/classroom "Terry" activities. Help us beat our achieved goal of raising \$1500 last year! You can **donate online at:** <https://schools.terryfox.ca/9249> . Thank you in advance!

Orange Shirt Day/Truth and Reconciliation Week

Our school will be participating in various activities to recognize Truth and Reconciliation Week from Sept. 26 to 30. We would ask everyone to **wear orange on Friday, September 30**, which will be recognized as 'Orange Shirt Day' across Canada to recognize and honour Residential School Survivors and remember those who didn't make it home.

Nutrition Program

Our Nutrition Program is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 19. Students will be provided with a free nutritious snack provided by the Ontario School Nutrition Program. The goal of the program is to support learning and healthy development. Nutritious food helps kids learn and focus. Research has shown that students have trouble learning when they are hungry at school. Thanks to our volunteers who look after preparing the snacks for our students each week.

Student Monitors

We would like to give a 'shout out' to those students in Grades 5 through 8 who have volunteered to help out around our school as bus monitors, lunch monitors, office monitors and morning announcers. Thank you for your commitment and leadership at PDPS!

Mandatory Healthy & Safety Drills

Every Fall and Spring, all schools are required to run 3 fire drills, a high winds/severe weather drill and a code red/lockdown drill. This past week, the latter drills were practiced and successfully completed by students and staff. They are prepared and know what to do in case of these types of emergencies. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be conducting our 3 mandatory fire drills.

Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan

Each year our Safe Schools team, comprised of community members, parents, staff and students, works together to determine our [Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan](#) (SISP). Due to the disruption of the past two school years, our SISP will continue with a focus on 'Empathy' which was developed at the end of 2020-2021 and we will revisit our strategies before the end of this year. Empathy can be defined as the capacity to put oneself in another's shoes, to see their worldview through a lens that is not necessarily our own. As a school, we are committed to strengthening relationships with one another (students, staff, families) throughout this year, as one of our strategies for building empathy.

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 entering items, set up will be on Friday, September 23. Entry tags are available at the school 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!

Police/Vulnerable Sector Checks & Offence Declarations for School Volunteers

Vulnerable sector checks can now be completed online. See <https://opp.ca/recordchecks> for more information and links to the vulnerable sector forms (LE220). In order to accompany students on end of year trips, to volunteer at the school, or act as a driver to team events, you must have a copy of a Police Record Check (Vulnerable Screening) on file at the school and have completed an Offence Declaration for 2022-2023. You will still need to have a letter from Ms. Elcombe (contact the school and this can be sent home – one per volunteer) as well as 2 pieces of identification (e.g., Drivers' License, Birth Certificate, Valid Passport, etc.) to include with the online application. Please note that we must have an original copy of a Police Check specific to the school. New Offence Declarations will be sent home for community members who have a valid Police Check on File. Please make sure these are signed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, September 19	National Day of Mourning – Moment of Silence at 1:00 pm Nutrition Program begins
Thursday, September 22	Last day to order Spiritwear Fall begins
Friday, September 23	Franco-Ontarian Day – wear green & white Drumbo Fair Set-up
September 24, 25	Drumbo Fair
Monday, September 26	Truth and Reconciliation Week begins School Council Elections Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 28	Rowan's Law Day – wear purple
Thursday, September 29	Terry Fox Run Meet the Community Night
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
Wednesday, October 19	IEPs home
Monday, October 24	PA Day
Monday, October 31	Halloween

Have a wonderful weekend, Panther families!

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