

PDPS School Council – Initial Meeting

Congratulations to your new Executive for School Council 2022-2023! **Co-Chairs:** Henrik Ruhwedel, Samantha Burns; **Co-Secretaries:** Val Stuart, Tina Young; **Treasurer:** Stacey Jorgensen; **Members at Large:** Dawn Richmond, Heather Graham, Brigitte Balzer, Kim Maendel. Thank you for volunteering your time for this important role in the PDPS Community!

The initial meeting of our 2022-2023 School Council will be **Monday, October 3, 2022 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm**. The meeting will take place in the Library Learning Commons. For those families unable to attend in person, you can also participate virtually through the link attached. School Councils are important advisory bodies to the schools and school board. The purpose of a school council is, through the active participation of parents, **to improve student achievement and increase accountability of the education system to parents**. PDPS is extending an invitation to all families and community members to attend our first virtual School Council Meeting for 2022-2023. Please see the agenda attached and TEAMS link below.

[TEAMS Link for School Council Meeting](#) [October 3 Agenda](#)

Hot Lunch Program

School Council are happy to share that **Lunchbox by SchoolCash Online** will be offered at PDPS for the 2022/2023 school year! Lunchbox is a convenient, online ordering platform featuring local vendors. An ordering calendar has been coordinated for the school community and can be found on your **SchoolCash Online** items page.

The ordering calendar is **NOW** open and features the following options and instructions are below:

Tuesdays – Pizza from Andy’s Legendary Pizza

Thursdays – Subs from Subway

	Deadline to place your order:	Deadline to cancel your order:
	Sunday at 12pm for the upcoming delivery week.	2 days prior to the scheduled delivery.

1. Go to your SchoolCash Online account items page and click “ORDER NOW”.
2. Confirm your child’s account information including their new teacher and grade for the current school year. ****Please ensure the correct teacher and grade are selected to prevent errors on delivery days.**
3. Proceed with ordering your child’s lunch on the school’s ordering calendar by clicking on the blue date for the scheduled vendors.
4. All orders are submitted on the website and payment is processed on-line by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Debit MasterCard or Visa Debit. Visa and MasterCard prepaid cards are also accepted.

Important Dates:

- Lunch delivery is scheduled to begin **Tuesday, October 4, 2022**.
- Orders may be placed weekly or in advance, for the full length of the program.
- **Sunday, October 2, 2022 at NOON (12pm)** is the ordering deadline for the first scheduled LUNCH delivery.

Things to Remember:

- The ordering deadline is Sunday at 12pm (NOON) for the upcoming delivery period.
- New orders will not be accepted after the Sunday deadline.
- *If buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, lunches will be **delivered as scheduled**.*
- *If there is a school closure, lunches will be cancelled and a credit will be issued within 3 business days.*

We encourage families to register and place orders for this week but **please note** that we are currently working with Lunchbox to verify the pizza details (size and cost) as the price has increased with the new vendor. We will update information as soon as it is known. Families may wish to only purchase subs this first week until we have more information. Ordering is open now and will remain open until Sunday at noon for the delivery week of Oct 3-7.

Terry Fox Run at PDPS

PDPS staff and students participated in our school run on **Thursday, September 29**. At the time of this update, our school has collected \$1 965.00 donate to The Terry Fox Foundation, well surpassing our goal of \$1500! Thank you so much to our school community for your generosity. It’s not too late to donate, as the online fundraising page for our school continues to remain open for donations <https://schools.terryfox.ca/9249> . Thank you once again for supporting this important annual fundraiser!

****Student Support Supervisors Desperately Needed at PDPS!****

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, 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!

Meet the Community Night

We were excited to see so many students and their families at last night's 'Meet the Community Night'! Thanks to all of the families who participated in the Terry Fox-themed scavenger hunt! The winners of the books are the Bastias family and the Werth family. Congratulations! Thanks to Mrs. Howes-Jones and her Grade 7/8 students for creating both the scavenger hunt and the activities for our Terry Fox Run! What a great day of demonstrating Panther Pride!

Pop Tabs for Dylan

PDPS will be collecting pop tabs to help a 5 year-old Ingersoll student with Cerebral Palsy to get a new stroller. Collected tabs can be brought to the office. We've already 'outgrown' our original donation bin and will be able to start sending tabs to support Dylan right away! Thanks for helping!

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>

Individual School Photos

Edgelmaging will be coming out to PDPS on Wednesday, October 5 to do individual school photos. A digital reminder notice will be emailed to every home. No advance purchase necessary. Orders are placed after photo day. All you need to do is bring your smile and dress appropriately! We will make sure that any students leaving early that day for the Cross Country Meet have their photos taken first thing in the morning. Individual Grade 8 graduation photos will be taken in April, 2023.

Lost & Found

We're doing fairly well so far with keeping track of our personal items, but do have some to share again this week. If you recognize any items in the photos, please let us know so we can return them to your child.

Plattsville Fire Department

A [flyer](#) was handed out to each student today to invite families to participate in the Plattsville Fire Department's Fire Safety Day on Saturday, October 8 from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. Plan to attend!

Upcoming Dates

Month of October	Islamic History Month Women's History Month
Monday, October 3	School Council Meeting (hybrid)
Wednesday, October 5	Individual School Photo Day Regional Cross Country Meet at Pittock Yom Kippur
Friday, October 7	Grade 4/5 class to Vansittart Woods
Saturday, October 8	Plattsville Fire Station – Fire Safety Open House
Monday, October 10	Thanksgiving Monday World Mental Health Day
Tuesday, October 11	Day of the Girl
Thursday, October 13	Grade 7 Immunizations (likely during middle block 11:25-1:05)
Friday, October 14	Grade 1 class to Vansittart Woods
Monday, October 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
Wednesday, October 19	IEPs home

Thursday, October 20

The Big Crunch

Monday, October 24

PA Day

Municipal Election

October 24 – 28

Media Literacy Week

Monday, October 31

Halloween

Have a wonderful weekend, Panther families!

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