

### School Council Fundraiser

The PDPS School Council fundraiser with The Butcher Barn is extended until **11:59 pm on Monday, April 15**. Profits from products sold will go toward the purchase of materials and items for student well-being/special education for the school (e.g., noise-cancelling headphones, flexible seating, sensory and visual supports, etc.), with any remaining funds going towards special art resources for classrooms (e.g., plasticine, charcoal, special paints or papers, etc.). Please send a **master copy of your orders (paper form with your selections checked off) also be sent to the school with your family's name (no money please) by Tuesday, April 16 before noon** so we can track and double-check orders on delivery day on May 13 from 3:30-4:30 pm. If you have any questions about the SchoolCash Online process, please contact the school ([plattsville@tvdsb.ca](mailto:plattsville@tvdsb.ca)). Questions directly related to the orders should be sent to Dawn at [boomer\\_dawn@hotmail.com](mailto:boomer_dawn@hotmail.com). Thanks in advance for your support. **Master**

### Everyone Belongs Survey

All school boards in Ontario are required by the Ministry of Education to offer a voluntary and confidential survey which collects information about student and staff identities (for example, ethnicities, racial identities, Indigenous identities, languages, religions, genders, sexual orientations for students grades 7-12 and staff, and disabilities). The TVDSB's **Everyone Belongs Survey** will be used to gather important information about students and staff to help Thames Valley make the best decisions to support them. Parents and caregivers of students in kindergarten to grade 6 will be invited to complete the survey on behalf of their children. Students in grades 7-12 will be given time during the school day to complete the survey themselves. For more information, please visit: [www.tvdsb.ca/everyonebelongs](http://www.tvdsb.ca/everyonebelongs). **Information Letter**

### Education & Mental Health Week

On Wednesday, May 8, students will have the opportunity to participate in UPower® presentations during the day with performer and motivational speaker, Sara Westbrook ([www.sarawestbrook.com](http://www.sarawestbrook.com)). That evening, our classrooms will be open from 4 – 6 pm for our Open House, followed by a parent presentation by Sara on “Nurturing Your Child’s Emotional Wellbeing” from 6:15 – 7:30 pm. Childcare will be provided during the parent presentation. More information to follow. **Poster**

### Milk & Popcorn Sale

While milk and popcorn sales will continue for the remainder of the school year, we will no longer be selling pages of tickets. Those with remaining tickets can of course continue to use them. Milk is sold daily for \$1 and popcorn is sold on Wednesdays for \$2. Thanks for your continued support of this school-based fundraiser.

### Family Well-Being Community Workshop Series

Please visit <https://bit.ly/FWBCWS> to learn more about the following spring webinars:

- April 11, 2024 - Families are Talking: Relationships for Elementary School Children
- April 23, 2024 - Understanding Eating Disorders: Spotting Warning Signs and Creating Supportive Environments.
- April 25, 2024 - Parenting in a Digital Age
- As recognition of Mental Health Week:
  - May 7, 2024 - You're Not Alone: How to build your support network when supporting children & youth with mental health concerns
  - May 8, 2024 - Understanding Youth Substance Use and Prevention Efforts for Caregivers
  - May 9, 2024 - Understanding Mental Health and Mental Illness and Their Impact on Families

Additionally, we are continuing to work on uploading recordings of past presentations and have recently added:

- Combatting Cyberbullying: Internet Safety for Caregivers
- Understanding Bullying Prevention in Thames Valley District School Board

All current video recordings can be found at <https://bit.ly/fwbcwsPastEvents> or on our YouTube

playlist [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLL9jSeholp9uffkMW\\_DfuUoFM1F-l1Wpr&si=pGZX7c1c6\\_MUmZ1k](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLL9jSeholp9uffkMW_DfuUoFM1F-l1Wpr&si=pGZX7c1c6_MUmZ1k).

The posters for these webinars are attached. As always, we greatly appreciate your support in sharing these webinars with other community members. **5 flyers**

### Lost & Found

Please see this week's lost and found items and let us know if anything belongs to your household. If you are missing a particular item, please let your child's teacher know and we can keep an eye out for it. **Photos**

### TVDSB Run for the FUNd

We hope PDPS Staff, students and families will join us for the Run for the FUNd, **Saturday June 1, 2024, at College Ave Secondary School in Woodstock**. Register, create a team, fundraise and run, walk, stroll, bike, skateboard, or rollerblade in support of Thames Valley Education Foundation. This year's event's proceeds will support the Caring Fund. The Caring Fund supports students' basic personal needs, contributes to helping students attend or stay engaged with school, and supports students who want to participate in a school activity where lack of funds prevents them from doing so. Lend your support by signing up! <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/87404/run-for-the-fund-2024>

### Sikh Community Engagement Session

The Sikh Community Engagement event is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at College Ave. Secondary School**. Please share this information with your school families with Sikh connections to help get the word out to our Sikh communities! Participants do not need to have students in the Thames Valley District School Board system. **Poster**

### **Western Engineering Outreach**

Spring Club registration for Grades 3-8 is now open. We are welcoming Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8 students on three consecutive Saturdays in Spring 2024 – May 25, June 1, and June 8. Register at the [Western Outreach Portal](#). If you have any questions, email us at [discover@uwo.ca](mailto:discover@uwo.ca).

<b>Grades 3-5 10am to 12pm</b>	<b>Grades 6-8 1pm to 3pm</b>
Week 1 (May 25): Magnetic Boats	Week 1 (May 25): Periscope Design
Week 2 (June 1): Makey Makey a Rock Band	Week 2 (June 1): Makey Makey Skee Ball
Week 3 (June 8): Bouncing Bubbles	Week 3 (June 8): DNA Extraction

### **Plattsville Poppy Project**

Please see the video instructions for making the crocheted poppies for the Remembrance Day 2024 ceremony.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=ML2vaRpunjc>

### **From the Plattsville Library**

Help shape the future of our rural libraries! We're asking our rural library users to complete the 2024 Rural Community Engagement Survey, open now until May 1. Your answers will help us understand how well the library is doing and what we can do to make it even better for you.

By taking part, you'll have a chance to win one of five \$40 gift cards to a local shop or restaurant of your choice!

Take the survey at [www.speakup.oxfordcounty.ca/rural-branches](http://www.speakup.oxfordcounty.ca/rural-branches) [poster](#)

### **Thoughts of the Day**

When you focus on the good, the good gets better.

Strength doesn't come from what you CAN do, it comes from OVERCOMING the things you once thought you COULDN'T!

Big journeys begin with little steps.

Why did the golfer bring an extra pair of socks? In case he got a hole in one!

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Apr. 17	Superintendent Visit to PDPS, SSikh Community Engagement Session (CASS)
Apr. 19	Day 10 (regular school day)
Apr. 22	Earth Day
Apr. 23	Passover
Apr. 26	Director of Education visit to PDPS
Week of May 6	Education Week, Open House / Presentations Wednesday, Gr. 4-8 Track & Field Day Thursday, Primary Field Day Friday

\*Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO Dates – Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29\*\*

Have a great weekend, Panther families! Contact Us at [plattsville@tvdsb.ca](mailto:plattsville@tvdsb.ca) or 519-684-7436.