

Director of Education Visit

On the afternoon of Friday, April 26, our Director of Education, Mark Fisher, will be visiting our school. To show off our school community, we're asking everyone to wear their 'Plattsville Spiritwear' that day. A reminder that the Communications Team from TVDSB will be accompanying the Director, and will be taking photos and videos to be shared on Social Media. If you do NOT want your child's image to be used, please email Ms. Elcombe directly at t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca so we can make sure those photos/videos are not posted on the Internet.

Jump Rope for Heart

We have begun our Jump Rope for Heart campaign at school! Our goal is to raise awareness about the importance of a healthy lifestyle while also raising funds (\$2000) for the Heart and Stroke Foundation so they may continue their research with heart disease. Plattsville PS has its very own fundraising page where you can go to create an account for your son or daughter. There is also the ability to create your own QR code to share with friends and family to make fundraising easy! The top 20 fundraisers will receive a prize! You can visit our school page at <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/45333>. Our Jump Rope Event Day is Thursday, May 2, 2024 and we look forward to seeing all of the students there!

School Council Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our latest fundraiser with The Butcher Barn. Delivery will be on May 13 from 3:30-4:30 pm.

Everyone Belongs Survey

A reminder to families of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 to complete the Everyone Belongs Survey on behalf of your child(ren). Grade 7 and 8 students will be given time during the school day to complete their surveys.

Education & Mental Health Week

May 6 – 10 is Education and Mental Health week. There will be a number of 'happenings' that week, including the Scholastic Book Fair. 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). 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**

Thursday, May 9 will be our school's Track and Field meet for Grades 4 – 8 students with a raindate of May 10. The Grade 1 to 3 Field Day will be May 10 (if not needed for the school meet), with a raindate of Monday, May 13. Kindergartens will have the opportunity during the first block of the day to try out some of the Field Day activities with their classes.

More information will be provided over the next two weeks.

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 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.

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**

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=ML2vaRpunj>

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>

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 [poster](#)

Thoughts of the Day

A negative mind will never give you a positive life.

We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.

The greatest wealth is health!

A great person shows their greatness by the way they treat little people.

Why did the leaf go to the doctor?.....Because it was feeling a little GREEN!

Important Upcoming Dates

Apr. 22	Earth Day
Apr. 23	Passover
Apr. 24	Administrative Professionals Day
Apr. 26	Director of Education visit to PDPS, Spirit Day
May 2	Jump Rope for Heart event
May 3	Jump Rope for Heart raindate
May 6	Education and Mental Health Week begins, Scholastic Book Fair week, Holocaust Remembrance Day
May 8	Sara Westbrook presentations for students, Open House, Sara Westbrook parent presentation
May 9	Track & Field Day (Gr. 4-8)
May 10	Primary Field Day (Gr. 1-3), Track & Field raindate
May 12	Mother's Day
May 13	Butcher Barn pick up after school, Primary Field Day raindate
May 14	Toonie Treat Day
May 20	Victoria Day
May 22	Regional Track & Field Meet at CASS
May 27	School Council
May 28	Grade 3 & 6 EQAO
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May 31	PA Day

Have a great weekend, Panther families! Contact Us at plattsville@tvdsb.ca or 519-684-7436.