

Director of Education Visit -postponed

Unfortunately, the visit from our Director of Education, Mark Fisher has been postponed. Should it be rescheduled before the end of the school year, we will let you know.

Yearbook Cover Contest

The 2023-2024 PDPS yearbook preparations are underway, beginning with a Yearbook Cover Contest, open to all students. Please see the attached poster for more information. Submissions are due by May 10 to the office. We look forward to seeing all of the amazing entries! Information regarding pre-ordering the 2023-2024 yearbook will be provided in a few weeks. [poster](#)

Jump Rope for Heart

Our Jump Rope event on May 2nd is fast approaching and we are already at an impressive \$1500 in donations so far! We only need another \$500 to meet our goal and we know that you Panthers can do it. Thank you to all of those that have donated already and are still fundraising, we appreciate you! Just a reminder for students to bring hats, sunscreen, water, and proper running shoes for our event on May 2nd as students will be out for an entire block for our Jump Rope event. Keep up the amazing job, Panthers! You can visit our school page at <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/45333>.

School Council Fundraiser

The Butcher Barn orders will be ready for pickup on Monday, May 13 from 3:30-4:30 pm.

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 week.

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.

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](#)

Family Well-Being Community Workshop Series

Please visit <https://bit.ly/FWBCWS> to learn more about the following spring webinars 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. 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. [3 flyers](#)

TVDSB Run for the FUNd

The team at Thames Valley Education Foundation is working hard behind the scenes to coordinate the 8th and final **Run for the FUNd** which is happening in Woodstock this year. This year’s event’s proceeds will go towards the **The Caring Fund** which 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 via event page **‘Run for the FUNd 2024’**: <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/87404/run-for-the-fund-2024> We welcome individual participants, but love to see staff teams, student teams, family and friends teams and all possible combinations! It is going to be a fun 5K walk/run and everyone can participate! If it’s not possible to join to walk or run, please feel free to donate directly to the Run or share the link to the donation page: <https://tvdsb.fcsuite.com/erp/donate> We hope you will join us for: **Run for the FUNd, Saturday June 1, 2024 (registration starts 8:30 am) College Ave Secondary School, 700 College Ave, ON, Woodstock**. Please register, create a team and fundraise to support Thames Valley Education Foundation and help sustain the Caring Fund as a resource for students in need. Sincere thanks in advance for your ongoing support and see you on June 1!

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](#)

Plattsville's Superhero Run

Individuals, families or groups are invited to participate in Plattsville's "Superhero Run" on Saturday, May 26. Registration is at 11:00 am with the run at 11:30 am. Please see the attached poster for more information. [Poster](#)

Clothed in Love Event

The Plattsville Missionary Church is once again hosting their Clothed in Love event on Saturday, May 4 from 10-12:00. Please see the attached poster for additional information. [Poster](#)

From Southwestern Public Health

Best Practices for Skin Cancer Prevention

It is important to work and play outside without raising your skin cancer risk by protecting your skin from the sun. Did you know that about 80% of UVR exposure occurs before the age of 18? Research indicates that childhood exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer later in life.

The skin is the largest organ in your body and protects you from dehydration, the sun, bacteria, infections, pollution, etc. There are limits to your skin's ability to protect you. Ultraviolet (UV) radiation damages the DNA of your skin cells and can cause cancer. Most cases of skin cancer are preventable, and you can reduce your risk of getting skin cancer by following these best practices: [infographic](#)

SEEK – seek shade

SLIP – wear clothing that provides sun protection

SLAP – wear a hat that protects your ears, face and neck

SLOP – wear SPF 30 or higher to protect your skin

SLIDE – protect your eyes

From Western Engineering Outreach

Spring Club Registration (Grades 3-8) is 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.

Grades 3-5 will run from 10 AM to 12 PM.

- Week 1 (May 25): Magnetic Boats
- Week 2 (June 1): Makey Makey a Rock Band
- Week 3 (June 8): Bouncing Bubbles

Grades 6-8 will run from 1 PM to 3 PM.

- Week 1 (May 25): Periscope Design
- Week 2 (June 1): Makey Makey Skee Ball
- Week 3 (June 8): DNA Extraction

[Register at our Western Outreach Portal!](#) Bursaries are also available for low-income families! Please email us for more information regarding this. If you have any other general questions give us an email at discover@uwo.ca.

Thoughts of the Day

Mistakes are part of the process. Moving past them is success

Find gratitude in the little things and your well of gratitude will never run dry.

Your present circumstances don't determine where you go; they merely determine where you start!

True friends understand that sometimes the best support is simply being present and ready to listen.

When might you see monkeys falling out of the sky?.....During an APE...ril shower!

Important Upcoming Dates

May 2	Jump Rope for Heart event (raindate May 3)
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, 29	Grade 3 & 6 EQAO
May 31	PA Day
June 1	Run for the FUNd

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