

Spiritwear Delivery

Spiritwear orders arrived and were sent home with students this week. If you ordered but did not receive anything, please contact Ms. Elcombe (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) as soon as possible. We do not receive a list of who has ordered items but can contact WSC on your behalf to make inquiries. Thanks.

School Council Fundraisers

Domino's coupons were distributed to students who ordered this week. The soups and mint smoothies will be arriving next week. We will let you know when they have arrived and are expected to come home. Unless otherwise arranged, purchases will be sent home with students. Please reach out to Dawn Richmond, parent volunteer and organizer of our fundraising initiatives, to make pick-up arrangements if necessary. boomer_dawn@hotmail.com

Scholastic Book Fair

Thanks to Mrs. Finnie, Mrs. Baller and Mrs. McIntyre and our parent volunteers, Ms. Maendel, Mrs. Balzer, Ms. Roberts and Mrs. Young for helping to make our Scholastic Book Fair this past week run so smoothly. Special thanks to the Plattsville School Community for your support of this fundraiser. Happy reading!

Community Involvement Survey

Thanks to everyone who has completed our Community Involvement Survey and has volunteered to share their talents, skills and interests with our students. We hope to bring volunteers in starting mid-January. Ms. Elcombe will be in touch to make arrangements. We're excited to learn some new skills!

Food Drive & Treat Tuesday

Our food drive is off to an amazing start! Please remember that we cannot accept expired, open or perishable items at the school. SchoolCash online is open until December 13 to pre-order festive treats (peppermint ice cream sandwiches, ice cream cone twister). On Treat Tuesday, December 19, we will also have \$2 regular ice cream sandwiches and freezies available for cash purchases. All monetary proceeds will go to the Salvation Army as well so they may purchase perishable items needed to support their charitable initiatives. Thank for your continued support for our community and the youth of Plattsville School.

Festive Feast December 18

The PDPS School Council and Nutrition Program will partner once again to host a Festive Feast for all students on Monday, December 18 to 'kick-off' our Spirit Week! 'Breakfast for Lunch' will be the theme, and we look forward to some tasty selections and an opportunity to socialize with other students during the meal. If your child has food limitations, please reach out to Jaime Braunig (jbraunig@yahoo.ca) to discuss alternate options to purchase so everyone can participate!

TVO Math Supports

TVO Mathify is a virtual platform that offers FREE 1:1 online math tutoring for Grade 4-12 students enrolled in Ontario's publicly funded English-language schools. Students use the online tutoring service by logging into a free account at [TVO Mathify](https://mathify.tvolearn.com/). They securely and anonymously connect to a personalized session with one of TVO Mathify's tutors, all of whom are Ontario Certified Teachers. The interactive whiteboard and voice/text chat features work seamlessly across any device type to enable easy access to learning support anywhere. Students in Grades 4-12 can register anytime using their Ontario Education Number (OEN). Parents/caregivers and educators can also stay informed with the latest in digital learning support from TVO through the monthly TVO Learn Newsletter. <https://mathify.tvolearn.com/>

The [TVO mPower](https://mpower.tvo.org/#/login/) website site contains online math games for Grades K-6 which are intended to support building math skills and confidence as another opportunity for students to enhance their mathematical skills. <https://mpower.tvo.org/#/login/>

Save the Date: Winter Concert

Our classes are already busy preparing for our Winter Concerts on Wednesday, December 20. Kindergarten classes will share their presentations in the Gym between 12:00 and 12:30 pm, then from 2:00 to 3:15 pm our Grade 1-8 classes will perform. For those family members unable to attend, the presentations will be recorded and posted to our school's YouTube channel by the end of that week. Students will be able to see all of the performances at our dress rehearsal on Monday, December 18.

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos for this week's lost and found items. Please let us know what belongs in your home and we'll make sure it gets back to your child! **PHOTOS**

Ongoing Fundraisers

Milk is sold daily, and Popcorn each Wednesday. Tickets may be purchased through SchoolCash online.

Produce Express will continue to support our school's Nutrition Program by donating 5% of all sales back to PDPS when you use the code **PLATT2023** at checkout.

School Council receives a small percentage of all sales back from [Mabel's Labels](#) when our school is selected before checkout.

Ongoing Collections

We are collecting pop tabs to support Thames Valley Children's Centre in purchasing a new wheelchair for a needy child in our greater TVDSB community.

We continue to collect dead batteries for e-waste. The collection bins are located in the main office.

Prime Minister Awards

Consider nominating an educator for a 2024 Prime Minister's Award! Download your [nomination package](#) today by visiting the [website](#). Help us celebrate those who go above and beyond to create safe spaces for their students, continue to work hard to make learning fun and inspire the next generation to be bold innovators and creators. Prime Minister's Awards recipients for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM and Excellence in Early Childhood Education can receive:

- A certificate from the Prime Minister
- National recognition and promotion of their best teaching practices

Looking for inspiration? Check out some previous teaching and early childhood education award recipients. Nomination deadline is January 11, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Time)

Community Events

Oxford County Library Opportunities for Teens (12-18)

This is the last week for students aged 12 – 18 to sign up for the [Winter Teen Book Boxes](#). Please speak with Kathy in the Library for more information.

Plattsville Light Up for the Holidays

Just a few more days to decorate your homes for the holidays to be eligible to be part of the 'top 10' most festive homes in Plattsville for [Light Up for the Holidays](#). The students of PDPS and the Plattsville Christian School will be 'judging' and helping to choose the winner.

Plattsville Ugly Sweater Youth Dance

Next Friday, December 8, our Grade 6 – 8 students are invited to attend a [free youth dance](#) at the Plattsville Arena's Lions Hall from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Students are asked to dress up in their favourite 'ugly sweater' and enjoy music, games and prizes. Chips, candy bars and pop will be sold throughout the evening.

Lego Workshop at Lion's Hall

A company in Cambridge will be offering [Lego Robotics classes](#) here in Plattsville in January! Unfortunately the age 5-8 group is already full, but there are still spots available for the 9-12 age group. Please see the link attached.

<https://stemotics.com/eforms/blandford-blenheim-lego-spike-prime-invention-squad-ages9-12/261/>

Thoughts of the Day

The only way to have a friend is to be one."

Gratitude sweetens even the smallest moments."

There is hope, even when your brain tells you there isn't.

The only thing that will make you happy is being happy with who you are, and not who people think you are.

Where do snowmen get their information from?.....the WINTER-net!!

Important Upcoming Dates

Nov. 27 – Dec. 13	Student Council Food Drive, Student Council Festive Treat Pre-orders due
Dec. 5	ECE Student Placements end (K1,K2)
Dec. 8	Ugly Sweater Dance (Gr. 6-8), Hanukkah begins
Dec. 15	Student Teacher Placement ends (K2)
Dec. 18	Festive Feast, Cozy Day, Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal
Dec. 19	Holiday/Tuesday Treat day, Ugly/Decorated Sweater Day, WO Feeder School Music Concert
Dec. 20	Winter Concerts, Red/White/Green Day
Dec. 21	Christmas/Winter Character Day

Dec. 22	PJ Day
Dec. 23 – Jan. 7/24	Winter Holidays
Jan. 11	Prime Minister's Awards nominations due

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