

PDPS Update Dec. 15, 2023

PDPS Spirit Week

Monday, December 18

Cozy Dress-Up Day

Festive Feast

All students will have the opportunity to participate in the Festive Feast around their first nutrition break. Thanks to the members of the PDPS School Council and Ontario Student Nutrition Program for providing our 'Breakfast for Lunch kick-off' for Spirit Week, and to the many volunteers helping out!

Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal

Our students have been working hard to prepare for our Winter Concert. During the last block, our students will be able to attend each others' performances during the dress rehearsal for Wednesday's 'official' concert day.

Tuesday, December 19

Ugly/Decorated Sweater Dress-Up Day

Treat Tuesday

Students who ordered 'festive' treats will have them delivered to their classrooms for the first nutrition break. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase either a freezie or ice cream sandwich for \$2 cash at that time. Proceeds will go to the Salvation Army in addition to the 426 non-perishable items so they may purchase perishable items needed to support their charitable initiatives. Thank you for your continued support for our community and the youth of Plattsville School.

Waterloo-Oxford Music Concert

We are fortunate to have the W-O Music Department come to present a variety of musical numbers for our students during the second block.

Wednesday, December 20

Red/White/Green Dress-Up Day

Winter Concert

Families and guests are invited to attend our Winter Concerts in the gym. 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.

Thursday, December 21

Christmas/Winter Character Dress-Up Day

Carol Singing

Staff and Students will gather in the gym for some fun carol singing.

Friday, December 22

PJ Day

NEW! PDPS Instagram

Check out some of the photos from Spirit Week on our new Instagram page! Find us at [*pdpsrocks*](#) . Acceptance will be only for parents/guardians with children currently attending Plattsville school. We would appreciate a DM with your child's name and teacher to make the process faster. We will not post any pictures of children. At this time we will leave commenting 'on' as long as they are meeting Plattsville's expectation, "Be Kind"! If you have a question about anything school-related please contact the office, as this account will not be monitored for questions! ENJOY!!!!

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!

Milk & Popcorn

Milk and Popcorn will NOT be sold this week. Tickets may still be purchased through SchoolCash online for use in the new year.

Ongoing Fundraisers & Collections

Just a few weeks left for the Produce Express fundraiser to support our school's Nutrition Program. Produce Express will continue to donate 5% of all sales back to PDPS when you use the code **PLATT2023** at checkout until the end of 2023.

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

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.

TVDSB Family Well-Being Community Workshop Series

We are very excited to share with you two more upcoming webinars in the Family Well-Being Community Workshop Series.

1. As the cold weather draws near, we know that there is an increased need to support our youth, families, and community who face homelessness and housing instability. We are honoured to partner with Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U) to learn more about [Supporting Our Youth Out of Homelessness and Housing Instability](#).

"This presentation will begin to examine the complexities of youth experiencing housing instability in the London community. We will discuss misconceptions and stereotypes, introduce informed language, the Housing First Philosophy and explore the barriers youth experience when navigating housing within our community. We will explore case studies to illuminate the diversity of experiences of our community members and how we as a community can collectively support our most vulnerable populations."

- o December 14th, 2023- 6:30-7:30pm (virtual) Register at: <https://bit.ly/fwbcws22>

2. The new year often brings forward a lot of conversations related to "diets" and body image, which we know can be challenging for children, youth, and their families. In partnership with Southwestern Public Health and Middlesex-London Health Unit, we are excited to offer [Supporting Children and Youth and Their Relationship with Food and Body](#).

"Navigating diet culture as a parent/caregiver can be challenging. Tune in for strategies that help children and teens develop a positive relationship with food and their bodies. Learn how to encourage open and non-judgmental conversations around food and bodies and practical tips for how to model your own positive relationship with food and body."

- o January 16th, 2024- 6:30-7:30pm (virtual) Register at: <https://bit.ly/fwbcws23>

We have also attached the posters for these events, and ask that you share the information with others. We know that when we come together as a community, we can support everyone's well-being. For more information about the series in general, please visit <https://bit.ly/FWBCWS> and feel free to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

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

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/>

Western Engineering Girls Club

Girls Club is an exciting opportunity for grade 3-8 girls, including all youth who identify as girls and non-binary, to learn about the wonderful world of engineering. Participants explore different strands of engineering through hands-on activities. Girls Club will run for three consecutive Saturdays from January 13 to January 27. If you have any questions about Girl's Club, or to inquire about bursary options, please email us at discover@uwo.ca.

Discovery Western Summer Camp

Western Engineering Outreach is looking forward to offering our summer camp programs again in 2024! In our Summer Day Camp you can look forward to a LOT of engineering and science fun! We program robots, design structures, and of course, a few engineers might be made in the process! Campers will register based on the grade they will be entering in fall 2024. Our camp groups are grades SK-2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8 and Just For Girls camps. **Registration dates for elementary camps and camp themes will be released in the January newsletter.**

Thoughts of the Day

Creativity is courageous...pass it on!

Never let the things you want make you forget the things you have.

This is your reminder that your mental health is important, your happiness is important, your existence is important and that you are important!

Don't wait for opportunity...create it.

What do you call a penguin walking in the desert?.....LOST!!

Important Upcoming Dates

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. 8/24	Back to School!
Jan. 11	Prime Minister's Awards nominations due

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