

PDPS Spirit Week

We've had a great week filled with lots of fun activities this past week. Check out some of the photos from Spirit Week on the attached collage and on our new Instagram page! Find us at [pdpsrocks](#). Acceptance will be only for parents/guardians with children currently attending Plattsville school. Please send a DM with your child's name and teacher to make the process faster. Attached is the link to the Winter Concert. We experienced some technical difficulties on Wednesday, so some of the footage is from the dress rehearsal on Monday...apologies for the 'amateurishness' of the production! - We hope you enjoy the presentations regardless!

COLLAGE <https://youtu.be/TXPL8QmhDrQ>

Kindergarten Registration for September 2024

Thames Valley District School Board is excited to welcome children to Kindergarten in September 2024. Throughout each day in Kindergarten, your child will be involved in spontaneous play as well as more structured play-based learning both indoors and outside. Kindergarten Educator teams provide children with a safe learning environment that meets each child's individual needs and interests. **Registration will take place from Monday, January 15, 2024, to Friday, February 2, 2024.** To be eligible for registration for the Kindergarten program, children must be four years of age by December 31, 2024. To register for Kindergarten, please complete the on-line pre-registration form found on TVDSB'S main webpage via a link OR on each school's main webpage via a link (<https://plattsville.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/kindergarten.aspx? mid =15326>) OR on TVDSB's website (www.tvdsb.ca) under "Parents" and then under "Kindergarten Program". Complete the on-line registration for the Kindergarten program at the designated home English school for the 2024-2025 school year. If you do not have access to technology, please contact the school to complete the paper registration form at the school. We are also excited to share that TVDSB will be hosting a **virtual Kindergarten information night for Kindergarten families on January 29, 2024.** Stay tuned for further details.

English Kindergarten in French Immersion Registration for September 2024

English Kindergarten Programming is offered as space permits in several French Immersion (FI) Schools. **Registration for English Kindergarten in French Immersion will take place during the Kindergarten Registration period of Monday, January 15, 2024, to Friday, February 2, 2024.** Parents/caregivers wishing to register their Kindergarten Year 1 child for French Immersion English Kindergarten will pre-register at their designated home English school online via TVDSB's website. Parents will indicate their intent to enroll their child in English Kindergarten at their designated French Immersion Public School K 1 (check box) and enter any relevant information to support their request. Please note that siblings are not guaranteed a place in the English Kindergarten in French Immersion program. If a child was on the wait list during the 2023-2024 school year, a new Designated French Immersion School English Kindergarten Application Form needs to be completed for Kindergarten Year 2 by February 2, 2024. English Kindergarten Year (2) Programming is also offered as space permits in designated French Immersion Schools. If your child is already attending Kindergarten Year 1 (K1) at the designated home English school, and is interested in applying, please contact the school to obtain an application form. Intent to register for English Kindergarten in French Immersion schools must be completed and documentation verified by Friday, February 2, 2024 in order to be considered. Should applications for English Kindergarten in French Immersion exceed the number of available spaces, a random selection process will be implemented to determine which children may attend with K1 or K2. We are also excited to share that TVDSB will be hosting virtual Kindergarten information night for Kindergarten families on January 29, 2024. Stay tuned for further details. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your designated home English school.

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos for this week's lost and found items. A new 'last chance' round of items will begin in January. Please let us know what belongs in your home and we'll make sure it gets back to your child in the new year! **Photos**

Milk & Popcorn

Milk sales will return beginning on Monday, January 11, 2024 and Popcorn sales on Wednesday, January 17. Tickets may still be purchased through SchoolCash online for use in the new year.

Ongoing Fundraisers & Collections

Just a few days 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

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. **Poster**

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

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. **Registration is open and bursaries are still available.** 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

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
A life full of good people is a life full of gratitude.
Be happy with what you have while working hard for what you want!"
You can always give something, even if it's only kindness!
Who is Frosty the Snowman's favourite aunt?.....Aunt Arctica!!

Important Upcoming Dates

Dec. 23 – Jan. 7/24	Winter Holidays
Jan. 8/24	Back to School!
Jan. 11	Prime Minister's Awards nominations due
Jan. 15	School Council meeting (virtual)
Jan. 19	PA Day
Jan. 26	Term 2 begins (Term 1 reports sent home in February)

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