

## PDPS Update February 16, 2024

### Student Council Activities

Student Council's "Be Kind" campaign began this week and will continue each day through to Pink Shirt Day on February 28. Our students will be challenged to do kind deeds around the school and encouraged to carry these over into their homes and the greater community. Watch for the daily challenges to be posted on our Instagram and Facebook pages. Students should have brought home a 'kindness card' on Thursday to complete and record their 'acts of kindness' at home or in the community. Once the card is full, it may be returned to the school before our "Be Kind" assembly on February 28th. If you did not receive a card, please contact your child's teacher directly.

SchoolCash online is open until Friday, February 23rd to purchase fresh pretzels (like an Oktoberfest pretzel) for \$3.00. Delivery will be on Wednesday, February 28th. For those with an allergy (see ingredient list attached), wanting something different OR who forgot to buy before the 23<sup>rd</sup> you will be able to purchase a rocket popsicle **the day of** February 28<sup>th</sup> for \$2.00. Monies raised from this treat day will go towards the Thames Valley Education Foundation's "Toonie Tuesday Caring Fund" which provides support for our students and their families across the Valley who come to school hungry, without proper clothing, school supplies or other basic necessities that we all are fortunate to have. There is a SchoolCash online campaign board-wide to collect for the Foundation, and we will also collect any cash donations.

Thank you for always supporting our students, schoolwide events and the families and children across TVDSB. [Pretzel Info](#)

### School Council Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported the Elmira Chicken fundraiser. If you have not already done so, please send your **master copy of your orders (paper form with your selections checked off) to the school with your family's name** so we can track and double-check orders on delivery day. An electronic copy of the order form is attached. Pick-up for orders will be on Saturday, March 2nd at the school (8:30 – 11:00 am). Please note that there will be no way to store or hold orders not picked up that day. If you know you will be away, please make arrangements for someone to pick up and store your order. Questions directly related to the orders should be sent to Dawn at [boomer\\_dawn@hotmail.com](mailto:boomer_dawn@hotmail.com). [Master sell sheet](#)

### Volleyball

Congratulations to our Girls' and Boys' volleyball teams on a great season. Thanks to all of the families who supported the teams by attending games and driving students, and especially to all of our staff coaches!

### TVDSB Family Well-Being Community Workshop Series

We are excited to share with you some new information related to the Family Well-Being Community Workshop Series.

1. On March 6th, we will be partnering with Changing Ways to host "**Navigating Healthy Conversations: Empowering Parents in the Digital Age of Relationships and Identity**" ([poster](#))  
*"With a growing number of online influencers promoting unhealthy ideas about relationships and identity, initiating conversations with children about critically engaging with online content is crucial at all ages. Acknowledging that these conversations can be challenging, this upcoming webinar aims to equip parents with an understanding of dangerous narratives to be wary of, offering valuable insights into navigating uncomfortable discussions with their children. This webinar offers practical advice about fostering a positive and open dialogue, and information about Changing Ways resources "*
  - o Date and Time: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 6:30-7:30pm
  - o Intended Audience: Parents and Caregivers
  - o Register for Free: <https://bit.ly/fwbcws24>
2. We have added new video recordings to our website:
  - o Combatting Cyberbullying: Internet Safety for Caregivers
  - o Supporting Our Children through Social Anxieties and Back to School Worries
  - o Supporting Social & Emotional Well-Being in the Early YearsThere are also many other previous recordings available. Check them out at:  
<https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/familiescaregiversworkshops/past-events>
3. More information will be coming in the upcoming months about our spring webinars. At this point we have at least 7 organizations who have agreed to partner with us!

We look forward to connecting with you and hope to see you March 6th, The Family Well-Being Community Workshop Series Team

### Ongoing Fundraisers

Milk and popcorn tickets may be purchased through SchoolCash online. Milk is sold daily (will only have chocolate until our next delivery), popcorn is sold on Wednesdays. [Mabel's Labels](#) is an ongoing fundraiser throughout the year.

## **Lost & Found**

Please see the attached photos for this week's lost and found items. Now that we're back to winter weather, you may have discovered some missing mittens, hats, sweaters or snowpants. Please let us know what belongs in your home and we'll make sure it gets back to your child! [Photos](#)

## **Grade 5 ACT-i-Pass**

The **ACT-i-Pass Program** is a card that grade 5 children can use to access different physical activity opportunities for *FREE* (or reduced cost) at participating service providers for the 2023-24 school year. This year's program has expanded to children in London, St. Thomas, Oxford County, Elgin County, and Middlesex County. The 2023-24 year runs from July 2023 to June 2024. Program registration is still available for grade 5 students. Attached is the information package. If you have any questions about the program, you can see more about the ACT-i-Pass at [www.playeveryday.ca](http://www.playeveryday.ca) or reach out to the ACT-i-Pass team at [playeveryday@uwo.ca](mailto:playeveryday@uwo.ca).



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Grade 5 ACT-i-Pass Program (@g5actipass) [ACT-i-Pass Information Package](#)

## **Community Events**

### **PDP Lightning Minor Baseball**

Please see the attached flyer for more information regarding PDP Lightning Minor ball for summer 2024 – registration is currently open and runs until March 15. [Flyer](#)

### **Plattsville Heritage Society Poppy Project 2024**

On Thursday, February 22 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Denise and Denise from the Plattsville Heritage society will be at the Plattsville Public Library to begin the 2024 Plattsville Poppy Project (see attached) with community members. For those who can't be there, we have figured out the crochet pattern and have added it to the flyer below! Let us know if you can make it and we will provide instruction, red and black yarn, and a crochet hook to get you started. If you have your own supplies, please bring them with you! **Plattsville students in Grades 6 through 8 will be invited to learn how to make the poppies after March Break.** More details to follow in the next few weeks. Finished poppies can be dropped to Kathy at the Library until October 1st. Please contact Denise at [denise.tew@hotmail.com](mailto:denise.tew@hotmail.com) with any questions. [Flyer](#)

### **Drumbo-Richmond Soccer Association Registration**

Please see the attached flyer for information regarding registration for the 2024 Soccer Season for Drumbo-Richmond. [flyer](#)

### **Western Engineering Outreach – Go CODE Girl**

Go CODE Girl is back and bigger than ever, with events running in London and Sarnia. Register now for a day of code, creativity, and connections for female-identifying youth from Grades 7 to 10! The event includes lunch, refreshments, and swag gift bags. Parents and guardians are welcome to tag along, however, there will not be parent-specific programming at these events. The link to register is below, as well as an information poster for the March 2 session in London.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfw1o5ykHmBD-5Ahl7yFUyADgEA4Dq1aGuVEB2E\\_47RC06Jw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfw1o5ykHmBD-5Ahl7yFUyADgEA4Dq1aGuVEB2E_47RC06Jw/viewform) [Info Poster](#)

## **Thoughts of the Day**

Mindfulness clears the windshield of the mind so that we can see things as they really are.

A life full of good people is a life full of gratitude.

Health is a state of body. Wellness is a state of being.

However difficult life may seem, there is always something you CAN do and SUCCEED at.

What did the ocean say to the pirate?....NOTHING...it just waved!

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

Feb. 14 – 28	Be Kind Campaign @ PDPS
Feb. 17	Random Acts of Kindness Day
Feb. 19	Family Day
Feb. 22	Skating
Feb. 28	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 29	Skating, Leap Day

Have an amazing weekend, Panther families! Contact Us at [plattsville@tvdsb.ca](mailto:plattsville@tvdsb.ca) or 519-684-7436.