

PDPS Update February 23, 2024

Student Council Activities

Student Council's "Be Kind" campaign continues this coming week through to Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, 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 have been provided with a 'kindness card' for home. 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.

For those who pre-ordered online, fresh pretzels will be delivered on Wednesday, February 28th. You can also purchase a rocket popsicle **the day of** February 28th for \$2.00. Monies raised from the pretzel sales and 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 also SchoolCash online campaign board-wide to collect for the Foundation, and we will collect any cash donations that come in as well.

Thank you for always supporting our students, schoolwide events and the families and children across TVDSB.

School Council Fundraiser

A reminder for families who purchased Elmira Chicken that 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.

TVDSB Family Well-Being Community Workshop Series

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 "

- Date and Time: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 6:30-7:30pm
- Intended Audience: Parents and Caregivers
- Register for Free: <https://bit.ly/fwbcws24>

We have added new video recordings to our website:

- Combatting Cyberbullying: Internet Safety for Caregivers
- Supporting Our Children through Social Anxieties and Back to School Worries
- Supporting Social & Emotional Well-Being in the Early Years

There are also many other previous recordings available. Check them out at:

<https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/familiescaregiversworkshops/past-events>

Ongoing Fundraisers

Milk and popcorn tickets may be purchased through SchoolCash online. Milk is sold daily, popcorn is sold on Wednesdays – favourite flavours that we haven't had for a while will be back this week. [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](#)

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](#)

Helmets on Kids

SAVE THE DATE! The Helmet on Kids Virtual Family Trivia Night is back April 3rd, 2024 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Proceeds from this event directly fund the purchasing of helmets for kids in our community. More event details to come! [Poster](#)

Plattsville Heritage Society Poppy Project 2024

Volunteers from the Plattsville Heritage society will be working with interested Plattsville students in Grades 6 through 8 to learn how to make the crocheted poppies for Remembrance Day 2024 after March Break. If you are working on poppies at home, finished poppies can be dropped off to Kathy at the Library until October 1st. Please contact Denise at 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-5Ahcl7yFUyADgEA4Dq1aGuVEB2E_47RC06Jw/viewform **Info Poster**

Thoughts of the Day

Today is a wonderful day because we have never seen one like it before!

Good health is not something we can buy, but it can be an incredibly valuable savings account!

The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.

What did the horse say after tripping in a pothole?.....HELP! I've fallen and I can't GIDDY UP!!!!

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 14 – 28	Be Kind Campaign @ PDPS
Feb. 28	Pink Shirt Day, BE KIND assembly, Pretzels/Popsicles for Toonie Tuesday
Feb. 29	Skating, Leap Day
Mar. 2	Elmira Chicken Pickup
Mar. 10	Daylight Saving Time begins
Mar. 11-17	March Break
Mar. 11	First Day of Ramadan
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 19	Spring begins
Mar. 23	Purim begins at sundown
Mar. 24	Palm Sunday
Mar. 25	School Council Meeting
Mar. 29	Good Friday (no school)
Mar. 31	Easter Sunday
Apr. 1	Easter Monday (no school)

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