

PDPS Update January 19, 2024

Skating at Plattsville Arena

As part of their physical education programs, all students K-8 will have the opportunity over the next few weeks to go skating at the Plattsville arena with their classes. Check out some photos from our first session on our Instagram page, *pdpsrocks*. Thank you so much for sharing skates so that all students can have this opportunity. If you have extra helmets that we might borrow, there is still a need for a couple more. Please send them to the office, labelled with your family name so they can be returned. For our younger students especially, we could use extra volunteers to help with getting skates on and laced up. All volunteers will need to have a current Police Check or Offence Declaration on file with the school. To obtain the necessary agency letter or paperwork, please contact Ms. Elcombe directly as soon as possible (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca). For questions specific to skating, please contact Mrs. Finnie at e.finnie@tvdsb.ca.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2024

Registration is open now to Friday, February 2, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. Children who will be four years of age by December 31, 2024 are eligible to begin school in September. To register for Kindergarten, please complete the on-line pre-registration form found on TVDSB'S main webpage via a link (www.tvdsb.ca) OR on our school's main webpage <https://plattsville.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/kindergarten.aspx?mid=15326>. 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**. Registration is now open at <https://plattsville.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/kindergarten.aspx?mid=15326>.

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos for this week's lost and found items as well as the January 'Last Chance' items which have been on the table since November and will be donated at the end of the month if not claimed. 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 tickets may be purchased through SchoolCash online. Milk is sold daily, popcorn is sold on Wednesdays.

Ongoing Fundraisers & Collections

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.

Community Events

Artshine® at the Plattsville Library Branch

Artshine® Winter 2024 programming will be available at the Plattsville Library Branch starting in February! Registration is now open online at <https://www.artshine.ca/collections/london-and-oxford-county>. Please see the attached flyer for additional information. Spaces are limited. A paper flyer was sent home with the youngest/only student for each family last week. Deadline for registration is January 25.

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. **This year our registration is changing! Each camp week will have registration open on a unique day:**

Week 1 (July 2 to July 5)- Registration opens Tuesday, January 23rd.

Week 2 (July 8 to July 12)- Registration opens Thursday, January 25th.

Week 3 (July 15 to July 19)- Registration opens Tuesday, January 30th.

Week 4 (July 22 to July 26)- Registration opens Thursday, February 1st.

Week 5 (July 29 to Aug 2)- Registration opens Tuesday, February 6th.

Week 6 (Aug 6 to Aug 9)- Registration opens Thursday, February 8th.

Week 7 (Aug 12 to Aug 16)- Registration opens Tuesday, February 13th.

Week 8 (Aug 19 to Aug 23)- Registration opens Thursday, February 15th.

Tip: Take the time to create an account ahead of the registration dates to make your registration process smoother!

Registrations will open at 11 am. The cost for a 5-day camp week is \$275.

Thoughts of the Day

You're awake! You're awesome! Live like it!

Give thanks for a little and you will get a lot!

However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at!

Your thoughtfulness is a gift!

Important Upcoming Dates

Jan. 15 – Feb. 2	Kindergarten Registration
Jan. 22	Boys' Volleyball game at Algonquin
Jan. 23	Safe Schools Committee Meeting
Jan. 24	Bell "Let's Talk" Day, Girls' Volleyball game at Central, Boys' Volleyball game at Blenheim
Jan. 25	Gr. 5/6 to Vansittart Woods, Skating, Girls' Volleyball game at Innerkip
Jan. 26	Term 2 begins (Term 1 reports sent home in February)

Jan. 27 Family Literacy Day
Jan. 29 Virtual Kindergarten Information Night, Boys' Volleyball game at Eastdale
Jan. 30 Boys' Volleyball game at Plattsville vs East Oxford
Jan. 31 Girls' Volleyball game at Algonquin, Boys' Volleyball game at Central
Feb. 1 World Read Aloud Day, Skating, Boys' Volleyball game at Plattsville vs Innerkip
Feb. 2 Groundhog Day, Kindergarten Registration ends

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