

PDPS Update January 26, 2024

Kindergarten Registration for September 2024 – open to Friday, February 2, 2024

Children who will be four years of age by December 31, 2024 are eligible to begin school in September, 2024. To register for Kindergarten, please complete the on-line pre-registration form found on our school's main webpage <https://plattsville.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/kindergarten.aspx?mid=15326>. 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 through the link found on <https://plattsville.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/kindergarten.aspx?mid=15326>. Kindergarten registration numbers assist the Board in staffing allocations for 2024-2025.

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos for this week's lost and found items as well as the last posting for the January 'Last Chance' items which have been on the table since November. Items not claimed by the end of next week will be donated. Please let us know what belongs in your home and we'll make sure it gets back to your child! [Photos](#)

Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan

Over the past few weeks, our school has once again seen an increase in students who are struggling to regulate their emotions leading to negative choices and behaviours. As a school, our Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan (SISP) is focused on understanding our own feelings and also the feelings of others. A strategy we are focusing on at school is STOP, THINK, ACT. We would encourage you to review the steps and use the language found on the attached poster for consistency between home and school. A copy of the poster had previously been home to each family earlier this year. Please let your child's teacher know if you require another paper copy. Thanks for your support! [Poster1](#) [poster 2](#)

Graduation and Class/Group Photos

Grade 8 graduation and class/group photos will take place on Tuesday, February 6. More information will be provided next week.

Fundraisers

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

Skating at the Arena

Thanks to the many student and parent volunteers, and to staff for making our first two weeks of skating at the arena so successful. We can always use additional volunteers for tying up skates and to assist on the ice. If you require your police check, please contact Ms. Elcombe (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) for the 'agency letter' required. If you have any questions regarding skating, please contact Mrs. Finnie (e.finnie@tvdsb.ca).

Dental Screenings

Students in JK/SK and Grade 2 will participate in oral health assessments by Public Health on Wednesday, February 14, and Grade 7 students and those requiring re-screening from last year will be seen on Friday, February 16. If your child is NOT in JK, SK, Grade 2 or Grade 7 but you would like them to be screened when Public Health is at your school, please send a letter or note to your child's teacher. If you do not want your child to be included in the Public Health dental screening, please send a letter or note to your child's teacher. [poster](#)

Active School Travel

Active school travel is when children travel to and from school using active modes, such as walking, biking, and rolling (scooter, skateboard, rollerblades). The benefits to active school travel include physical and mental health, school success, community connection, environment and sustainability, air quality, and traffic and safety! Learn more at by visiting <http://activesaferoutes.ca/benefits>. [poster](#)

French Immersions Open House

Roch Carrier French Immersion Public School will be holding an Open House for families interested in registering for Grade 1. Please see the attached poster for more information. [Poster](#)

Black Community Engagement Session

Thames Valley is pleased to announce the third in a series of Community Engagement Sessions held in 2023-24 designed to foster and enhance relationships with various groups and communities. This initiative is aligned with Goals 1, 2 and 7 of the TVDSB Operational Plan: **Goal 1:** Student identities and abilities are affirmed. **Goal 2:** Students, staff, and families will experience a greater sense of connection, safety, and well-being in their school. **Goal 7:** Engage and communicate with staff, students, and the community to build relationships and inform our work at Thames Valley. This session is an opportunity for Thames Valley District School Board representatives to **listen and learn** from students, families, and community members from the Black community as they share their input in support of Thames Valley's Combatting Anti-Black Racism Strategy. Details related to the session are as follows:

What: Black Community Engagement Session

When: Wednesday, February 7, 2024; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Sir Frederick Banting Secondary School (125 Sherwood Forest Square, London, ON)

Who: Any and all members of the Black Community connected to TVDSB are invited to attend.

How: Register at the following link: <https://bit.ly/BlackCommunityEngagement2024>

Description: The Black Community Engagement Session is for Black students, families, and community members in London, ON. This session is an opportunity for Thames Valley District School Board representatives to **listen and learn** from students, families, and community members from the Black community as they share their input in support of Thames Valley's Combatting Anti-Black Racism Strategy. A free meal will be provided to all attendees. Please see the poster for further information. [poster](#)

Community Events

Oxford County Library – Plattsville Branch

Please see the attached poster for Family Literacy Day activities here at the Plattsville branch on Saturday. [Poster](#)

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

I am not beautiful like you, I am beautiful like me!

Be kind, be thoughtful, be generous, but most of all be thankful!"

Yesterday I was clever so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise so I am changing myself.

You cannot do kindness too soon for you never know how soon it will be too late."

What do snowmen eat for lunch?.....ICEbergers!

Important Upcoming Dates

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	Skating, Boys' Volleyball game at Plattsville vs Innerkip
Feb. 2	Groundhog Day, Kindergarten Registration ends
Feb. 6	Grade 8 Graduation photos, Class/Group photos
Feb. 7	World Read Aloud Day, Black Community Engagement Session
Feb. 8	Skating
Feb. 9	Term 1 Report Cards & Kindergarten Communication of Learning home, Term 2 IEPs home

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