

Toonie Tuesday Campaign

Thank you for your generous support of the TVEF Caring Fund. Through sales of pretzels and popsicles, as well as online and cash donations, PDPS will be contributing nearly \$500 towards the fund to support students and families across the Thames Valley District School Board.

School Council Fundraiser

A reminder for families who purchased Elmira Chicken that pick-up for orders will be **TOMORROW**, 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.

Change of PD Day in April/New Calendar from TVDSB

Due to the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, the PD in April has been changed from Friday, April 19 to MONDAY, APRIL 8. With this change, please refer to the attached TVDSB calendar with revised cycle days. [calendar](#)

EQAO Webinars for Parents and Caregivers of Grade 3 and 6 Students

Parents and caregivers of Grade 3 and 6 students who are interested in learning more about this spring's EQAO Provincial assessments are invited to register for this free live webinar.

The sessions are 45 minutes in length and include a live question and answer period with EQAO staff. The sessions will run on the following dates and times:

- March 19, 2024 6:00 p.m.
- April 3, 2024 12:00 p.m.
- April 10, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Parents and caregivers can register their interest at this [Registration link](#).

These short sessions will allow families to learn about the primary and junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics students will complete this spring. Participants will also learn about Ontario's large-scale assessments' purpose and how it relates to the Ontario curriculum taught and assessed in classrooms in Thames Valley.

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. [Mabel's Labels](#) is an ongoing fundraiser throughout the year.

Lost & Found

There will be no photos today. If you are missing a particular item, please let your child's teacher know.

From Oxford County Library

There's lots going on this March Break at the Plattsville Branch of the Oxford County Library. Please the attached flyers for some specific activities. [flyers](#)

From Southwestern Public Health

St Patrick's Day is coming up, complete with green decorations and alcohol. Substance use is on the rise, and it can be difficult to know how to protect youth from the harms of substance misuse. When you think of substance prevention you may be picturing resources promoting safe choices. Although making safe choices is important it is not the whole picture. Substance use, like all health behaviours, is influenced by more than the individual. The environment plays an incredibly important role. What does that mean? It means that the social groups, families, school environments and communities youths find themselves in either protect them against substance misuse or put them at risk of it. What does a protective environment look like? That is an excellent question! Protective families are communicative, offer support, and spend time with their youths. Protective friend groups are supportive. Protective schools have supportive adults in them, provide motivation for self-development, encourage a sense of safety, and provide extracurricular activities. Safe communities allow for opportunities for hobbies, and community activities. It may sound incredibly simple but creating safe supportive relationships, and promoting other activities greatly reduces youth substance misuse. The best part? Creating safe and supportive environments benefit children and youth of all ages. You don't have to wait until your child is a teenager to foster and prioritize a healthy environment. You can start today by talking to your child about their day and fostering their interests.

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](#)

Drumbo-Richmond Soccer Association Registration

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

Western Engineering Summer Day Camp

Please see the attached flyer for updated availability for their different themed summer day camps for students SK through Gr. 8. [Flyer](#)

Thoughts of the Day

May your week be filled with good thoughts, kind people, and happy moments.

So much of our happiness depends on how we choose to look at the world.

When you focus on the good, the good gets better!

We rise by lifting others.

What did one hat say to the other?....I'll go on...AHEAD!

Important Upcoming Dates

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. 28	TVDSB Director of Education to visit PDPS
Mar. 29	Good Friday (no school)
Mar. 31	Easter Sunday
Apr. 1	Easter Monday (no school)

*Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO Dates – Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29**

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