

School Council Meeting

The next meeting of the School Council will be held virtually on Monday, March 25 beginning at 7:00 pm. Please see the attached agenda for the meeting link and topics to be discussed. All members of the school community are welcome to attend. [Agenda](#)

Director's visit - postponed

Our visit from the Thames Valley District School Board Director of Education, Mark Fisher, has been postponed until the end of April.

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 assessment's purpose and how it relates to the Ontario curriculum taught and assessed in classrooms in Thames Valley.

Free, Online Ontario Curriculum-Based Math Resources for Students and Families

The following are FREE math resources to support practice and consolidation of skills opportunities outside of the classroom:

TVO Learn Kindergarten to Grade 10 <https://tvolearn.com/>

Quality resources to support the teaching and learning of mathematics in Grades K-9. Each learning activity is divided into three sections: Minds On, Action, Consolidation. Learning goals and success criteria are embedded within each lesson.

TVO Learn Mathify Grades 4-12 <https://mathify.tvolearn.com/>

TVO Mathify is a virtual platform that offers FREE 1:1 online math tutoring with an Ontario Certified Teacher for students in Grades 4-12.

Lost & Found

Please see this week's lost and found items, as well as the January 'Last Chance' items and let us know if anything belongs to your household. If you are missing a particular item, please let your child's teacher know and we can keep an eye out for it. [Photos](#)

Family Well-Being Community Workshop Series

The TVDSB Family Well-Being Community Workshop Series team is excited to share some upcoming opportunities and updates.

1. March 26 and 27th, parents, caregivers, and teenagers are invited to attend a two-day workshop which will focus on promoting healthy teen social media use through evidence-based research. Participants are encouraged to register for either or both days.

"In this two-day presentation series, we will use psychological research findings to address some key topics on parents' and teens' minds when it comes to social media use including: comparing oneself to others, online aggression, and the algorithms that encourage overuse. The workshop will also cover ways to use social media for positive outcomes, including developing creativity and social connections. Presenters include upper-year university students, led by Dr. Tara Dumas from the Psychology Department at Huron University."

Workshop Day 1: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Topics Covered:

- Clicking with Confidence: Facilitating Open Discussions About Positive Social Media Use with Your Teens
- Algorithms and You: Understanding Social Media and Teens

Register for Free: <https://bit.ly/fwbcws25>

Workshop Day 2: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Topics Covered:

- Social Media Comparison and Body Image Concerns in Adolescence
- Navigating Cyberbullying, Micro-aggressions, and Online Racism in Adolescence

Register for Free: <https://bit.ly/fwbcws26>

2. We're pleased to share "Understanding and Exploring Restorative Practices for Families and Caregivers" from our partnership with St. Leonard's Community Services. Please visit <https://bit.ly/fwbcwsPastEvents> for this recording and others. We have many other webinars in the works, so keep an eye out for more! <https://bit.ly/FWBCWS>

Helmets on Kids

We have now received information for the 'Helmets on Kids' program. Attached is the registration for the virtual Family Trivia Night event, as well as sponsorship opportunities to support the program. [3 flyers](#)

Spring Artshine at Plattsville

We are all so excited to begin Artshine **Spring 2024** programming at **Oxford County Library!** Registration is now open online and parents will be able to register and pay for the Artshine programs via our website. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Spaces are limited. [flyer](#)

Thoughts of the Day

Worrying is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do but doesn't get you anywhere.

When the world is so complicated, the simple gift of friendship is within all our hands.

Never give up!

Make kindness the norm.

What season is it when you are on a trampoline in March?...SPRING time!

Important Upcoming Dates

Mar. 23	Purim begins at sundown
Mar. 24	Palm Sunday
Mar. 25	School Council Meeting
Mar. 26	Gr. 3 Swim to Survive
Mar. 29	Good Friday (no school)
Mar. 31	Easter Sunday
Apr. 1	Easter Monday (no school)
Apr. 2	Gr. 3 Swim to Survive
Apr. 8	PA Day (no school), Solar Eclipse
Apr. 9	Day 2 (see revised TVDSB calendar), (Eid) al Fitr begins at sundown

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

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