

### **2023 – 2024 Yearbooks**

Our student yearbook committee has been hard at work gathering photos and putting together the 2023-2024 PDPS Yearbook. You should have received a SchoolCash Online message this past week with details for pre-ordering a copy for your family.

### **Mandatory Health and Safety Drills**

We will be completing our fire drills and lockdown drill this coming week.

### **Milk & Popcorn Sale**

Milk is sold daily for \$1 and popcorn is sold on Wednesdays for \$2. We are winding down with our popcorn sales and currently have butter and salt, white cheddar and salt & vinegar flavours still available. Please use up any remaining tickets before the end of this school year.

### **Lost & Found**

Please see this week's lost and found photos and let us know if anything belongs at your home. [Photos](#)

### **TVDSB Run for the FUNd TOMORROW!!!!**

It's the final **Run for the FUNd for The Caring Fund** which supports students and their families across TVDSB. Sign up at

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/87404/run-for-the-fund-2024> and/or donate directly at <https://tvdsb.fcsuite.com/erp/donate>.

**Run for the FUNd, Saturday June 1, 2024 (registration starts 8:30 am) College Ave Secondary School, 700 College Ave, ON, Woodstock. [Poster](#)**

### **Vote for TVDSB's New Logo**

The Thames Valley District School Board is inviting students, staff, parents and caregivers, and the community to complete a poll and select their preference for the new Thames Valley District School Board logo! **Click [HERE](#) to view the three logos designs and vote for your favourite.**

*Voting ends Wednesday, June 5, 2024.* The chosen logo will be unveiled at the final Board Meeting of the school year on Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

### **Plattsville Heritage Society**

Members of the community are invited to join the Plattsville Heritage Society to work on the poppy banners on Wednesday nights, 6-8 pm at Peace United Church, 20 Samuel Street in Plattsville! Help put poppies on banners or join us to knit/crochet. Everyone welcome, bring a friend! Students welcome, those in high school can earn volunteer hours. Come when you can! Denise T at 519.535.1417 or Denise D at 519.588.7492

[poster](#)

### **From Public Health**

#### **Ticks and Lyme Disease**

Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria that spreads through the bite of an infected deer (blacklegged) tick. Not all ticks can carry Lyme disease, and the tick must be attached for at least 24 hours to be able to transmit the bacteria. It is important to quickly and properly remove the tick and have it identified to know the risk of getting Lyme disease. Ticks like areas with tall grass, marshlands, and bushes, and they get on people who walk through these areas. Ticks cannot jump or fly.

How to avoid tick bites

- Make sure children are properly dressed (light-colored clothes, long sleeves, pants tucked into socks and close-toed shoes)
- If walking in woody areas have children stick to paths
- Use insect repellent as appropriate containing DEET or Icaridin (follow manufacturer's instructions).

How to properly remove a tick on yourself or a child

- Use fine-tipped tweezers or a tick key to grab the tick close to the skin and pull the tick straight out
- Do not squeeze the tick or put anything on it
- Clean the bite with rubbing alcohol and/ or soap and water
- Place the tick in a hard container (e.g., food container, specimen jar)
- Submit the tick to Southwestern Public Health for identification

Information for parents

- After being in an area that may have ticks, have the child shower, and towel off to remove loose ticks
- Complete a 'tick check': check underarms, neck, and groin area for ticks
- If a tick has been removed, place it in a hard container and submit the tick to Southwestern Public Health for identification purposes only. The tick will not be tested for Lyme disease
- Watch for symptoms such as fever, chills, headache, or the bull's eye rash (but not everyone will get this rash)
- Talk with your doctor

More information can be found at [www.swpublichealth.ca](http://www.swpublichealth.ca).

### **Thoughts of the Day**

Be the reason someone smiles today.

Enjoy every moment.

Never give up.

Kindness and Love are the things we need the most!

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

June	National Indigenous History Month, Pride Month
June 1	Run for the FUNd
June 4	Gr. 4/5A and Gr. 4/5B Field Trip, Toonie Treat Day
June 6	Our London Family Commemoration
June 7	Gr. 5/6, Gr. 6/7 and Gr. 7/8 Field Trip, Tourettes Awareness Day
June 12	Kindergarten and Gr. 1 Tinker Truck Day
June 14	Ms. Elcombe's Retirement Open House
June 16	Father's Day, (Eid) al-Adha begins at sundown
June 18	Toonie Treat Day
June 20	Grade 8 Graduation
June 21	Grade 8 Recognition Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day
June 24	Senior Kindergarten Graduation, Character Assembly
June 25	Report Cards and IEPs home
June 26	Play Day
June 27	Last day of school
June 28	PA Day

Enjoy your weekend, Panther families!