

## PDPS Update Nov. 10, 2023

### **Staffing Update**

We have said 'goodbye' to one of our Student Support Supervisors, Mrs. Dicu. We will miss you as a noon-hour supervisor, but wish you all the best in your new job! We also are welcoming back Mrs. Woolcott who supported our students for several weeks last year and returned to PDPS this week as a temporary Educational Assistant. We're happy to have her back!

### **Progress Reports and Initial Communication of Learning**

Students should have shared with you their Progress Reports (Gr. 1- 8) or Initial Communication of Learning (Kindergarten). If you wish to discuss your child's progress, please reach out directly to their teacher to arrange for an interview time.

### **School Council Fundraisers**

Your School Council is hosting a Fall fundraiser beginning November 6, 2023. We hope that you will take this opportunity to participate in this fundraiser as it helps to support the many ongoing initiatives and activities of your school council that in return ensure our students have the tools, resources and opportunities they need for success. As winter approaches we have you covered for busy nights on the go, gift-giving, or just stocking your pantry with good food to keep you warm this season. We have partnered with three amazing local businesses to bring you a great variety to select from.

- 1) **Mitchell's Soup Co.** is a family-owned, Canadian business that makes high-quality dried soup, stew, chili and rice dish mixes. (35% of all sales will benefit our school) Just share the link with family & friends and a pick-up date will be set in early December at the school. <https://bit.ly/PlattsvillePublicSchool-OnlineOrders>
- 2) **Rheo Thompson mint smoothies** (milk or dark chocolate) \$2.50 ea. (up to 30% of sales will be returned to the school). Order through SchoolCash online. [Tracking Form](#)
- 3) **Domino's Pizza Gift Card** for 1 large 3-topping pizza from the New Hamburg location: \$15 each (\$9 from each sale will be returned to our school). Order through SchoolCash Online. [Tracking Form](#)

For questions please reach out to Dawn Richmond, parent volunteer and organizer of our fundraising initiatives.

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### **School Council Meeting Monday**

All families are invited to attend the Plattsville & District PS School Council meeting on Monday, November 13 at 7:00 in the Library. The attached agenda also contains a TEAMS link if you are unable to attend in person. Please contact co-chairs Samantha Burns ([samantha@themonkeyworx.com](mailto:samantha@themonkeyworx.com)) or Brigitte Balzer ([brigitte\\_benning@hotmail.com](mailto:brigitte_benning@hotmail.com)) to let them know if you plan to attend virtually, or for more information. [Agenda](#)

### **Communication with Staff during the School Day**

While we try our best to be available to families during the school day, our educators do not always have the opportunity to access their emails during the day. Also, Ms. Elcombe is not regularly on Facebook and only sees items that have been sent through Facebook Messenger when in the administrative 'tools' section. If you have information regarding a change to the end of the day or questions that require a 'timely' reply, please either cc your email to [plattsville@tvdsb.ca](mailto:plattsville@tvdsb.ca) or contact Mrs. Elliott directly in the office 519-684-7436, or email Ms. Elcombe directly ([t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca](mailto:t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca)) so that important information or questions do not get 'missed'. Thank you.

### **Lost & Found**

Although we do have items in the Lost & Found, unfortunately, there are no photos this week.

### **Ongoing Fundraisers**

Milk is sold daily, and Popcorn each Wednesday. Tickets may be purchased through SchoolCash online.

Produce Express will continue to support our school's Nutrition Program by donating 5% of all sales back to PDPS when you use the code **PLATT2023** at checkout.

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.

### **Community Events** (see posters)

#### **Oxford County Library – Opportunities for Teens (12-18)**

Please see the attached posters for the Brightside Youth Hub's 'FREE Games Night' here at the Plattsville branch on Thursday, November 23 and for the Winter Teen Book Boxes sign-up. You can also speak with Kathy in the Library for more information.

### **North Dumfries Flu Clinics**

The North Dumfries Community Health Centre, a satellite location of Langs Community Health Centre in Cambridge, will be hosting its last two flu clinics this week. The clinic services North Dumfries (Ayr), New Dundee, Drumbo, and Plattsville (our catchment area) and is open to the community, not just patients of LCHC. The clinic is located at the North Dumfries Community Centre (Ayr arena) at 2958 Greenfield Rd, Ayr. Please see the attached poster for specific dates and times.

### **Thoughts of the Day**

Until you spread your wings, you'll have no idea how far you can fly!"

This is a wonderful day. We have never seen this one before!"

Be Kind, Be Kind, Be Kind."

Be yourself. Everyone else is taken!"

Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive."

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Mon., Nov. 13	School Council Meeting
Tues., Nov. 14	Author Visit
Wed., Nov. 15	Bus Safety presentations
Fri., Nov. 17	PA Day, Rangers Anthem Choir
Tues., Nov. 21	School Council Fundraisers END
Thurs., Nov. 23	Oxford County Library's FREE Teen Games Night
Fri., Nov. 24	W-O Feeder School Music Presentation
Mon., Nov. 27	Scholastic Book Fair (more details to follow)

Have a wonderful weekend, Panther families! Contact Us at [plattsville@tvdsb.ca](mailto:plattsville@tvdsb.ca) or 519-684-7436.