

### **School Council Fundraisers**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Fundraiser. We will let you know when the items will be arriving. Unless otherwise arranged, purchases will be sent home with students. Please reach out to Dawn Richmond, parent volunteer and organizer of our fundraising initiatives if you have any questions. [boomer\\_dawn@hotmail.com](mailto:boomer_dawn@hotmail.com)

### **Community Involvement Survey**

Woodworking? Tai Chi? Frisbee Golf? Sculpture? We would like to bring community members into the school to demonstrate and/or potentially work with students to share their different interests, hobbies and skills to expand our students' interests and experiences. If you have something you would be willing to share, please complete the [Google Form linked here](#). Please feel free to share the link with other community members as well (e.g., grandparents, neighbours without students at the school). The survey will close on Friday, December 1. Thank you in advance!

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our Scholastic Book Fair will run next week, from Monday, November 27 to Friday, December 1. All classes will have an opportunity to 'preview' the book fair on Monday and Tuesday, then sales will begin on Wednesday. Unfortunately, there is no online option available this year. The Book Fair will be open to the public on Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30-5:00 pm, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 – 9:00 am. As we have done in the past, we are asking that Kindergarten students do not bring money to school, but if possible come in with a family member to make purchases. Thank you to our Parent Volunteers who will be assisting throughout the week, and to families in advance for your support of this year's Book Fair.

### **Food Drive**

Through the generosity of our Plattsville Panther Families, last year we donated over 500 items during our canned food drive. Starting on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> our Student Council will be organizing another canned food drive. All donations will be going to The Salvation Army. Thank for your continued support for our community and the youth of Plattsville School.

### **Festive Tuesday Treat Day December 19th**

The PDPS Student Council has decided to run a one-day-only Tuesday Treat Day in conjunction with our CANNED FOOD DRIVE! All profits will go directly to The Salvation Army to purchase perishable food items which will be donated along with the cans from our food drive. You will have two festive options for this treat day which can be pre-ordered through SchoolCash online for \$3.00. Purchases can be made from Monday, November 27 until Tuesday, December 13 so that we know the exact amounts to purchase for delivery on Tuesday, December 19. The two options will be:

\*Chapmans Holiday Moments Peppermint ice cream sandwich **OR**

\*Super Cone Ice Cream Cone Twister (a peanut-free drumstick).

We wanted to offer a special treat, but also realize that some people may just like the 'regular' toonie treat option. If your child would prefer, they will be able to purchase either a plain ice cream sandwich OR a freezie for a toonie the day of December 19<sup>th</sup> while quantities last. Let's make this the biggest donation that we have ever made!

### **Spiritwear Delivery**

Unfortunately, we did not receive our Spiritwear orders this week and hope they will arrive early next week. Once received at the school, Spiritwear will be distributed to the students to bring home. If you wish for us to 'hold' your purchases for pick up, please notify Ms. Elcombe at [t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca](mailto:t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) as soon as possible, if you have not already done so, and we will make those arrangements.

### **Save the Date: Winter Concert**

On Wednesday, December 20, our students will be presenting their Winter Concert. Our Kindergarten classes will share their presentations in the Gym between 12:00 and 12:30 pm, then from 2:00 to 3:15 pm our Grade 1-8 classes will perform. For those family members unable to attend, the presentations will be recorded and posted to our school's YouTube channel by the end of that week.

### **Lost & Found**

We have a few lost and found items to share with you today. Please let us know what belongs in your home and we'll make sure it gets back to your child!

### **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.

### **Ongoing Collections**

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.

We continue to collect dead batteries for e-waste. The collection bins are located in the main office.

### **Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts**

Thames Valley's [Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts](#) offers an enriched Arts program in dance, drama, visual arts and music.

It also offers a complete academic curriculum, consistent with the curriculum offered in all Thames Valley elementary schools.

The selection process is open to all grade 3-7 students. Students are accepted at Lester B. Pearson beginning in grade 4 and can attend until secondary school.

#### ***Selection Process: March 2024***

All Thames Valley students from grades 3-7 can now register for the March 2024 selection process. During the selection process, students will participate in music, dance, drama and visual arts workshops. Students will be evaluated by a combination of educators and industry professionals. Based on these evaluations, students will be offered admission to attend Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts for the 2024-2025 school year. **Students must participate in the selection process to be considered for admission.** [Click here to register](#) or call the school directly at (519) 452-8300. Please note there is a \$60 registration fee. Please contact the school directly to arrange a subsidy, if needed.

#### ***Information Night: November 29, 2023***

You're invited to learn about Thames Valley's Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts program!

**When:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts, 795 Trafalgar St. London, Ontario

A recording of the information night will be made available to those who are not able to attend in person. Please speak with your student's principal to access this recording.

If you have any questions, please email or call the school directly. (519) 452-8300 [pearson@tvdsb.ca](mailto:pearson@tvdsb.ca)

### **Prime Minister Awards**

Consider nominating an educator for a 2024 Prime Minister's Award! Download your [nomination package](#) today by visiting the [website](#). Help us celebrate those who go above and beyond to create safe spaces for their students, continue to work hard to make learning fun and inspire the next generation to be bold innovators and creators. Prime Minister's Awards recipients for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM and Excellence in Early Childhood Education can receive:

- A certificate from the Prime Minister
- National recognition and promotion of their best teaching practices

Looking for inspiration? Check out some previous teaching and early childhood education award recipients. Nomination deadline is January 11, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Time)

### **Community Events**

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

Students aged 12 – 18 are to sign up for the [Winter Teen Book Boxes](#). You can also speak with Kathy in the Library for more information.

#### **Plattsville Free Skate and Toy Drive**

Otherside of the Fence is hosting a [free skate and toy drive](#) on Sunday, November 26 at the Plattsville Arena starting at 3:00 pm.

#### **Plattsville Light Up for the Holidays**

Once again, the students of PDPS will be 'judging' the most festively decorated home in Plattsville for [Light Up for the Holidays](#).

Have your house ready for December 8 as preliminary selection of the 'top 10' homes will take place December 9 and 10. Best of luck!

## **Plattsville Ugly Sweater Youth Dance**

On Friday, December 8, our Grade 6 – 8 students are invited to attend a [free youth dance](#) at the Plattsville Arena's Lions Hall from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Students are asked to dress up in their favourite 'ugly sweater' and enjoy music, games and prizes. Chips, candy bars and pop will be sold throughout the evening.

## **Thoughts of the Day**

Meanness is a sign of weakness.

A grateful heart is the best kind to have.

Happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you share it

If you only do one thing today, make sure it is that you believe in yourself.

Why do bees have sticky hair?.....Because they use HONEY COMBS!

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

Nov. 26	Free Skate & Toy Drive
Nov. 29	Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts Information Night
Dec. 1	Community Involvement Survey responses due
Nov. 27 – Dec. 1	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 27 – Dec. 8	Student Council Food Drive, Student Council Festive Treat Pre-orders
Dec. 8	Ugly Sweater Dance (Gr. 6-8), Hanukkah begins
Dec. 18	Festive Feast, Cozy Day
Dec. 19	Holiday/Tuesday Treat day, Ugly/Decorated Sweater Day
Dec. 20	Winter Concerts, Red/White/Green Day
Dec. 21	Christmas/Winter Character Day
Dec. 22	PJ Day
Dec. 23 – Jan. 7/24	Winter Holidays
Jan. 11	Prime Minister's Awards nominations due

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