

## PDPS Update Oct. 13, 2023

### **Spiritwear Sales**

**Just 1 more day left** to order PDPS Spiritwear directly through WSC. Please use the WSC link below to order. Items will be delivered and distributed by the school for students to bring home. If you would prefer to pick up your items from the school, please let Ms. Elcombe know. **Orders must be completed no later than noon tomorrow - Sunday, October 15.**

<https://plattsvilleps.schoolmerchcanada.com/>

### **Socktober**

We are continuing to collect donations of new warm socks, as well as gently used and clean winter coats, boots, hats, scarves and gloves for The INN in Woodstock to support the homeless in Oxford County. In addition to new, warm socks, we are also collecting men's and women's underwear (smaller sizes), toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, and deodorant. Financial donations will can be made through SchoolCash Online to help with the purchase of other items The INN needs for both their Woodstock and new Tillsonburg donations. Please consider donating and thank you for your support.

### **Spirit Path Week**

On Friday, October 20th, our school will participate in a 'Walk for Wenjack' walk during last block (from 2:00 - 2:45pm) on our school grounds. This special event is an opportunity for our school community to come together and do something about moving forward with reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. As part of our contribution, we kindly ask that each student bring in a loonie or toonie next week. These small donations can collectively make a difference in supporting the important work of the Downie and Wenjack Fund. Let's walk together, learn together, and make a positive impact together as we remember Chanie Wenjack, a boy who died on his way home from hunger and exposure while trying to escape his residential school. Thank you for your support and participation in this significant event. Let's stand together for a more inclusive and understanding future. For more information on the Downie and Wenjack Fund, please visit: <https://downiewenjack.ca/>

### **Board Game and Chess Clubs**

Starting Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> students in Grades 4 through 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a board game club and/or chess club. We will be alternating weeks during the second nutrition break - one week board games and the next chess club for those who already know how to play. Students have already had the chance to express their interest in participating, and we will be doing reminders the day before on announcements. We have both games and some chess boards available at the school, but students are invited to bring their own from home as well. In a few weeks, we will also be introducing an opportunity for small groups of students to learn to play chess. We hope that this will be a fun break.

### **Pumpkin Carving Showcase**

On Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> we will be having a Pumpkin Carving Showcase. As in past years, students may bring carved pumpkins from home to display for everyone at the school to see. More information will be provided closer to the 31<sup>st</sup> but start letting those creative thoughts flow! We can't wait to see your designs!

### **Terry Fox Update**

Thanks to this community's generosity, through online giving, cash collections, Treat Tuesday purchases and staff shirt purchases, our school will be donating \$1450 to the Terry Fox Foundation.

During the school's Terry Fox Run, students were encouraged to demonstrate 'perseverance' in completing as many laps as possible during the time provided. We were so proud to see the dedication of all of our students for this challenge and it was difficult to choose only three students to award a 2023 Terry Fox t-shirt, one from each of our divisions. Congratulations to everyone for your amazing efforts all around! PHOTOS

### **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.

### **Lost & Found**

The cold weather this week helped to 'find' many sweater owners! Please see the lost and found photos for this week below and contact your child's teacher to let them know of items 'found' on the table. We will make sure they get back to them as soon as possible. PHOTOS

### **Student Information Verification/Consents in Parent Portal**

Thanks to those families who verified their individual children's student information and completed the parental consents in the Parent Portal. Please remember this needs to be completed for EACH child. There are still many families who have not done this step. Please note, if there are any changes to the information in the Portal you will be unable to make them online. Please send an email to [plattsville@tvdsb.ca](mailto:plattsville@tvdsb.ca) with the corrected information. The default for all consents is 'no' (not allowed), including those for photo 'consents' for things like yearbook photos, photos for school website, etc. Thank you for your attention to this request.

### **Police Checks and Offence Declarations for 2023-2024**

Paper copies of the Offence Declarations were sent home for all parents who have a valid Police Check on file at the school. Please remember for the information to be considered 'current', an Offence Declaration must be completed and returned every subsequent year. Should a year be 'missed', a new Police Check would need to be completed. Please contact Ms. Elcombe directly ([t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca](mailto:t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca)) if you require an agency letter for a new Police Check.

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

#### **Grade 6-8 Dance**

Peace Café and the Township of Blandford Blenheim will be hosting a FREE Costume Youth Dance on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> for kids in Grades 6 to 8 at the Lions Hall. Students are encouraged to wear costumes and there will be food for sale, games, prizes and music!

#### **Plattsville Community Connect Event**

On Wednesday, October 25th there will be a community information night from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Plattsville Arena Lion's Hall featuring representatives from many services and organizations that support our township and residents. Join us to learn about local services, ask questions, and share ideas and opinions.

#### **Plattsville Lions Pumpkin Parade**

On Wednesday, November 1, the Plattsville Lions Club will be hosting their annual Pumpkin Parade. Bring your carved pumpkins and wear your Halloween costume for another night for the food drive and new toy donation event at the Park and Pavilion, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

#### **The Christmas Place**

Please see the attached information for the 2023 Oxford County 'The Christmas Place' for opportunities to participate, donate and/or volunteer.

#### **Thoughts of the Day**

*Grati-Tuesday* Let your hands be so busy catching blessings that you don't have the capacity to hold on to grudges."

*Wellness Wednesday* Every one of us needs to show each other how much we care for each other, and in the process, care for ourselves.

*Thoughtful Thursday* Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen!

*Fun Friday* What do Italians eat on Friday the 13th? Fettucinni AFRAID-o!

#### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Sun., Oct. 15	Spiritwear orders due by noon
Oct. 16 – 20	Secret Path Week, Local Government Week
Tues., Oct. 17	TVDSB Cross Country Championships (good luck Gordon!)
Wed., Oct. 18	Gr. 1 – 3 Fire Station visits
Thurs., Oct. 19	Great Big Crunch
Tues., Oct. 31	Pumpkin Carving Showcase
Wed., Nov. 1	Plattsville Pumpkin Parade
Sun., Nov. 5	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Fri., Nov. 10	PDPS Remembrance Day Service
Sat., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Mon., Nov. 13	School Council Meeting
Wed., Nov. 15	Bus Safety presentations
Fri., Nov. 17	PA Day

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