

Walk for Wenjack

A huge thank you to everyone for helping make our first 'Walk for Wenjack' a big success today. It was so beautiful to see the whole school walk together for a great cause. The posters student-created posters were all amazing, and it was nice to see the older kids mingle with the younger kids! What great timing it was before the downpour. So far, we have raised just over \$224 as a school which will be donated to the Downie & Wenjack Fund. Way to go, Panthers! COLLAGE

Socktober

Wow! The generosity of our school community is amazing. There are many overflowing boxes of donation items already. We have just over one week to continue 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. We are also collecting men's and women's underwear (smaller sizes), toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, and deodorant. Financial donations can also 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.

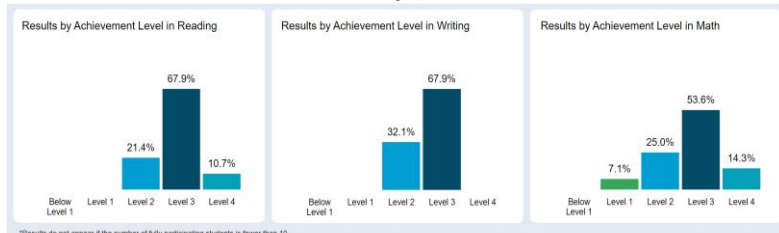
Student Photos

Students received the proofs for their individual photos this past week. If you wish to order photos, please see the information sent with the proofs. Ordering is done directly through our vendor, EdgelMaging. If your child was absent, or you wish to have their photo redone, retakes will be on Thursday, November 2.

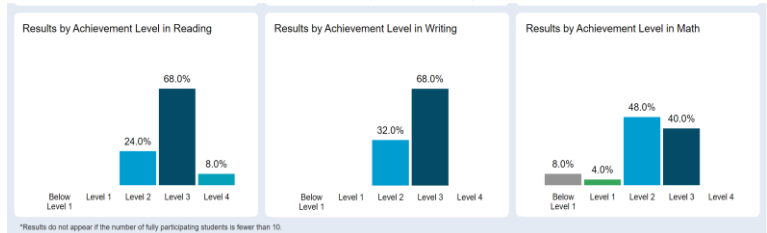
EQAO 2022-2023 Results

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) tests students' skills in reading, writing and mathematics at key points in their elementary-school education. Students are tested twice: at the end of Grade 3, to assess what they've learned throughout the Primary Division (Grades 1–3) and at the end of Grade 6, on what they've learned throughout the Junior Division (Grades 4–6). The following are the PDPS results for the second year of fully online testing. This information, as well as ongoing formal and informal assessments throughout the year, help to 'dig deeper' into the individual needs of our students, and to determine our school's divisional literacy and numeracy goals throughout the school year.

Primary (Grade 3)



Junior (Grade 6)



Spiritwear Sales

Thanks to everyone who ordered Spiritwear. We do not have a delivery date yet, but when items come in, we will send them home with the students. If you wish for us to 'hold back' your child's order, please let us know and we will make arrangements for you to pick up the Spiritwear from the school.

Pumpkin Carving Showcase

On Tuesday, October 31st 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 31st but start letting those creative thoughts flow! We can't wait to see your designs!

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.

Lost & Found

We've had a pretty good week remembering to bring items inside after recess! 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

Community Events (see posters)

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.

Grade 6-8 Dance

Peace Café and the Township of Blandford Blenheim will be hosting a FREE Costume Youth Dance on *Friday, October 27th* 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 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.

StoryBOO

Storybook Gardens has 3 different events over the next couple of weeks: StoryBOO Village (Oct.12-29), a sensory-friendly afternoon (Sunday, October 22) and Humpty's Haunted Howl-o-ween for dog trick-or-treating with proceeds going to the Humane Society (Sunday, October 29).

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

<i>Mindful Monday</i>	Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?
<i>Grati-Tuesday</i>	Gratitude and attitude are not challenges, they are choices!
<i>Wellness Wednesday</i>	Never underestimate your potential to effect positive change.
<i>Thoughtful Thursday</i>	You can't use up creativity...the more you use, the more you have!
<i>Fun Friday</i>	What do you call a pumpkin that works at a beach? A lifeGOURD!

Important Upcoming Dates

Wed., Oct. 25	Gr. 2s to Snyder's Farm, Plattsville Community Connect
Fri., Oct. 27	Gr. 6-8 Youth Costume Dance
Tues., Oct. 31	Pumpkin Carving Showcase
Wed., Nov. 1	Plattsville Pumpkin Parade
Thurs., Nov. 2	School Photo Retakes
Sun., Nov. 5	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Fri., Nov. 10	PDPS Remembrance Day Service, Progress Reports and Initial Communication of Learning home
Sat., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
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

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