

PDPS Update Oct. 27, 2023

Socktober

Only a few days left to donate 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. Our community has exceeded our goal of 325 items...amazing! Thank you so much!

Pumpkin Carving Showcase

Plattsville Panthers...do you like spooky or maybe funny? What about the best dressed? If you aren't sure what to do this weekend, your Student Council has an idea for you! Go buy a pumpkin and spend some of your weekend filled with creating that masterpiece jack-o-lantern you always wanted to make! On Tuesday, October 31st, you can bring in that pumpkin before school to be put in our pumpkin carving showcase. Everyone will get the chance to look at what a great job you did decorating, carving or dressing your pumpkin! Can't wait to see so many pumpkins (last year we had 89) and where your imagination takes you! Pumpkins can be dropped off at the school between 8:30 and 9:00 on Tuesday, October 31st. **Please be sure to attach your name, what grade you are in, your teacher and how the pumpkin will be going home that night onto your pumpkin.** If the pumpkin is not picked up or arrangements for pick up haven't been made, those pumpkins will be thrown out. We cannot hold onto the pumpkins.

Kitchener Rangers Anthem Choir

Parents/Guardians of students participating in the Ranger Anthem Sing on November 17th, please make sure to check your spam and junk folder for a Google Form sent through SchoolMessengerOnline with more detailed information. Please also note we can only accommodate a maximum of 3 tickets per family at this time. If more tickets become available, families will be notified ASAP. You will also be receiving an invitation to pay for your tickets (\$26 adult, \$22 child) through SchoolCashOnline shortly. Thank you for your dedication and interest in this exciting event. Musically yours, Mrs. Finnie.

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

There have been a few additions to our Lost and Found this week! Please see the photos 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. Next week will be our first 'last chance' posting as some of the items have been on the table since the beginning of September!

Community Events (see posters)

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), 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.

North Dumfries Flu Clinics

The North Dumfries Community Health Centre, a satellite location of Langs Community Health Centre in Cambridge, will be hosting four different free flu clinics starting in November. 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.

Oxford County Trails Council Badge Program

Students can now earn badges for exploring trails in the Oxford County region. They simply need to complete a specific distance, record it on their trail log and mail it in. For further details, please visit the [Oxford County Trails Council website](#).

Thoughts of the Day

<i>Mindful Monday</i>	Until you can spread your wings, you'll have no idea how far you can fly!
<i>Grati-Tuesday</i>	Gratitude helps us to see what IS there, not what isn't.
<i>Wellness Wednesday</i>	Positive vibes only' shouldn't be a thing. Humans have a wide range of emotions and that's okay!
<i>Thoughtful Thursday</i>	Learning is never done without errors or defeat.
<i>Fun Friday</i>	How do you get a squirrel to like you? Act like a nut!

Important Upcoming Dates

Tues., Oct. 31	Pumpkin Carving Showcase
Wed., Nov. 1	Plattsville Pumpkin Parade
Thurs., Nov. 2	School Photo Retakes, North Dumfries Flu Clinic opens
Sun., Nov. 5	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov. 6 – 10	Treaties Recognition Week
Fri., Nov. 10	PDPS Remembrance Day Service, Progress Reports and Initial Communication of Learning home
Sat., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – Community Services at Plattsville Memorial Gates and Chesterfield Cenotaph
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.