

PDPS Update Oct. 6, 2023

Staffing Update

This week we welcome our new secretary, Mrs. Ashley Elliott, to the PDPS Family. Thank you in advance for your support and patience as she learns about our school and community over the next little while!

Student Information Verification/Consents in Parent Portal

Just over 50% of our students have had their information verified and parental consents completed in the Parent Portal. Please remember this needs to be completed for EACH child. If there are any changes to the information in the Portal, please send an email to plattsville@tvdsb.ca with the corrected information. You will be unable to make changes online. If you have not checked off 'yes' or 'no' to the photo 'consents' for things like yearbook photos, photos for school website, etc. (default is 'no'), please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the members of our Cross Country Team who completed this week at Pittock Conservation Area. Thanks to Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Harris for their leadership!

School Nutrition Program

We are looking for one or two volunteers who might be able to assist with the Nutrition Program this year. If you're interested, please contact Ms. Elcombe. For the remainder of the year, Produce Express will continue to support this program by donating 5% of all sales back to PDPS when you use the code **PLATT2023** at checkout.

Spiritwear Sales

PDPS Spiritwear is now for sale directly through WSC – this is not a school fundraiser. All sales will be completed through the WSC link below, and 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 on Sunday, October 15.

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

Socktober

We are now collecting 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. This movement, called "Socktober", is dedicated to gathering and donating items to people in need. We also will accept men's and women's underwear (smaller sizes), toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors and shaving cream, and deodorant. The INN is opening a new location this year in Tillsonburg, so they need all the support they can get! Monetary donations will also be accepted through SchoolCash Online to help with the purchase of other items The INN needs. In-kind donations will be picked up every few days from your child's classroom by the Grade 5/6 students who are running this collection. Please consider donating and thank you for your support.

Hot Lunch, Popcorn and Milk Sales

We have milk! Apologies for the inconvenience last week. Hopefully over the next few weeks we will be able to have a better sense of how much milk to order as this must be done a week in advance. A reminder that orders for hot lunches (Lunchbox), Popcorn and Milk tickets are all available through your Parent Portal with "SchoolCash Online" by Sunday at noon.

<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>. Hot lunch orders provide a small contribution to our School Council Fundraising initiatives for the academic year, while Popcorn and Milk sales will be used for a variety of items and activities which may include school-wide presentations, technology, field trips, special art supplies, etc. As always, thank you for your support!

Lost & Found

Please see the lost and found photos for this week below. Please contact your child's teacher to let them know of items 'found' on the table and we will make sure they get back to them as soon as possible.

Offence Declarations for School Volunteers

If you have previously submitted a Police Check to the school, over the next couple of weeks you may receive an 'Offence Declaration' form to be completed for 2023-2024. This form must be completed annually to maintain your vulnerable sector check status. Please sign and return this form to the office.

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

School Council is once again running an ongoing fundraiser throughout the year. With the new year upon us, now is a great time to LABEL, LABEL, LABEL everything! This really does help the school to get everyone's belongings home, and not on the Lost & Found table. School Council receives a small percentage of all sales when our school is selected before checkout.

https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/

Seeking Community Input

Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) is building a new Strategic Plan and we are looking for families to share their thoughts about how we can improve TVDSB and what TVDSB should strive for in the future.

Scan the survey link to **complete a short form by October 13, 2023.**

https://tvdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3UWBrT3KQujtWV8?Q_CHL=qr&fbclid=IwAR0UoD2IpsB3OfIV5S0i6Cr1yEomMmBBXyujrDbZSsdn3qOwJfUWE9mZT4A

If you have any questions, please email us at: strategicplanning@tvdsb.ca or visit our website for more information:

www.tvdsb.ca/strategicplan.

Plattsville Lions Club

Through the very generous support of the Plattsville Lions Club, we have been able to purchase another 75 folding chairs to be used for large events in our gym. Thank you, Lions!

Pop Tabs, Dead Batteries

We are once again collecting pop tabs for charity, and dead batteries for e-waste. Please bring these to the office.

Storybook Gardens

StoryBOO is back from October 12-October 29 at Storybook Gardens in London. This event is designed for young children and their families and is available locally, offers a day-time sensory-friendly, mini BOO and dog trick-or-treating experience in addition to their classic night time event. Please see the poster attached for further details.

Thoughts of the Day

Mindful Monday - Mindfulness isn't difficult. We just need to remember to do it.

Grati-Tuesday – Every grateful thought makes me healthier!

Wellness Wednesday - Be the one who makes others feel included

Thoughtful Thursday - Never look down on somebody else unless you're helping them up.

Fun Friday – Why was the turkey asked to join a band? He could bring his own drumsticks!

Important Upcoming Dates

Mon., Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Monday
Tues., Oct. 10	New Secretary begins, Student-Teacher begins with Gr. 4/5A, World Mental Health Day
Wed., Oct. 11	Grade 1s to Vansittart Woods
Fri., Oct. 13	Gr. 7 Immunizations, Dairy Educator visit
Sun., Oct. 15	Spiritwear orders due by noon
Oct. 16 – 20	Secret Path Week
Tues., Oct. 17	TVDSB Cross Country Championships
Wed., Oct. 18	Gr. 1 – 3 Fire Station visits
Tues., Oct. 31	Pumpkin Carving Showcase

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