

## PDPS Update Sept. 15, 2023

### **Terry Fox Run**

We are again thrilled to host a Terry Fox Run at PDPS. This will be our 30<sup>th</sup> year hosting a run at PDPS and we are excited to see everyone participate! For those interested in donating to this cause, please see the link attached for our school donation page. <https://schools.terryfox.ca/37872>. Next TUESDAY is also toonie treat day with all proceeds going to the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. We hope to raise at least \$1000 this year! Our school Terry Fox run will take place on Friday, September 22, from 2-3 pm (rain date on Monday, September 25th). Community members are welcome to join us outside for the run.

### **School Council's Hot Lunch Program & Ontario Student Nutrition Program**

The Hot Lunch Program will begin this coming week on TUESDAY, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Online orders are now open on "SchoolCash Online" through your Parent Portal at <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>. *Please note that logging in directly to the Lunchbox website this year has been problematic, so please use this option only.* If you are still having difficulty, please see the instructions attached.

We are continuing to seek volunteers for the last Friday of each month, and as an occasional sub to help fill in if volunteers need time away. If interested, please reach out to Samantha Burns [samantha@themonkeyworx.com](mailto:samantha@themonkeyworx.com).

This year we have chosen a different pizza vendor based on family feedback collected last year. We will try Dominos from New Hamburg as it allowed us to bring the cost down for families significantly- and we know this means slices will be smaller (typical sliced pizza). We were also able to implement a NEW hot lunch for the last Friday of each month of pasta or chicken options. We will be sure to take some photos of the new options and selections so families can see what is being delivered (after the first delivery). If you have questions about this program, please be sure to connect with me.

Please know that every hot lunch ordered provides a small contribution to our School Council Fundraising initiatives for the academic year that will be set at the first official council meeting. As always, thank you for your support!

We will send out messaging when our Ontario Student Nutrition Program is ready to begin early next month.

### **Popcorn & Milk Sales**

We are excited to begin our Popcorn sales again on Wednesdays with 5 different flavours available for \$2 each – Butter and Salt, Salt and Vinegar, Sweet and Salty, Dill Pickle and White Cheddar. Profits from popcorn sales will be used for a variety of items and activities which may include school-wide presentations, technology, field trips, special art supplies, etc. Our first milk delivery will be on Thursday, so we hope to begin our DAILY milk sales the same day (will depend on delivery time). Cartons of both white and chocolate milk will be available for \$1. A page of 20 milk tickets can be purchased through SchoolCash online for \$20 and for 20 bags of popcorn for \$40 by NOON on Sundays (to align with Hot Lunch timelines). New tickets will only be printed and distributed on Mondays. Families who have tickets left from last year for both popcorn and milk can use them again this year.

### **Toonie Treat Tuesdays**

We will be having two Toonie Treat Tuesdays this year where Freezies, Ice Cream Sandwiches and Creamsicles will be available for \$2 at first recess break for students to purchase. The first on Tuesday, September 19 will have all proceeds donated to the Terry Fox Foundation, and on Tuesday, September 26 to the United Way Oxford. Thanks for your support!

### **Student Information Verification**

A reminder to make sure to verify the student information forms and privacy form in the Parent Portal as soon as possible. If you have any changes (e.g., emergency contact, cell #, etc.), please print a copy of the form, write out the changes and return the form to Ms. Charlton, or email them to [plattsville@tvdsb.ca](mailto:plattsville@tvdsb.ca). If you have any questions or issues with the portal, please contact [plattsville@tvdsb.ca](mailto:plattsville@tvdsb.ca) as well. You will not be able to make changes to the student information in the portal – they must be received by the school in writing. Please note that there are some other important documents to be completed but will not be accessible until the student information has been verified online.

### **Lost & Found**

We have a few more items of clothing on our Lost and Found table this week. Please see the photo below. There are still two full boxes of items left over from last spring in our 'Last Chance' post. Please have a careful look at these items as anything from this lot remaining at the end of the month will be donated. If you recognize anything belonging to your household, please contact your child's teacher to let them know and we'll get the item(s) back to your homes! Please have a look at the Lost & Found Photos June 30, 2023, also posted in the 'Our School' section of the PDPS website under the PDPS Weekly Update tab and on our Facebook page.

## **School Council**

Learning thrives in a collaborative, team-oriented culture, where students, staff and parents feel safe to take risks and problem solve together. We benefit greatly from the tremendous support provided by Plattsville's school community, and eagerly anticipate the on-going involvement of our parents and other community members as the year proceeds. Please consider contributing to our school community by joining our School Council, which meets monthly throughout the year. Our first meeting will be for election purposes **VIRTUALLY on Monday, September 25 at 6:30 pm**. We encourage all families to participate as Executive or Members. Sub-committees of the Plattsville School Council include Fundraising, Safe Schools, and the Welcome Committee, to name a few. Parents and community members interested in elected executive positions should review the Roles and Responsibilities and complete the prompts from appropriate Nomination form in an email to be sent to Ms. Elcombe by email (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) no later than Friday, September 22.

Election Bylaws, Roles & Responsibilities, and Nomination Forms can also be found in the 'Parents' section under the School Council tab and the 'Files' section on our Facebook page. [School Council Page](#)

To join the meeting on September 25, please click on [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZWU2NzJkMTctMmQ5My00ZWY2LTg4NzQtZjNjN2Y2ZmJlZDE3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22024c5d6-bed5-4705-98ac-f83e64a78e99%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c927c512-4dd0-4e97-8ec7-33fdd469b776%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZWU2NzJkMTctMmQ5My00ZWY2LTg4NzQtZjNjN2Y2ZmJlZDE3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22024c5d6-bed5-4705-98ac-f83e64a78e99%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c927c512-4dd0-4e97-8ec7-33fdd469b776%22%7d)

You should be able to join without downloading Microsoft Teams by choosing the 'web' version.

## **Orange Shirt Day/Truth and Reconciliation Week**

Our school will be participating in various activities to recognize Truth and Reconciliation Week from Sept. 25 to 29. We would ask everyone to **wear orange on Friday, September 29**, to acknowledge 'Orange Shirt Day'. Saturday, September 30 will be recognized as the National Day for Truth and Recognition across Canada to honour Residential School Survivors and remember those who didn't make it home.

## **Police/Vulnerable Sector Checks & Offence Declarations for School Volunteers**

Vulnerable sector checks can now be completed online. See <https://opp.ca/recordchecks> for more information and links to the vulnerable sector forms (LE220). In order to accompany students on end-of-year trips, to volunteer at the school, or act as a driver to team events, you must have a copy of a Police Record Check (Vulnerable Screening) and signed Confidentiality Statement on file at the school, and have completed an Offence Declaration for 2023-2024. To complete your online screening, you will still need to have an agency letter from Ms. Elcombe (contact the school and this can be sent home – one per volunteer) as well as 2 pieces of identification (e.g., Drivers' License, Birth Certificate, Valid Passport, etc.) to include with the online application. Please note that we must have an original copy of a Police Check specific to the school. New Offence Declarations and Confidentiality Statements will be sent home for community members who have a valid Police Check on file. Please make sure these are signed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

## **Individual Plan of Care (IPOC)**

If your child has any health conditions requiring an Individual Plan of Care (asthma, anaphylactic allergy, diabetes, epilepsy, or other potentially life-threatening health condition, please complete the IPOC notification to the school in the Parent Portal. **The IPOC must be updated each year, or whenever changes to the plan are made**. Once you have indicated your child's need for an IPOC, you should immediately receive an email stating the school has been notified that a condition exists. You will then need to go into the IPOC section again to complete and submit the forms. If **prescription** medication is to be administered DAILY by staff at the school, you will need to complete the "Authorization for Daily Administration of Prescription Medication" form; if **prescription** medication is to be administered AS NEEDED by staff at the school, you will need to complete the "Authorization for Administration of PRN Prescription Medication" form. These two forms will need to be signed by a medical professional. If your child can take their medication on their own without staff support (e.g., asthma inhaler), you will need to complete the appropriate section of the "Authorization for Administration of PRN Prescription Medication" form. Please note that staff will not be able to administer non-prescription medications to students. Please provide paper copies of these forms to the school as soon as possible. If you have any questions concerning IPOCs, please contact Ms. Elcombe directly at t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca or 519-684-7436 ext. 4.

## **Mandatory Health & Safety Drills**

Every Fall and Spring, all schools are required to run 3 fire drills, a high winds/severe weather drill and a code red/lockdown drill. This past week, we completed our first fire drill which had been practiced and was successfully completed by students and staff. This coming week we will complete our code red and high winds drills as well as at least our second fire drill. Our students will be prepared and know what to do in case of these types of emergencies. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be conducting our 3<sup>rd</sup>, unannounced mandatory fire drill.

## **Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan**

Each year our Safe Schools team, comprised of community members, parents, staff and students, works together to determine our [Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan](#) (SISP link at bottom of webpage). As a school, we are focusing on understanding our own feelings and the feelings of others. We are doing this because our School Climate Survey responses from our students indicate this is an area where students have revealed a need, and through understanding of feelings may be more empathetic toward others.

## **Splash Pad at Breaks**

We are asking that students who are signing out during the second break do not use the splash pad at the park next door. Students have been coming in wet, then late to class because they need to change, also causing extra cleanup necessary with wet floors in the halls and washrooms. If students are using the splash pad during the school day, please go home to change before returning to school. With the weather starting to cool, we know that this will not continue to be an issue again until the spring when we heat up again. Thanks for your cooperation.

## **Buses and Bikes in the School Parking Lot**

Please remember that you may NOT drive past the school buses when they are parked in the school parking lot during both drop-off and pick-up times either to enter or exit, including on inclement weather days. Please either wait until they have safely departed or park in our lower parking lot. Students are also reminded that once they are on school property, they are to be walking their bikes. Thank you for helping to keep all our students and community members safe.

## **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/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/)

## **School Accident Insurance**

If you are interested in student accident insurance, for the 2022-23 school year TVDSB is pleased to offer families the option of two student accident insurance providers to choose from to purchase insurance for your children.

<https://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/>      <https://insuremykids.com/>

## **Gr. 7 Immunizations**

Southwestern Public Health offers free vaccines to Grade 7 students through school clinics. Consent forms were sent home with your child last week. Please sign and return consent forms to the school **no later than Friday, September 22**. All forms need to be returned to the school, even if your child in Grade 7 will not be receiving the immunizations.

## **Student Monitors**

We would like to give a 'shout out' to those students in Grades 4 through 8 who have volunteered to help out around our school as bus monitors, lunch monitors, office monitors and morning announcers. Thank you for your commitment and leadership at PDPS!

## **Community Events**

### **Drumbo Fair**

The coordinators from the Drumbo Fall Fair (September 24-25) have dropped off School Fair flyers and entry tickets to the school. If your child is interested in entering items by September 18, please let their classroom teacher know, and can pick some up from our office. For more details, please visit <https://www.drumbofair.com/jdas4/>. There will be some artwork from our PDPS students on display at this year's fair as well...we hope you'll check it out!

## **Storybook Gardens**

Our annual and highly anticipated StoryBOO event is back and is running from October 12-October 29 and I am contacting you today to see if you are willing to share information about the event with your students.

Why is this Halloween event so unique:

- This event is designed for young children and their families and is available locally.
- We offer a day-time sensory-friendly, mini BOO and dog trick-or-treating experience in addition to our classic night time event.
- We train and onboard nearly 60 TVDSB high school volunteers each fall to help make this event possible.
- With the support of sponsors like Start.ca, Ren's Pets and more we are able to keep costs low.

## **Clothed in Love**

The Plattsville Missionary Church is hosting their Clothed In Love event again this fall on Sat. Sept 30 from 10-12. This will be a fully free event for everyone in and out of the community!

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

Tues., Sept. 19 Hot Lunch Program begins, Fire Drill #1, \*Toonie Treat Tuesday for Terry Fox Foundation

Wed., Sept. 20 Popcorn Sales begin

Thurs., Sept. 21 High Winds Drill, Milk Sales begin

Fri., Sept. 22 Terry Fox Run (pm), Gr. 7 Immunization Consent Forms due, Milk Program begins

Sat., Sept. 23 Drumbo Fair (entry booklets and tags available at Office), Fall begins

Sun., Sept. 24 Drumbo Fair, Yom Kippur begins at sundown

Mon., Sept. 25 School Council Elections meeting 6:30 pm

Tue., Sept. 26 Fire Drill #2, \*Toonie Treat Tuesday for United Way

Wed., Sept. 27 Rowan's Law Day – wear purple

Thurs., Sept. 28 Code Red Drill

Fri., Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day

Sat., Sept. 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Clothed in Love event

Tues., Oct. 3 Individual School Photos, Grade 4s to Dairy Days (photos will be taken first)

Fri., Oct. 6 PA Day

Mon., Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Monday

Fri., Oct. 13 Gr. 7 Immunizations

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