

New Library Learning Commons Website

Please check out our new Library Learning Commons (LLC) website for PDPS. This is a 'one stop shop' for information for our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair (May 2-6), the "Forest of Reading" program, links to read alouds, happenings in the LLC and much more. There are also links to Insignia (search engine to locate books and other resources available in the LLC), the Oxford County Library, and to contact Mrs. Finnie directly. We hope you check it out!

<https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/p-d-p-s-lcc>

PDPS Spirit Days

Thanks to our Grade 8s under the direction of Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Schultz, here are the Spirit Days for the remainder of this year:
Friday, April 22 - Earth Day (wear blue, green, recycled items, make your own hats, etc.)

Friday, May 6 - Sport Day

Friday, May 20 - Decades Day (80s)

Friday, June 10 - Fancy Day (can have fancy hair/wear a fancy outfit)

Friday, June 17 - Duet Day (match with a friend or something that goes together)

Friday, June 24 - Spirit Day (wear Panther clothing or Panther colours)

School Council Fundraiser – Colour Paradise Greenhouses

This weekend with family and friends would be a great time to share the link for our School Council's Colour Paradise gift certificates fundraiser to support the purchase of new outdoor equipment and resources to benefit our students of Plattsville and District Public School. The fundraiser will close on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

Cards will be delivered just in time for Mother's Day as well as the beginning of gardening season!

Orders can be placed through School Cash Online at <https://tvdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/83744/49/False/True> and attached is an Excel form so that families can track gift card orders from family and friends.

Colour Paradise Tracking Form

We will arrange one pick-up event for after school (3:15 PM - 5:00 PM, date TBA), and any cards not picked up in person will be sent home with the oldest child in an envelope the next day.

Delivery dates will be confirmed closer to the end of our fundraiser.

We thank you in advance for your continued support, happy Spring!

Address: 1209 Bleams Road, Mannheim, ON. N0B 2H0 Website: <https://www.colourparadise.com/>

Rapid Antigen Test Kits and Student Masks

If you are in need of additional RAT tests or student masks, please let Ms. Elcombe know directly (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca).

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos of our Lost and Found items for this week, as well as the 'Last Chance' items that will be donated to local charities if not claimed by April 14. If you recognize anything that may belong in your home, please let Ms. Elcombe know directly (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) and we will make sure that your child gets them back on Monday. Current photos will be shared on Monday when Ms. Elcombe returns.

Police Record Checks for School Volunteers

With 'end of the year' trips being planned and possible opportunities for volunteers in our schools before the end of this school year, this is just a reminder that if you wish to volunteer, you must have a copy of a Police Record Check (Vulnerable Screening) on file at the school and have completed an Offence Declaration for 2021-2022. Volunteers no longer need to show proof of double vaccination. If you do not currently have a Police Check on file at PDPS, you can obtain one from the Tillsonburg or Ingersoll OPP detachments with an appointment. You will need to take with you a 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.). The wait time is approximately 2 weeks to have these completed. If you have a Police Check on file but have not completed an Offence Declaration for this year, please contact the school and we will send a copy home for you to complete.

Windows to our World

The world looks different depending on who and where you are, and we all need practice understanding multiple points of view. Here are two unique opportunities to learn more about Muslim culture and Anti-Islamophobia.

Please see the attached poster for the Muslim Lifestyle Expo May 6 – 8 at the Agriplex in London, and the details for the community workshop “Strategies for Transformation: Families working together to deal with and address Islamophobia”.

Date / Time: May 19: 4:00-6:00 pm

Location: Virtual (Teams)

Description: This workshop will provide families with an understanding of Islamophobia, advocacy and practical strategies to confront Islamophobia at home and in the community. Case studies will be used to explore internalized forms of oppression, intersectionality and allyship.

** Individuals interested in attending are asked to fill out the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/3XBiWKU3TemS7LHJA>

Upcoming Important Dates

April 22	Earth Day
April 25	Grade 7 & 8 Immunizations
	School Council Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 (agenda and TEAMS link to follow in the April 22 newsletter)
April 28	Individual School Photo Day (more information should be available next week)
May 2 – 6	Scholastic Book Fair (see LLC website for information)
May 5	Kindergarten Orientation (more information to be provided)
May 8	Mother’s Day
May 16 – June 2	Grade 3 & 6 EQAO (more information to be provided)
May 23	Victoria Day
June 2	Provincial Election
June 3	PA Day
June 19	Father’s Day
June 27	Reports & IEPs home
June 28	Grade 8 Graduation (more information to be provided)
June 29	Last day of school
June 30	PA Day

Have a great weekend, Panther Families!