

### 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)

### Home Connections in Mathematics – April

To help support numeracy in our school community, please consider trying some of the activities found in the Home Connections in Mathematics for April.

### School Council Fundraiser – Colour Paradise Greenhouses

School Council have organized a fantastic Spring fundraiser to support the purchase of new outdoor equipment and resources to benefit our students of Plattsville and District Public School.

With Spring around the corner, we have partnered with a local greenhouse to provide gift cards in \$25 denominations with 15% of all purchases returned to our fundraising initiative!

A gift card from Colour Paradise Greenhouses is perfect for any landscaping or yard project or for the beginner or avid gardener alike. This fundraiser will begin on Monday, April 4th and close 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](mailto:t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca)).

### Opportunity for Grade 7 & 8 Students

*Investing in Children* is pleased to announce that we will be offering (for the 5<sup>th</sup> time) our free virtual Let's Chat: Live Different Circles program once again and want to be sure that your families know about it.

The **Let's Chat: Live Different Circles** program is for students in Grades 7 & 8 or 9 & 10 and focuses on relationship building and help students adopt key lifestyle values and impact our community in meaningful ways by participating in a compassion project as decided by the group. (You may have heard about or even been involved with our recent book drive that had our last group collect over 6000+ new or gently used books for children in need or the fall group that collected 3850+ pairs of socks that were delivered to the homeless as their compassion projects.)

This is a 7-week free virtual program that commences every **Thursday** (Grades 7 & 8 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. and Grades 9 & 10, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.) will begin on **Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>** and run until **June 8<sup>th</sup>**.

This popular well-designed program is facilitated by a group of trained leaders. More information or our convenient online registration form can be found on our website at <https://investinginchildren.on.ca/circles>

### Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos of our '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](mailto: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**

This is just a reminder that if you wish to volunteer in the building or on a class field trip, 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.

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

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| April 15 & 18   | Good Friday/Easter Monday   |
| April 22        | Earth Day   |
| April 25        | Grade 7 & 8 Immunizations<br>School Council Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 (agenda and TEAMS link to follow in an April 22 newsletter) |
| April 28        | Individual School Photo Day   |
| May 2 – 6       | Scholastic Book Fair  |
| 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!