

PDPS Update Dec. 10, 2021

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair – Pick Up

Mrs. Finnie has arranged for the virtual Book Fair purchases to be picked up next Tuesday and Wednesday. Please see the attached letter for exact times and further instructions.

Covid Screening Confirmation Stickers & Rapid Testing Kits

Thanks to everyone who has been using the new QR Code this past week for confirming daily Covid-19 screenings. We appreciate you letting us know of some of the technical difficulties and working through ‘problem-solving’ with us so that everyone is ready to go with the QR Code after the break. Please remember that that after you have completed the screening on the Ministry website, you do need to go back to the confirmation page to indicate ‘yes’ or ‘no’ before submitting the form. If you are still experiencing difficulties, please let us know this coming week, as the mandatory 2 week confirmation period begins the first day back on Jan. 3. You should have received an email earlier this week that a rapid testing kit (5 individual tests) will be sent home **for each child in your household today**. The directions on how these tests are to be used over the Winter Break are also attached. If your child was absent from school today, the kit will be distributed to them on Monday.

Looking for Student Support Supervisor

PDPS is *desperately* looking for a parent(s) or community member(s) who may be interested in becoming a Student Support Supervisor, formerly known as ‘Noon Hour Supervisor’. This paid TVDSB position would be a commitment of only 1 hour (10:35 – 11:35) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (or any of these days they might be available) and would include supervision of primary-aged students during their lunches inside and on the playground outside. Please contact Ms. Elcombe directly if you or someone you know may be interested.

For Grade 8 Families

Grad photos will be taken this coming Tuesday afternoon (we don’t have an exact start time). As it’s also a ‘dress up’ day, please remind your child to either wear or bring their clothing for the photos as well.

Please see the attached letter from TVDSB regarding the de-streaming (single pathway) for compulsory courses for Grade 9. For students planning to attend Waterloo-Oxford next year, this is a province-wide directive.

Upcoming Spirit Days

Monday, December 13	Dress as a Christmas or Winter thing
Tuesday, December 14	Ugly Sweater Day
Wednesday, December 15	Red, Green and White Day
Thursday, December 16	Wear your favorite Christmas or Winter hat or socks
Friday, December 17.	PJ DAY

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos of items that have accumulated over the past 2 months. If you see anything belonging to your household, please contact Ms. Elcombe directly (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) and we’ll make sure they find their way home on Monday. If you are missing a specific item, please touch base first with your child’s teacher to have a look in their classroom to see if it can be located there.

Food Drive

This week PDPS donated two carloads of items, one each to the Woodstock Salvation Army and Wilmot Family Resource Centre. Both organizations were blown away by the generosity of the Plattsville Community.

Hot Lunch Program

We had a successful first week back to having our hot lunch program up and running. Thank you to the volunteers who are supporting the distribution of the food each day. If you wish to participate, please make sure your child’s order is in by Sunday at 12:00 noon – this is a firm deadline. You are able to order ahead for multiple weeks, if you wish. Please see the attached flyer for ordering information.

Nutrition Program Fundraiser

Only a couple more weeks to participate in our Nutrition Program at PDPS fundraiser with Produce Express during the month of December to help with the costs of the foods being provided. Our program will receive back 5% of all sales this month. Please see the attached flyer for more information regarding ordering. Thank you for your support!

Doorbell Working!

When dropping off or picking up a student, you can now use our new doorbell system to communicate with the office – no need to phone in anymore!

Police Record Checks for School Volunteers

This is just a reminder that if you wish to volunteer in the building, 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. In-school volunteers at this time must also 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.

TVDSB Employment Opportunity

Our Board is temporarily hiring unqualified temporary Educational Assistants. If you know of someone who may be interested in applying, please have them visit the TVDSB website, under 'Employment Opportunities' or share the link below:

<https://tvdsb.knighthunter.com/JobView.aspx?JID=d89375e0-1e69-4522-953e-1431df150196>

TVDSB still continues to accept applications for anyone who has completed their education. The link for the temporary EA posting is below, please share if you know of anyone. We are particularly short in this geographical area of TVDSB!

<https://tvdsb.knighthunter.com/JobView.aspx?JID=a1e9f3cb-7894-49b6-92a4-b20b0c0716c9>

French Immersion Information (for families of Senior Kindergarteners)

In our ongoing efforts to support the French Immersion Program in Thames Valley, the French Portfolio is working to facilitate French Immersion Registration for incoming Grade 1 students for September 2022. Due to the challenges presented by Covid-19, the registration process will be altered slightly and in-person information nights and visits to feeder schools will not be possible. Please see the attached information presentation on the FI Program.

Our board website is currently being updated with regards to Registration for the 2022-2023 school year and should reflect current dates and processes very soon.

Please note that a student's French Immersion School is determined by their primary address. The attendance area for some English schools feeds into more than one French Immersion school depending on each student's primary address.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to visit the TVDSB website to access the "Find My School" tool in order to determine their designated French Immersion School. Please note that Oliver Stephens will offer a dual track system commencing September 2022 in order to support the Woodstock Attendance Area Review. More information can be found at

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/woodstock-attendance-area-review.aspx> .

Grade 1 is the only possible entry point into the French Immersion Program unless a student is coming directly from a program where at least 50% of the instruction has been in French.

We encourage all parents/guardians to register their child during the designated registration window of January 17 – February 4, 2022 to facilitate adequate staffing for the new school year. The last possible date for Grade 1 French Immersion Registration is September 30 of the school year. Students must be 6 years of age by December 31st, 2022 to register for Grade 1.

Community Contest

Plattsville Lights Up for the Holidays is making its 2021 return! By December 10, families in this community are encouraged to decorate their homes for the holidays. During the week of Dec. 13 to 17, students will be voting for their favourite decorated home. **Ballots can be submitted at the school.** You will help bring some Christmas cheer to our town and may also win a prize – that's a 'win-win'. Please see the attached flyer for further information. Thanks to our sponsors, Trails Edge Tavern, Plattsville Home Hardware and Plattsville Lions Club.

Important Upcoming Dates

December 1 – 30	Produce Express Fundraiser
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	Hot Lunch Program (pizza/subs/pizza)
December 13 – 17	Spirit Dress Up Days and Winter Trivia
Tuesday, December 14	Grade 8 Graduation Photos in the afternoon
December 18 – Jan 2	Winter Break
Monday, January 3, 2022	Back to school (Day 2)
Friday, January 14, 2022	PA Day
January 14 – February 4	Kindergarten Registration (please pass along to family, friends and community members who may have a child born in 2018)

Have a wonderful weekend, Panther families!