

## PDPS Update Dec. 17, 2021

### **Covid Screening Confirmation Stickers & Rapid Testing Kits**

As of January 3, 2022, families are asked to complete and confirm the daily Covid-19 school screener through the QR code (sticker provided 2 weeks ago, photo attached). Please remember 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.

All students have received a rapid testing kit (contains 5 tests) and you should have it now at home. The instructions are also attached.

### **For Grade 8 Families**

On January 12, 2022, at 7pm, our Learning Support Services department will be hosting an event for our TVDSB families whose students are entering secondary school to explain de-streaming as well as the recent change in discontinuing Applied course codes. This will be a Teams event and a flyer will be forwarded to you for your electronic distribution to families with the link to the event when we return from break.

Please see the following information and post card for College Avenue Secondary School (CASS).

### **Together in the Valley**

TVDSB is excited to share our December editions of 'Together in the Valley' for students and families. These resources include strategies that promote well-being and help manage stress. We have also included information related to available mental health crisis supports for children and youth. These resources are available on the Mental Health page of the TVDSB website as PDF documents and text narrative to ensure the content can be translated into other languages using the "select a language" feature.

### **Home Connections in Mathematics**

To promote numeracy at home, please consider some of the following activities to do with your child(ren) in January.

### **New Skateboard Park**

This is a reminder to families that the new skateboard park is not on school property so students should not be accessing it during the school day. Also, as it is a community structure, there is no supervision before or after school of students who wish to use the park, they are choosing to skateboard at their own risk. We would prefer, if possible, that students do not use the park before school.

### **Lost & Found**

Please see the attached photos of items that have accumulated over the past few months or have been unclaimed in classrooms. If you see anything belonging to your household, please contact Ms. Elcombe directly ([t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca](mailto:t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca)) and we'll make sure they find their way home in the new year. 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.

### **Hot Lunch Program**

If you wish to participate, please make sure your child's order is in by Sunday, January 2, 2022 at 12:00 noon to guarantee they have food the first week back to school – this is a firm deadline set by LunchBoxOrders.com. You are able to order ahead for multiple weeks, if you wish. Please see the attached flyer for ordering information.

### **Nutrition Program Fundraiser**

Thank you for your support of our Produce Express fundraiser to raise funds for our Nutrition Program! The campaign will continue to the end of December. Please see the attached ordering information.

### **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>

**Important Upcoming Dates**

- December 1 – 30                      Produce Express Fundraiser
- December 18 – Jan 2                Winter Break
- Monday, January 3, 2022            Back to school (Day 2)
- Tues., Wed., Thurs.                Hot Lunch Program (pizza/subs/pizza)
- 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 an amazing winter break, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year, Panther families! We look forward to seeing everyone back at PDPS on January 3, 2022!