

PDPS Update Dec. 3, 2021

Covid Screening Confirmation Stickers

The Ministry of Education is requiring school boards to track the daily, individual COVID-19 screening of all elementary students following the winter break for a two-week period. In order for parents and caregivers to become comfortable with this NEW, individualized process, starting Monday, December 6, 2021, we ask that you complete the daily COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool using your child's unique individual username and password. A TVDSB Student COVID-19 Screening sticker with your child's username and password will be sent home TODAY to provide you with the necessary information to complete this daily COVID-19 screening confirmation **for each child in your household**. Please keep this sticker and information in a secure location. Thank you for ensuring this daily COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening is completed and that the directions provided from the screener are followed.

A student's username is represented by the first 4 characters of their last name, the first 4 characters of their first name, and the last 3 digits of their student number (e.g., John Smith 12345678 is smitjohn678).

Please also see the communication sent directly to families from TVDSB regarding this new process. We have not yet received information regarding the rapid testing kits for students but will get the information to you as soon as possible.

School Council Meeting

Please join us virtually for our next School Council meeting on Monday, December 6 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The link to the Teams meeting is found at the top of the attached agenda. We look forward to seeing many new faces this month!

Looking for Student Support Supervisor

PDPS is looking for a parent or community member 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 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.

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. We will also begin sharing our 'last chance' items with larger pictures and descriptions in an effort to keep our Lost & Found area from getting out of control. These are items that have been on the table for the entire month of September onwards. Any of these items not claimed will be cleaned and donated at multiple points in the year. 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

Thanks to the generosity of this school community, PDPS will be donating 962 food items to the Woodstock Salvation Army and Wilmot Family Resource Centre. Congratulations to Mrs. Harkness and Ms. Wilkins' class who brought in the most items, but for this particular 'competition', everyone wins because of how good it feels to give what we can to help someone else in need!

Hot Lunch Program

We're excited that our hot lunch program starts back up on Tuesday, December 7 and Thursday, December 9 with 'pizza' days and Wednesday, December 8 with 'sub' day. If you wish to participate, please make sure your child's order is in by Sunday, December 5 at 12:00 noon. Please see the attached flyer for ordering information.

Home Connections in Mathematics

To help promote numeracy in your school community, please consider trying some of the seasonal math activities found in this month's newsletter.

Parking Lot

It is imperative that families are **not driving into, parking in, dropping off or picking up students** in the main school parking lot from 8:45 – 9:15 am and 3:15 to 3:45 pm. We need to ensure that our buses are able to enter and exit safely and that students remain safe around these vehicles. This is especially important on inclement weather days to avoid having people crossing from the sidewalks to the cars in front of the buses. We would also remind our students (and families) that once they are on school property at the front of the school, they are to stay on the sidewalks, and not walk amongst the cars in the lot. Thank you for your cooperation and help in reiterating these cautions to our students at home.

Nutrition Program Fundraiser

HAPPENING NOW!! As part of our grant to run our Nutrition Program at PDPS, we are required to do one fundraiser per year to help with the costs of the foods being provided. We will be partnering with Produce Express during the month of December and will receive back 5% of all sales that month. Please see the attached flyer for more information regarding ordering. Thank you for your support!

Winter Clothing

Just a reminder that it is advisable for all students to have an extra set of clothes in case they get wet or muddy when outside for learning opportunities or recesses.

School Photos

We have now been able to schedule individual school photos with EdgelMaging for ALL students on Wednesday, February 23. At this time, group photos are not able to be taken. Students who are learning remotely will be invited by their home school to book a time to come into the school to have their photos taken as well. More information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

School Office Hours & Front Door

We are excited to announce that the next phase of our front doorbell entry system is nearly completed. You can now use the doorbell to communicate with someone in the office rather than having to call into the school. The office is open 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, but feel free to leave a message at 519-684-7436 outside of these hours as well.

Police Record Checks for School Volunteers

We are excited that the school is opening for SOME volunteers (e.g., Nutrition Program, Hot Lunch) beginning in the next couple of weeks. 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>

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. 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.

ASAD Parent Information Session Invitation

Please see the attached information from the Academy for Student Athlete Development.

Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, December 1	Produce Express Fundraiser begins
Tuesday, December 7	Hot Lunch Program begins
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)

Have a wonderful weekend, Panther families!