

## PDPS Update February 11, 2022

### **PDPS Winter Olympics Day**

What a fantastic day for our PDPS Winter Olympics 2022. Thanks to our staff advisors, Mrs. McRorie, Mrs. Werezak and Mrs. Dickson for doing the initial planning, and to the Grade 8 class for all of the activity planning and leadership today. The kids all had an amazing time. Way to go, Panthers!

### **Sweater Day**

Our school will be taking part in a belated National Sweater Day on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>! National Sweater Day is an annual event organized by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada. On National Sweater Day, WWF asks Canadians from coast to coast to turn down thermostats by two degrees Celsius at home, at school and at work to highlight the role that energy conservation plays in preventing climate change. Our school buildings will be a little chillier on February 18<sup>th</sup>, so we are asking that all students wear or bring a sweater to school. Through participation, we hope to understand how everyday actions affect our planet's future. We are looking forward to a cozy day in the classroom!

### **Staffing Changes this week**

PDPS has had a few staffing changes this week. We are so happy to welcome back Mrs. McIntyre (McNamara) in the Grade 4/5 class! Unfortunately, we have had to say 'goodbye' to Mr. Gilmar who has been with that class since September but wish him all the best as he begins his next adventure in Grade 8 at Winchester St. PS in Woodstock! We also send our best wishes to Mrs. Harvey, our school secretary, as we celebrate her retirement, as of today, in preparation for her family's move to beautiful Nova Scotia. They will both be missed very much!

### **Individual Student Photos**

As has been published previously, PDPS had been scheduled on February 23 for individual school photos. Edgelming was unable to continue with their scheduled school sessions in January and has just been given permission to resume picture service with TVDSB schools just this week. As a result of the prolonged shutdown, they are now running behind with bookings. Plattsville & District PS's new photo event date will be on **Thursday, April the 28th**. Remote Learners will be invited to come into the school to have their photos taken before 9:00 am. They are unable to book class photos at this time. As we get closer to the date, more information will be provided.

### **School Council Fundraiser**

Thanks to everyone for the tremendous support for the School Council's Elmira Chicken Products fundraiser! Pick up for orders will be Saturday, February 26 at the school, times to be provided once determined, but hopefully during the morning.

### **Hot Lunches to Resume**

Our hot lunch program resumed this week. Please remember that orders must be placed by noon on Sundays for the following week at <https://lunchboxorders.com/>.

### **Student Covid-19 Daily School Screening and Electronic Confirmation**

It is extremely important that families complete the Covid-19 School and Child Care Screener for each student daily, and use the [QR code](#) (blue sticker) or go to [https://schoolapps2.tvdsb.ca/students/covid\\_screening\\_verification/](https://schoolapps2.tvdsb.ca/students/covid_screening_verification/) to complete the online confirmation each day for each child. The screener may be updated regularly by the Ministry without notice to schools (<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>). At this time according to the Ministry, if your child is required to stay home, ALL family members will also be required to isolate for 5 to 10 days, dependent on vaccination status. Please see the flowchart on the Southwestern Public Health website for further clarification. <https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/my-health/covid-19-resources-for-schools-and-child-care-centres.aspx>

### **Lost & Found**

Please see the attached [photos](#) of items currently in our lost and found. 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 on Monday. If you know you are missing an item, please first connect with the classroom teacher to have a look in their classroom or hallway for the item.

### **Private School Facebook Page**

If you are on Facebook, we would encourage you to join our 'Plattsville & District PS PDPS' private Facebook group. Please feel free to invite families who attend PDPS who are not yet part of the group, as well as any community members or businesses from Plattsville who support our school. We re-post all messages that go out from School Messenger both on this page, as well as on our

school website at [plattsville.tvdsb.ca](http://plattsville.tvdsb.ca). Please email [t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca](mailto:t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) rather than using Facebook Messenger if you wish to get hold of the Principal/Facebook Group administrator directly as messages may be missed otherwise (Ms. Elcombe does not use FB Messenger and only sees messages if in the administration section of the school's Facebook page).

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

February 2022	Black History Month
Monday, February 14	Valentine's Day Red/White/Pink Day
Friday, February 18	<a href="#">National Sweater Day</a> Term 1 Report Cards/IEPs/Kindergarten Communication of Learning home
Monday, February 21	Family Day (no school)
Tuesday, February 22	Ultimate 'TWOS'Day
Wednesday, February 23	<a href="#">Pink Shirt/Kindness Day</a>
Saturday, February 26	Elmira Chicken order pick up at PDPS
Friday, March 4	PA Day
Monday, March 7	School Council Meeting
March 14 – 18	March Break

Have a great weekend, Plattsville Families!