

### **Return of Borrowed Chromebooks**

The recollection of technology devices loaned to elementary students began on February 22. If you have not already done so, please return any borrowed Chromebooks to the school before Thursday, March 10. This return of loaned devices will support the need for our school to have devices available for student use in classrooms. Chromebooks can be returned to your child's classrooms. Please make sure that the charging cords/power adapters are returned also. Thank you.

### **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 **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.

### **Inclement Weather Update**

In response to the recently lifted provincial COVID-19 restrictions, TVDSB will **no longer require bussed schools (including Plattsville) experiencing bus route cancellations to close and transition to remote learning during inclement weather events**, unless otherwise specified. On these days, Staff will be available at the school if you choose to send your child; it is not an expectation that you transport your child on inclement weather days; it will not negatively affect students' attendance record if they do not attend on inclement weather days; in the event that PDPS is required to close, access to learning opportunities will be available to students through their class digital platform. Your child's teacher will communicate how students can access this information.

In the event that PDPS is closed for the day, this information will be sent via SchoolMessenger, posted on the school's website banner and private Facebook page. In addition, you can also check the [TVDSB's website](#), [Twitter account](#) or [Facebook page](#), as well as local media. All information about bus delays and cancellations is provided on [www.mybigyellowbus.ca](http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca) or through the [BusPlannerDelays](#) app.

### **Home Connections in Mathematics**

In an effort to promote numeracy in our community, please consider the activities in the March edition of Home Connections in Mathematics attached.

### **Grade 9 Math Information Night**

TVDSB is hosting a Grade 9 Math Information Night for families on Wednesday, March 9 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm virtually. We know that many of our Grade 8s will be attending Waterloo-Oxford next year, but you may find some of the information begin provided as the live-stream presentation is based on questions from families as students prepare for the transition to de-streamed Grade 9 math next year across Ontario. If you are not available to attend the live event, a recording will be posted after the session on the [tvdsb.ca/de-streaming](http://tvdsb.ca/de-streaming) website. Information Session: [Grade 9 Math Information Night for Grade 8 Families – March 9, 2022 7PM](#)

### **TVDSB Budget Survey**

Parents/Guardians and Community members are invited to provide input into the development of the Board's 2022-2023 budget. The voluntary and anonymous survey can be accessed at [https://tvdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ey3LKZ2VaDLssmy](https://tvdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ey3LKZ2VaDLssmy) and takes just a few minutes to complete.

### **Know Your Digital Footprint – HPSS School Council Event Invitation**

The Huron Park School Council has organized a series of guest speakers for the 2021-2022 school year. Their second guest speaker is Brett Bissell, TVDSB Vice-Principal at Saunders Secondary School, with "Digital Footprint" on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend virtually. Brett has been leading discussions and workshops about computer software and the internet for more than 35 years with educators, students and parents. After a 15 year career in Radio and TV, Brent went on to teach Communications for the Thames Valley District School Board. The link to join the TEAMS presentation is attached. [bit.ly/HPSSschoolcouncil](http://bit.ly/HPSSschoolcouncil)

### **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 our current Lost and Found collection at PDPS. If you recognize anything that may belong in your home, please let Ms. Elcombe know directly (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca and we will make sure that your child gets them back on Monday.

### **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
Wednesday, March 2	HPSS School Council event
Friday, March 4	PA Day
Monday, March 7	School Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 9	Grade 9 Math Information Night
March 14 – 18	March Break

Have a wonderful rest of your weekend, Panthers! Sorry for the lateness of this week's update!