

Term 1 Kindergarten Communication of Learning and Report Cards

With the school closure today, Term 1 reports will be sent home on Tuesday, February 22 with our in-person learners, and mailed to the homes of our virtual class members.

For families and students in Grades 1 to 8, here are some things to remember as we continue with our 3rd disrupted school year:

*letter grades are based on Ministry-created rubrics and expectations of where a student should be by the end of Grade, but do not account for missed school due to the pandemic, school cancellations and student/teacher absences

*focus on the learning skills and subject comments where your child's growth and progress since the beginning of the school year is documented

*educators are continually teaching, monitoring, assessing, and reflecting on your child's skills and understanding of concepts to meet them where they are at currently, and to then develop instruction to continue their forward progress along their learning continuum at every grade level – not everyone moves along the learning continuum at the same pace

Families are encouraged to reach out to your child's teacher at any time to ask questions regarding their learning continuum.

Early Identification

Our school team has been working over the past couple of weeks to complete our Early Identification process for students in Grades 1 – 3 and are about to begin the same for our Kindergarten students. Each year teaching staff comes together to share strengths and needs of all our Primary Students. During our meetings we focus on four areas of growth 1) Self and Social Development 2) Communication, Language and Literacy 3) Cognitive and Mathematical Skills 4) Physical Development. Over the next few weeks, letters will be sent home sharing the results of these meetings. Some of our students are identified as needing increased support to continue their development of these skills. When a need is identified, the school team then develops strategies that will be implemented in the classroom to address the need. Progress is monitored and adjustments to strategies are made to ensure the student's needs are being met. Once you have had a chance to review your child's letter, please do not hesitate to contact their classroom teacher or Mrs. Levely (l.levely@tvdsb.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

Ultimate TWOsDay

When we return on Tuesday, February 22 (2-2-2022), we encourage everyone to participate in our 'Ultimate TWOsDay' dress up. You could wear a 'tutu', two different shoes, the number two, find a partner to dress up as a twin or as a 'famous' or 'recognizable' couple like Mickey and Minnie or bacon and eggs. The possibilities are endless. We have a very creative group of students and are looking forward to seeing what you come up with for TWOsDay!

Pink Shirt/Kindness Day

Pink shirt day was inspired by two male students and some of their teenage friends in Nova Scotia who organized a protest at their high school in support of a new Grade 9 boy who was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. They took a stand and distributed pink shirts to all the boys in their school. Now, fifteen years later, Pink Shirt Day is celebrated on the last Wednesday of every February, in over 180 countries, with a mission to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness and funds for anti-bullying initiatives. Find out more at <https://pinkshirtday.ca>. At PDPS, we try our best to be kind every day, but on Pink Shirt Day, we encourage all of our students, staff and families to go out of their way to be 'extra' kind to others!

Return of Borrowed Chromebooks

The recollection of technology devices loaned to elementary students will begin on February 22. This recollection follows after the end of Short-Term Virtual Learning for elementary students, scheduled as of today. This return of loaned devices will support the need for our school to have devices available for student use in classrooms. Students who are enrolled in a TVDSB's elementary virtual learning program who have loaned devices from the board will keep this technology until the end of the year while they remain enrolled in virtual learning. Chromebooks can be returned to your child's classrooms. Please make sure that the charging cords/power adapters are returned also. Thank you.

Sweater Day

Our school will be taking part in a belated National Sweater Day on Friday, February 25th! 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 18th, 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! <https://schools.wwf.ca/events/primary-sweater-day/>

PDPS Winter Olympics Day

Check out some of our photos from our PDPS Winter Olympics last Friday! Looks like everyone had a great day!

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/zZi6dVa1cRqvJSnn8>

Staffing

PDPS welcomes Mrs. Prevet temporarily to our front office as we are working on securing a permanent secretary as soon as possible.

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/ 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

There are no photos for today's update. A separate email with our Lost and Found collection will be sent out on Tuesday.

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. Please email 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 21	Family Day (no school)
Tuesday, February 22	Term 1 Report Cards/IEPs/Kindergarten Communication of Learning home Ultimate 'TWOS'Day
Wednesday, February 23	Pink Shirt/Kindness Day
Friday, February 25	National Sweater Day
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 wonderful Family Day weekend, Panthers!