

PDPS Update January 21, 2022

Return to In-Person Learning, Asynchronous Learning Models

Thank you to those families who have reached out to the school to let us know if your child will be participating in one of the short-term virtual learning options. If you have not already notified the school, please do so as soon as possible by emailing Ms. Elcombe at t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca or by leaving a message at 519-684-7436. Please remember to record your child's absence – this can be set for multiple days at a time if doing the short-term virtual learning.

Student Covid-19 Daily School Screening and Electronic Confirmation

We currently have about 45% of our students completing the daily Covid-19 screener. With the current transmission rates of the Covid-19 Omicron variant, 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 sent home in early December with student login/password credentials) 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> If your child does not pass the screener, please use the new 'Covid-did not pass screener' option in SchoolMessenger to report.

Student Masks and Rapid Antigen Testing Kits

Every student was provided with a Rapid Antigen Test mini kit (two tests) on Thursday. Instructions for when and how to use them were sent out yesterday via SchoolMessenger, but have also been provided below, and posted on the school website and private Facebook page. All students who have returned to in-person learning have received one washable 3-play cloth mask. Staff have surveyed their class and students who have been wearing them and would like to continue to use them have received a second mask today. Masks and Rapid Antigen Testing kits will be provided to students who are participating in short-term virtual learning options when they return to in-person learning.

Kindergarten Registration for 2022-2023

Online registration for Kindergarten for 2022-2023 began January 17 and will run until February 4. Children born in 2018 will be eligible to register. Please feel free to pass on information to family and neighbours who may not already have a child at PDPS. Please note that new eligible Kindergarten students will also need to register for school transportation. It is important for our staffing allocation for next year that registration occurs as soon as possible. <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/kindergarten-registration.aspx>

School Council Fundraiser

Opening today, the PDPS School Council will be selling Elmira Chicken Products to raise funds to purchase a set of indoor curling equipment for the school, with any remaining funds going to our outdoor learning programs. Orders will be completely online through SchoolCash. A copy of the brochure is attached for easier viewing, and the link below can be shared with family and friends to be able to order directly as well once they create their own SchoolCash Online account. If you have 'non-PDPS' families ordering on their own, you will need to share the reminder for pick up with them, or plan to pick up their orders for them. If you are collecting orders from others and putting in one larger order under your account, please keep track of who has ordered what items so you can distribute them correctly. Pick up for orders will be Saturday, February 26 at the school. Thanks in advance for your support. <https://tvdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/81252/49/False/True>

Hot Lunches Postponed

Just a reminder, we are currently pausing the hot lunch program. At this time, it is scheduled to resume February 1, and the online calendar for ordering remains open.

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) 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. 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

January 17 – February 4	Kindergarten Registration
January 26	Bell 'Let's Talk' Day

Have a great weekend, Plattsville Families!