

PDPS Update January 28, 2022

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 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.

New Inclement Weather Update

Information was shared on Thursday regarding the new inclement weather update for TVDSB. In short, if the buses to either PDPS or all of Oxford County are **cancelled for the full day due to inclement weather**, then Plattsville & District Public School will be closed for the day, and staff and students will switch to remote learning for the day. We usually receive bus cancellation notifications just after 6:00 am, so this should hopefully give families a little more time to make arrangements for the day, recognizing that this may still cause issues for child care. Messaging will be sent out from TVDSB via email, and will also be communicated centrally on local radio and tv stations. The school will also put out a SchoolMessenger email, and will post on both the PDPS website banner, as well as the private Facebook page as soon as possible when the school is closed to students. Remote learning on school closure days will entail access to the classroom's online platform (Google Classroom) where staff will post asynchronous independent activities for the day, should students wish to access them. Staff may also arrange for synchronous meeting times to provide information and support during the day. All information for the day, including any possible meet times, will be posted to the Google Classrooms by 9:00 am. All students will be 'excused' for the day due to the school closure. Please note that if buses are cancelled for the day due to staff shortages (e.g., no driver available for the route), or cancelled for the morning only (usually due to fog, will do afternoon run to home), then the school remains open.

Student Vaccination Clinic at Plattsville

We have been notified that Southwestern Public Health will be holding a Student Vaccination Clinic at PDPS on Wednesday, February 9 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Parents are required to be present when a student receives a vaccination. More information will be provided once received from SWPH.

Kindergarten Registration for 2022-2023

Online registration for Kindergarten for 2022-2023 runs 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

The PDPS School Council is 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, times to be provided closer to the date. Thanks in advance for your support. <https://tvdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/81252/49/False/True>

Home Connections in Mathematics

To help support subtraction understanding at home, please consider trying some of the activities found in the [February Home Connections in Mathematics](#) newsletter.

Wilmot Family Resource Centre Thank You

Please see the attached [thank you letter](#) from the Wilmot Family Centre regarding our food donations before Christmas. We ended up donating 393 pounds of food, which was half of the total that was actually donated. The second half of the donation went to the Salvation Army in Woodstock. Well done, Panthers!

Safe Schools Website

The TVDSB Safe Schools and Well-Being portfolio is pleased to announce the release of the newly updated Safe Schools external website at <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/safe-schools.aspx> containing information and supporting resources organized according to the user (e.g., students, families/caregivers, community).

Hot Lunches Postponed

Unfortunately, the hot lunch program has to be postponed for at least one more week. At this time, we anticipate that we will be able to resume February 8, and the online calendar for ordering remains open.

If you wish to receive a refund back to your payment card instead of the credit, or if you have any issues receiving your credit (please allow a few days for the admin team to correct – they are dealing with many schools impacted by this), please send an email to info@lunchboxorders.com with the following information:

1. Email address that your Lunchbox account is registered with
2. The name of the school
3. The issue (credit or refund). If refund continue...
4. The name on the payment card used to complete payment
5. The payment card expiry date

Next steps with the refund will be finalized with the Support Team.

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
February 2022	Black History Month
Monday, February 7	Elmira Chicken orders due
Friday, February 11	PDPS Winter Olympics Day (outdoor playday – more information next week)
Monday, February 21	Family Day (no school)
Wednesday, February 23	Individual School Photos
Saturday, February 26	Elmira Chicken order pick up at PDPS

Have a great weekend, Plattsville Families!