

Lost & Found

With the final classroom cleanout, we have a number of 'new' Items to our lost and found. Please email Ms. Elcombe (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) if you recognize any of the items and they will be held back from the charity donation pile and returned in the fall. Thank you! PHOTOS

2022-2023 School Council

Our School Council plays an incredibly important role in the life of Plattsville & District PS. Please see the attached brochure for some specific information on how they support our students! Elections for the executive will take place on September 26, 2022 through a virtual meeting. We would love for you to consider joining School Council as a member, or an executive member. A list of the roles and responsibilities, as well as the nomination forms are also attached. Thank you so much to our current School Council, with special recognition to Jess Wagler who is 'graduating' as our long-standing secretary! BROCHURE & ROLES & NOM FORMS

Message from TVDSB

Dear TVDSB Families and Caregivers,

Thank you, Thames Valley students, staff, families and caregivers and community partners! Thank you for your hard work and commitment as we wrap up another irregular year as we continued to navigate the effects of the global pandemic.

First Day of School 2022-23

A reminder that the first day of school is **Wednesday, September 7th**. Unlike past years at Thames Valley, required Professional Development has been planned for staff on Tuesday, September 6th. It is important that staff receive this training prior to students' arrival at school this year, therefore, the first day of school for students will be **Wednesday, September 7th, 2022**.

Family Engagement Opportunities

Families of school-aged children have experienced unique stressors throughout the pandemic. Families and caregivers have supported their children transitioning between virtual and in-person learning environments, while having less access to the support of family, friends, and their community. The pandemic has also disproportionately impacted certain individuals, families, and communities.

In order to better support caregivers and families, the Thames Valley District School Board and the London District Catholic School Board, along with a number of different service providers from across London, Middlesex, Oxford, and Elgin, are coming together to provide workshops addressing various well-being topics of interest throughout the summer months.

We invite you to check out the [link](#) below to explore dates of workshops, times, workshop name and description, presenters, and instructions on how to join.

If families are unable to attend the live version of the sessions offered, we will do our best to offer recordings of the sessions when possible. <https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/familiescaregiversworkshops/home>

We are all looking forward to returning to more typical teaching and learning this fall.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe summer!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again **Wednesday, September 7th**.

Sincerely,

Senior Administration, Thames Valley District School Board

2022-2023 Bus Registration

Families eligible for bus transportation to PDPS are reminded to complete a registration form for each child. You will need your child's Student Number (found in Parent Portals for TVDSB or mybigyellowbus.ca). Please contact the office if you need this number. Registration is due by July 15 so that routes can be finalized before September. If you are eligible for the bus, but do not need the service, you do not need to register.

New Student Registration

If you know of anyone who has a child eligible to register for Kindergarten (born 2018), or new families moving in this summer with students JK to Grade 8, please encourage them to do so online as soon as possible. Online registration is available throughout the summer. <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/kindergarten-registration.aspx>

Summer Student Access to eBooks and Databases

Sora Sweet Reads is an annual summer reading program that is currently available to students and staff through Sora, the student reading app, which provides free access to ebooks and audiobooks 24/7. The program is designed to encourage students to keep reading all year long, even while school is out in the summer. Titles in this year's Sora Sweet Reads are available now through Aug. 17 and offers 50 simultaneous use juvenile and young adult ebooks and audiobooks, including Read-Alongs, comics and graphic novels. The books in the Sora Sweet Reads are all always available, so students can read them without holds or waitlists! The Sweet

Reads collection can be accessed in your browser here: <https://soraapp.com/library/tvdsbca/campaign-sora-sweet-reads/page-1>
While titles in the Sweet Reads program are available until Aug. 17, all other ebooks, audiobooks and magazines on Sora are available all year, including in the summer. More information/help and other “how to” videos can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1octnI99SLaa8sW920uJbitvDd9BHh3jr1O6rxPdalls/edit> or on the Sora help site: <https://help.soraapp.com/en-us/categories/using-sora.htm> .

In addition to accessing Sora throughout the summer, families and students are reminded that our own Oxford County Library branch is open for in-person browsing, and offers a variety of summer reading programs in addition to their regular book collections. Families are also reminded that they can access our PDPS Library Learning Commons website (<https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/p-d-p-s-lcc>) and TVDSB Databases all summer long. This brochure provides links to each database as well as the log-in information needed to access from home. These databases can be used to research fun summer projects or to enhance reading opportunities. Please remember all log-in information is for TVDSB students and families only.

Police Record Checks for School Volunteers

Vulnerable sector checks can be completed online. See <https://opp.ca/recordchecks> for more information and links to the vulnerable sector forms (LE220). In order to accompany students on end of year trips, to volunteer at the school, or as a driver to team events, 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. You will still need to have 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.) to include with the online application. Please note that we must have an original copy of a Police Check specific to the school. New Offence Declarations will be sent home for 2022-2023 in September.

Have a safe and wonderful summer, filled with many memory-making opportunities, Panther Families! Check out some ‘memories’ from 2021-2022 here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yo3KvjtVagE&list=PLKGxBcGsWmXNjGtsZHfk7gXBigl0hK-nj>