

Family Fun Night

Thanks so much to our PDPS School Council for organizing and running our fantastic Family Fun Night last night! It was so fantastic to see everyone enjoying the evening, touring and re-connecting with one another and making new connections too! Raffle prize winners will be contacted today if their items are not able to be sent home with students. It was also fantastic to see a few of our virtual families and new JK families in attendance as well! Thanks to our community partners, Oxford County Library, Ingersoll OPP and Plattsville Fire Department for your participation as well!

Library Books

A reminder that **all library books need to be returned by Wednesday June 15th** so they can be inventoried for the summer. If your book has been misplaced or lost, information will be sent home w students regarding replacements. Thank you to all our families and students for enjoying and caring for our school's library books this year.

Toonie Treat Tuesdays

Don't forget, every Tuesday throughout the month of June we will be having a toonie treat day. There will be freezies, ice cream sandwiches and rocket popsicles. The students will be able to bring in a toonie and when they come outside for first recess, will be able to buy a treat. IF it is raining, the treats will be sold door to door during the first break. Proceeds from the sales will go toward the purchase of 'extras' for the school (e.g., special art materials, technology peripherals, alternative seating, etc.).

PDPS Spirit Days

Friday, June 17 - Duet Day (match with a friend or something that goes together)

Friday, June 24 - Spirit Day (wear Panther clothing or Panther colours)

Police Record Checks for School Volunteers

We have received word that as of Monday, June 13, 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. If you have a Police Check on file but have not completed an Offence Declaration for this year (or are unsure if you have already completed this), please contact the school. If not on file, we will send a copy home for you to complete and return.

Kindergarten Registration

If you know of anyone who has a child eligible to register (born 2018), please encourage them to do so online as soon as possible.

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/kindergarten-registration.aspx>

Outdoor Safety

With the heat and sunshine finally here, students will be spending more time outside for both instruction and break times. Everyone is reminded that they should always have a hat and sunscreen to protect them, as well as a refillable water bottle to keep hydrated.

Strong Start™ Volunteer Reading Program

PDPS has been chosen as one of 13 schools in TVDSB to begin a 'Strong Start' Volunteer Reading program in September 2022. "Our *Letters, Sounds and Words*™ program targets children in Senior Kindergarten and Grade 1 who cannot read at the expected level. This program uses short games and activities to help young children recognize letters, a sound each letter represents, how to learn words by sight and how to learn a word using the sounds of its letters. Such children are identified for Strong Start by their teachers and matched with community volunteers trained by us, for one-on-one, in-school coaching sessions, two to three times per week, for a 10-week period." To learn more about the program, and to access some free downloadable resources for families, please go to <https://strongstart.ca/>. **We will need volunteers from the community at large to support this initiative.** There will be two online volunteer coach training sessions provided. To learn more about volunteering, please see <https://youtu.be/yF8O7VqalT8>. If you are interested, or if you know of someone in the community who may be interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Elcombe (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca or 519-684-7436).

Rapid Antigen Test Kits and Student Masks

If you would like some RAT tests to have on hand, please let Ms. Elcombe (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) or the office know and we can send them home with your child. We have been notified that extra Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) we have remaining in the school, including cloth masks, will be collected and disposed of. We still have an abundance of masks, and would love for them to go to good homes, rather than the landfill! Deadline for PPE requests will be Thursday, June 16.

Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found continues to grow as the weather changes from morning to afternoon and clothing is 'shed' and forgotten outside. We also still have many winter items that have not been claimed. Please have a careful look at the lost and found and 'last chance' photos, and let Ms. Elcombe know if any items belong in your home so they can be returned to you. When you are at the school for the open house, we would encourage you to have a closer look at the tables outside the Library as well! Items not claimed by the last day of school will be donated, hopefully to a Ukrainian refugee support charity.

Upcoming Important Dates

June 14	Twoonie Treat Tuesdays, Baseball Tournament in Innerkip
June 19	Father's Day
June 20	School Council Meeting (in-person)
June 23	Kindergarten Graduation
June 27	Reports & IEPs home
June 28	Grade 8 Graduation at PDPS
June 29	Last day of school
June 30	PA Day

Have a great weekend, Panther Families!