

School Council Meeting

All parents and community members are invited to join the virtual PDPS School Council meeting on Monday, March 7, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The agenda with TEAMS link is attached.

Return of Borrowed Chromebooks

The recollection of technology devices loaned to elementary students began on February 22. If you have not already done so, please return any borrowed Chromebooks to the school before Thursday, March 10. This return of loaned devices will support the need for our school to have devices available for student use in classrooms. Chromebooks can be returned to your child's classrooms. Please make sure that the charging cords/power adapters are returned also. Thank you.

Police Record Checks for School Volunteers

This is just a reminder that if you wish to volunteer in the building or on a class field trip, 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. Volunteers **at this time** must also show proof of double vaccination. If you do not currently have a Police Check on file at PDPS, you can obtain one from the Tillsonburg or Ingersoll OPP detachments with an appointment. You will need to take with you 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.). The wait time is approximately 2 weeks to have these completed. If you have a Police Check on file but have not completed an Offence Declaration for this year, please contact the school and we will send a copy home for you to complete.

The Great Gulp

World Water Day is a global event celebrated each year on March 22nd. On this day, people around the world take action to conserve water, educate others, and celebrate this vital resource. This year, Plattsville District Public School will be participating in "The Great Gulp" on Tuesday, March 22nd. We will have an organized school-wide drink of tap water from a reusable water bottle. Through this simple action, we hope to raise awareness about drinking water, access to safe and healthy tap water, and the importance of reducing single-use plastic waste. To support this initiative, we are asking students to bring in a **filled reusable water bottle** and join in on taking a Great Gulp. Our goal is to transition Plattsville District Public School to a single-use plastic free school. Simple actions at home, such as using a reusable water bottle, can have a big impact on the environment. We encourage you to also join in! Thank you for your support. The Green Team

Grade 9 Math Information Night

TVDSB is hosting a Grade 9 Math Information Night for families on Wednesday, March 9 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm virtually. We know that many of our Grade 8s will be attending Waterloo-Oxford next year, but you may find some of the information begin provided as the live-stream presentation is based on questions from families as students prepare for the transition to de-streamed Grade 9 math next year across Ontario. If you are not available to attend the live event, a recording will be posted after the session on the tvdsb.ca/de-streaming website. Information Session: [Grade 9 Math Information Night for Grade 8 Families – March 9, 2022 7PM](#)

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>

Pop-Up Vaccination Clinics – from Southwestern Public Health

Pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics are currently being offered by Southwestern Public Health. These clinics are available on a walk-in or appointment basis and are open to all who are eligible. Please feel free to share this information with your school community.

Any questions regarding eligibility can be directed to our [website](#) or our COVID-19 response centre at 1-800-922-0096 x 9.

Southwestern Public Health – COVID-19 Pop-Up & Weekend Vaccination Clinics

Walk-ins welcomed. Prefer to book? Visit www.covidvaccineLM.ca Gate 4 or call 1-800-922-0096 ext. 9

- Thursday March 3, 10AM to 3PM, Malahide Community Place (12105 Whittaker Rd., Springfield)
- Saturday March 5, 10AM to 2:30PM, East Elgin Secondary School (362 Talbot St. W, Aylmer)
- Saturday March 5, 10AM to 2:30PM, Laurie Hawkins Public School (156 Innes St., Ingersoll)
- Tuesday March 8, 10AM to 3:30PM, Woodstock Public Library (445 Hunter St., Woodstock)
- Tuesday March 8, 1PM to 4PM, East Elgin Community Complex (531 Talbot St. W., Aylmer)
- Thursday March 10, 12PM to 6PM, Straffordville Community Centre (56169 Heritage Line, Straffordville)
- Thursday March 10, 1PM to 4PM, Belmont Library (14134 Belmont Rd., Belmont)
- Tuesday March 22, 12PM to 4PM, Unifor Local 88 (364 Victoria St., Ingersoll)
- Thursday March 24, 1PM to 4PM, East Elgin Community Complex (531 Talbot St. W., Aylmer)

<https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/my-health/covid-19-vaccine.aspx#popup>

Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic

Just a heads up that Southwestern Public Health has changed the date of the school immunization clinic for any Grade 7 or 8 students at Plattsville District requiring either a first or second immunization to Monday, April 25, 2022, one day earlier than originally planned.

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos of our current Lost and Found collection at PDPS. If you recognize anything that may belong in your home, please let Ms. Elcombe know directly (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) and we will make sure that your child gets them back on Monday.

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).

Drumbo-Richwood Soccer Association

Please see the attached information regarding registration for this season's soccer program.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, March 7	School Council Meeting – TEAMS link to meeting
Wednesday, March 9	Grade 9 Math Information Night
Friday, March 11	PJ/Comfy Cozy Day
March 14 – 18	March Break
Monday, March 21	'Green' Day
Tuesday, March 22	Water Day – "The Great Gulp" event
Friday, March 25	

Have a wonderful 'spring-like weekend', Panthers!