

### **Staffing**

At this time, we are still operating without a full-time secretary. We are occasionally fortunate to bring in a temporary assistant but without any consistency. Please be patient when contacting the office over the next couple of weeks.

### **Message from School Council**

On behalf of the School Council we wish to thank all of our families and the staff of Plattsville and District Public School for their continued support and dedication to our fundraising campaigns and the hot lunch program. You are all amazing! We wanted to share an update on just how amazing your contributions have been, and the impact we are able to make for our students and their learning environments...

After many years of fundraising for a large-scale project (playground/outdoor education space including the stone classroom seating, slide into the hill, gaga ball pits) we decided to focus this year on targeted fundraisers. This allows us to concentrate on specific areas or needs within the school and respond more immediately.

What does this mean? Thanks to your generous support over \$1,000 in resources with a focus on diversity are being purchased to add to our student library. Our latest fundraiser has earned over \$2,400 towards students physical and outdoor education equipment. With this money two sets of indoor curling equipment have already been purchased and additional materials will be ordered to enhance student learning for all ages and grades. We are extremely excited by this new equipment and the possibilities of extra curricular activities it provides for our student body.

Our next fundraiser will take place in April (Colours of Paradise Nursery gift cards- perfect for any gardener and just in time for Spring!) and we will be asking families for their ideas and feedback for what they would like to see this fundraiser support. Please stay tuned for more information on how you can vote.

Your School Council members wish to thank you once again for your ongoing support. For more detailed information on School Council spending, meetings and decisions, all meeting minutes are saved and posted on the schools website and can be found at <https://plattsville.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/pdps-school-council-page.aspx>

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 28 7:00 – 8:30 pm.**

### **Rapid Antigen Test Kits and Student Masks**

We have sent home a minimum of 2 RAT kits for each student today with the 'oldest and only' students for each class. If you require additional kits, please let Ms. Elcombe know directly ([t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca](mailto:t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca)). We have a limited number of washable cloth masks available for students upon request as well.

### **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. As of March 28, Volunteers will no longer need to 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.

### **Lost & Found**

Please see the attached photos of our current Lost and Found collection at PDPS. Unfortunately, our items have doubled since classroom 'cleanouts' before the March Break! If you recognize anything that may belong in your home, please let Ms. Elcombe know directly ([t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca](mailto: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](http://plattsville.tvdsb.ca). **Please email [t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca](mailto: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).

Have a great weekend, Panther Families!