

Thank You!

Thanks to the School Council for arranging the amazing Staff Appreciation Day 'feast' this week, and to all of the families who contributed. What a lovely way to recognize all of the fantastic staff at PDPS!

EQAO

Our Grade 3 and 6 students will be writing the EQAO e-assessments on May 18, 19, 25 and 26 during the first 2 blocks of each day.

School Photo Retakes

If your child was unable to have their picture taken on April 28 or would like a 'retake', we will be having our Edgelmaging photographers back to PDPS on Friday, May 20 in the afternoon. Photo 'proofs' were sent home earlier this week with instructions for online purchasing. If your child will require a retake on May 20, please let Ms. Elcombe know so we can allot sufficient time with the photographer.

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.

Mental Health Resources for Families and Students

May is Mental Health Awareness month. Check out the Mental Health page of the TVDSB website more resources for both students and families! <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/students/mental-health-and-well-being.aspx>

Save the Date!

School Council is planning an in-person, fun 'Family Engagement' event on Thursday, June 9, from 4:30 – 7:30 pm (rain date Thursday, June 16), here at the school. Food trucks, community partners, games and activities, open house...stay tuned for more details in the next Friday updates!!!

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>

PDPS Spirit Days

Friday, May 20 - Decades Day (80s)

Friday, June 10 - Fancy Day (can have fancy hair/wear a fancy outfit)

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)

Rapid Antigen Test Kits and Student Masks

If you would like some RAT tests to have on hand, or new student masks, please let Ms. Elcombe (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) or the office know and we can send them home with your child. We have an abundance of both, but unfortunately not quite enough to send home with all families.

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos of our Lost and Found items for this week. 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.

Police Record Checks for School Volunteers

Don't leave it to the last minute! End of year trips are now being planned and will require parent volunteers! If you wish to accompany your child(ren) on a school 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. 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.

Plattsville Community Opportunities and Reminders

Don't forget to register for the "Splashpad Superheroes Run" taking place on May 29 to raise funds to build the Plattsville splashpad!

Please see the attached flyer for the "Moms Wellness Workshop" on June 12, 2022.

Upcoming Important Dates

May 17	Pride Flag Day
May 18,19,25,26	Grade 3 & 6 EQAO
May 18	Grade 7 & 8 GAUSS Math Test
May 20	Photo Retakes (pm) and Decades Day (80s)
May 23	Victoria Day
May 29	Splashpad Superheros Run
June 2	Provincial Election – voting at PDPS
June 3	PA Day
June 7	Twoonie Treat Tuesdays begins (more information to follow)
June 9	Family Engagement Night at Plattsville (more details shortly)
June 12	Moms Wellness Workshop
June 19	Father's Day
June 20	School Council Meeting (in-person)
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!