

EQAO Assessments Postponed

Due to technical difficulties with the e-assessment platform, the final EQAO sessions for Grades 3 and 6 students will hopefully be able to take place on Monday, May 30 during the first 2 blocks of the day.

Family Fun Night - Thursday, June 9 4:30 – 7:30pm!

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. There will also be an opportunity for your child(ren) to show you their classrooms...inside!!! We are looking forward to families being able to meet and mingle with one another, and to welcome the families of our virtual classroom, and new JK students as well! We have confirmed 2 food trucks, community partners from the OPP, Fire Department and Ambulance, games and activities, open house, raffles, fun, fun, and more fun! Don't miss out!!!

PDPS Spirit Days

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)

Police Record Checks for School Volunteers

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.

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).

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.

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>

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

Lost and Found items for this week will be sent on Monday in a separate posting.

Plattsville Community Opportunities and Reminders

Don't forget to register for and participate in the "Splashpad Superheroes Run" taking place THIS SUNDAY 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 29	Splashpad Superheros Run
May 30	EQAO Grades 3 & 6
May 31	Regional Track & Field Day at CASS
June 2	Provincial Election – voting at PDPS
June 3	PA Day
June 7	Twoonie Treat Tuesdays begins (more information next week)
June 9	Family Fun Night at Plattsville
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!