

### **EcoSchool Event**

Our 'Green Team' is organizing a 'waste-free' lunch day on Tuesday, May 10. The goal is to have a day where we make as little garbage as possible. A 'waste-free' lunch can include reusable food and drink containers and washable cutlery instead of pre-packaged foods, single-use plastic baggies, juice boxes and pouches, aluminum foil, and disposable spoons and forks.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Due to the closure of the book fair one day last week, PDPS will be extending the Scholastic Book Fair through Monday, May 9. It will be open in-person to the public on Monday morning 8:45 – 9:00 and 3:30 – 4:00 pm, and students may purchase items during the first nutrition break. Thank you so much to Mrs. Burns and Ms. Maendel for volunteering, and to the many staff members who took turns to ensure that we could open the fair for purchasing. If you have placed orders online, or if your child has chosen an item that required ordering, these will be shipped to the school in the next week or two for distribution. Thank you again for your support and generosity for this library resources fundraiser!

### **School Photos**

If your child was unable to have their picture taken on April 28, we will be having 'retakes' on Friday, May 20 in the afternoon. We should be receiving 'hard copies' of the photo 'proofs' in the week or two which will then be sent home with instructions for online purchasing. At that time, please let the school know if your child will require a retake so we may schedule accordingly on May 20.

### **Mental Health Resources for Families and Students**

Our Panthers have been reviewing and practicing empathy this week. Remember, empathy is a skill we should be using everyday! Be there for each other when times are hard and be ready to listen. You don't have to agree to understand, and you don't have to fix it to help. #GetReal. Before you weigh in, tune in.

TVDSB is excited to share our May editions of 'Together in the Valley' for students and families. These resources include strategies that promote well-being and help manage stress. 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 upcoming Friday updates!!!

### **Kindergarten Registration**

It was fantastic to have so many of our new JKs and their families out to our Kindergarten Orientation session on Thursday! 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](mailto: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. The 'Last Chance' items not claimed have been donated locally. 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.

### **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**

Check out the poster, information and pledge sheet for the upcoming "Splashpad Superheroes Run" taking place on May 29 to raise funds to build the Plattsville splashpad! The organizers would like for families or individuals to pre-register if possible so that they have an idea for numbers. They are also looking for more volunteers, if you're interested and available!

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

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

May 8	Mother's Day
May 9	Scholastic Book Fair (last day!)
May 11	Staff Appreciation Day
May 12 (13)	Plattsville Track & Field Meet for Grades 4 - 8
May 18,19,25,26	Grade 3 & 6 EQAO
May 23	Victoria Day
June 2	Provincial Election
June 3	PA Day
June 9	Family Engagement Night at Plattsville (more details shortly)
June 19	Father's Day
June 20	School Council Meeting
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 and a wonderful Mothers' Day too, Panther Families!