

PDPS Update Nov. 5, 2021

Progress and Interim Communication of Learning Reports

Grade 1-8 Progress Reports and Interim Communication of Learning Reports for Kindergarten will be sent home with your child today. For families of our virtual learners, your reports have been mailed to your homes and should arrive early next week.

We're very proud of the efforts our students have put into their learning in the classroom since their return to in-person or virtual, recognizing that the previous two years may have had an impact on their current achievement levels relative to the Ministry Curriculum expectations for this time of year. Please focus on celebrating your child's strengths and successes so far and supporting the next steps in their learning as outlined in their reports. Your child's educators are focusing on providing appropriate programming to meet individual needs as the term continues. If you have any questions about their progress, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Remembrance Day at PDPS

Once again this year, students and staff at Plattsville & District PS will be participating in a virtual Service of Remembrance on Thursday, November 11. Poppies for students and staff have been provided by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 518 in Tavistock and will be distributed on Thursday morning. Donations to the Poppy Fund will be accepted at the school. Thank you for your support.

PDPS Pumpkin Carving Contest

Congratulations to our three top vote-getters in the contest – Avary G, Elias B and Weston R. We have discovered that we inadvertently missed getting a picture of one of the tables of pumpkins in the excitement of the day. Please know that ALL pumpkins were included in the contest, and that we apologize that we don't have record of the ones from that particular table. We have included a couple of missing pumpkins in today's Spirit Day photos.

Food Drive

We will be collecting non-perishable food items all month, and already have several boxes filled. Items will be picked up from the classrooms each day and will be donated to Wilmot Family Resource and the Woodstock Salvation Army at the end of the month. Thanks to Mrs. Johnson's Grade 6/7 class for taking on this project!

Student Photos

We have been able to arrange for our **Grade 8 Graduation Photos for Tuesday, December 14 in the afternoon**. Once all 130 of their schools have had graduation photos completed (Grade 12 and Grade 8), Edge Imaging will be making arrangements for all remaining student photos at both their high schools and elementary schools. Thank you for your patience as we all work through this process.

School Council Fundraiser

Just in time for the holiday season, Dieleman's fundraiser 'Merry and Bright' provides a number of shopping options. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward resources for our school library, and sponsoring amazing programs like the 'Forest of Reading', a celebration and study of Canadian literature. **Deadline to order online is November 19**. Be sure to register online so that family and friends can shop under your unique account (organization ID# 7167). <https://dfscanada.com/online-shopping/>

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program

Thinking ahead to high school options, TVDSB is holding a virtual information session for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program on Thursday, December 9 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Please see the attached poster for additional information.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are pleased to be able to offer the Scholastic Book Fair, both online and in-person for students, during the week of November 22 – 26. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

Parking Lot

Please remember that families are not to be parking in the main school parking lot from 8:45 – 9:15 am and 3:15 to 3:45 pm to allow our buses to enter and exit safely. This is especially important on inclement weather days to avoid having people crossing from the sidewalks to the cars in front of the buses. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Spirit Days

Friday, November 26	Anything but a backpack day
Monday, December 13	Dress as a Christmas or winter thing
Tuesday, December 14	Ugly Sweater day
Wednesday December 15	Red, Green and White Day
Thursday, December 16	wear your favorite Christmas/winter hat
Friday , December 17.	PJ DAY

Path to Back of School

Another reminder that we will no longer be able to snow plow a pathway along the west side of the building (from the lower parking lot) around to the Primary/Kindergarten tarmac at the back of the school due to the condition of the ground under the snow. Knowing that many families use this area daily, we are hoping you may begin to form a 'new habit' before the snow arrives, by following the sidewalk around the front of the school to the back tarmac area.

TVDSB Employment Opportunity

Our Board is temporarily hiring unqualified temporary Educational Assistants. If you know of someone who may be interested in applying, please have them visit the TVDSB website, under employment opportunities or share the link below: <https://tvdsb.knighthunter.com/JobView.aspx?JID=d89375e0-1e69-4522-953e-1431df150196>
TVDSB still continues to accept applications for anyone who has completed their education. The link for the temporary EA posting is below, please share if you know of anyone. We are particularly short in this geographical area of TVDSB! <https://tvdsb.knighthunter.com/JobView.aspx?JID=a1e9f3cb-7894-49b6-92a4-b20b0c0716c9>

Daily Covid School Screening

The daily Covid-19 School Screening has been updated as of **October 18, 2021**. Please continue to use the Covid-19 School Screening tool daily to determine whether or not your child should be attending school. ***Please remember that if one child fails the screener, any unvaccinated siblings must stay at home as well.***
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

School Office Hours & Front Door

The school office is open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm for phone calls. Unfortunately, visitors, including parents, are not able to enter the building. If you call during these hours and do not get an answer, please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience as we still continue to wait for our new doorbell and camera system at the front of the school to be operational. If you are picking up or dropping off a student, please call the school office at 519-684-7436 and someone will meet them at the front door. If you do not get an immediate answer, please wait a minute or two and call back. When dropping students off during school hours, please do not leave until a staff member has brought your child inside. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Before and After School - Families on the Yard

Although masks are not mandatory for parents on the yard, we thank you for modeling safe Covid-19 practices when you are unable to maintain the 2m distancing from others not from your household by wearing your mask while waiting to drop off and pick up your children. All staff are mandated to wear masks when outside with students. We also remind families that the outdoor school equipment is closed before school and after school until 4:00 pm.

Lost & Found

Please see the attached photos of items that have accumulated during our first three weeks. If you see anything belonging to your household, please contact Ms. Elcombe directly (t.elcombe@tvdsb.ca) and we'll make sure they find their way home on Monday.

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday, November 7	Daylight Savings Time ends International Inuit Day
Monday, November 8	Indigenous Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 11	Remembrance Day
Friday, November 12	Professional Activity Day (no school for students)
November 15 – 19	Bullying Awareness Week
Tuesday, November 16	Louis Riel Day
November 22 – 26	Scholastic Book Fair Grade 4 CCAT Testing week
Friday, November 26	Anything But A Backpack Day
Monday, November 29	Hanukkah

Have a wonderful weekend, Panther families!