

PDPS Update Oct. 15, 2021

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 September 27. Please continue to use the Covid-19 School Screening tool daily to determine whether or not your child should be attending school. <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. Also, our new doorbell and camera system at the front of the school is not yet 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.

Home Connections in Mathematics

To help promote numeracy in our school community, please see the following for activities and resources to use at home.

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.

Opportunities for Students

Investing in Children has had an ongoing partnership with TVDSB for over 20 years. The Let's Chat: Live Different Circles program is a 7- week free virtual program that brings students together with trained mentors to provide this well-designed program. ***Let's Chat: Live Different Circles helps students to explore important values. They build stronger relationships and activate them in kindness - leaving students more compassionate, resilient, and hopeful.*** The weekly program will run from Wed. Oct. 27th to Wed. Dec. 8th with the Grade 7 & 8 group commencing from 4:30- 6:00 pm and the Grade 9 & 10 group from 6:30-8:00 pm. Students can register on our website as indicated on the promotional flyer.

Please check out some of the testimonials about this wonderful program at https://youtu.be/yYUKsC6q_5A

Opportunities for Parents

The Huron Park Secondary School Council is pleased to be organizing a series of guest speakers for the 2021-2022 school year. Their first guest speaker is Aubrey Noronha with Hello Hope on **Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome to attend virtually. The link to join our TEAMS presentation is bit.ly/HPSSschoolcouncil

October is also CyberSafety month. Here is a link to a calendar of activities to do at home to promote cyber security.

<https://ecno.org/cyber/calendar/#October>

Important Upcoming Dates

October	Islamic Heritage and History Month, Canadian Women's History Month, CyberSafety Month
October 18 – 22	Bus Safety Week
Monday, October 18	HPSS Guest Speaker 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 20	Take Me Outside Day
Wednesday, October 20	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Thursday, October 21	Great Big Crunch (apples donated by Great Lakes Farms in Port Stanley)
Monday, October 25	Gr. 7 Immunizations
Sunday, October 31	Halloween
Monday, November 1	School Council Meeting

Have a wonderful weekend, Panther families!