

PDPS Update Oct. 29, 2021

PDPS Pumpkin Carving Contest

Thank you so much for supporting your children to bring their pumpkins to the school or submit photos for our contest today. We had over 90 submissions! Attached are photos of all of the entries. Winners will be announced on Monday!

Food Drive

Starting November 1 for the month we will be collecting non-perishable food items. Items will be picked up from the classrooms each day. All food will be donated to Wilmot Family Resource and the Woodstock Salvation Army. Thanks to Mrs. Johnson's Grade 6/7 class for taking on this project!

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 5	Bedhead/fancy hair day
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

Home Connections in Mathematics

To help promote numeracy in our school community, please consider trying out some of the activities in this month's Home Connections in Mathematics flyer, focusing on fact fluency.

School Council

The next meeting of the PDPS School Council will be **Monday, November 1, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**. An agenda and TEAMS link will be posted in next week's update.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NmExNWUwOWItZDhiNi00ZjI2LTliMmUtY2ZkYzBjNGM5Yjhk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22024c5d6-bed5-4705-98ac-f83e64a78e99%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c927c512-4dd0-4e97-8ec7-33fdd469b776%22%7d

Path to Back of School

We have been informed 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. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> Please remember that if one child fails the screener, any unvaccinated siblings must stay at home as well.

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.

CyberSafety

October is 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

Monday, November 1	School Council Meeting
Nov 1 – 5	Treaties Recognition Week
Friday, November 5	Progress Reports/Interim Communication of Learning Reports home
Friday, November 5	Bedhead/Fancy Hair Day
Sunday, November 7	Daylight Savings Time ends
Thursday, November 11	Remembrance Day (we will be having a virtual service)
Friday, November 12	Professional Activity Day (no school for students)
Friday, November 26	Anything But A Backpack Day
Sunday, November 28	Hanukkah begins at sundown

Have a wonderful weekend, Panther families!