

P.W.W. News

April 2024



Principal's Message

Dear Parkhill West Williams students, staff, and families,

It is with sadness that I'm letting you know that I will be leaving PWW on April 5, 2024, to continue with my retirement plans. Supporting the children, families, and staff has been a wonderful experience I will take with me on my travels. I want to thank Ms. Olson for providing a strong foundation to continue this work with you.

Can I please encourage you to continue to value and support academic excellence as the goal of education in our school and community, and building positive relationships with each other? The children and staff are something special. The children have brought me great joy! I will miss D's quick wit, M's sweet comments, S's slam dunk spikes, H's quiet ways of communicating, E's smiles when seeing each other at pancake breakfasts, R running to greet me at recess, J looking at the showcase in the front hall, J's banter and saying, "What?", H and H reminding me how much they love and miss their mom, and H drawing pictures and giving them as gifts for my fridge gallery. These are the moments as well as so many other moments such as talking with families on the phone, school yard, and front hall that truly impact the lives of so many.

The team at PWW is exceptional! Everyday they look after children during times of celebration and challenges. They provide a listening ear, a caring phrase, and an open heart to receiving one of our greatest gifts – children of the future. For now, and ever, the staff of PWW are compassionate and kind people who love children, family, and teaching. We are truly grateful for all they do.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the PWW community. This includes our Home and School and School Council. With their support we continue to build positive relationships and support learning. We should all be incredibly proud of what we've achieved.

Please welcome Ms. Shewfelt who will be leading the team beginning April 8, 2024.

Thank you to everyone at PWW! I will miss you!

Rose Walton

Acting Principal
PWW Public School

March Events

- 1 Easter Monday
- 2 Grade 3 Swim to Survive
- 3 Grade 7 Vaccinations
Middle block
Rugby sessions
Grades 4—8
- 8 P.A. Day
- 9 STEM Program
Grades 1—5
Grade 3 Swim to Survive
- 10 Rugby sessions
Grades 4—8
- 16 Grade 3 Swim to Survive
Dance Fest @ TVDSB

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Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten children who have registered for the 2024-2025 school year are invited to attend our second Welcome to Kindergarten session Wednesday, April 3, 2024 from 9:15-10:00am in the school gym.

School Council and Home and School

We will be having our meeting on April 8th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Library Learning Commons

The Forest of Reading Program

Happy Spring! It is time for April showers to bring May flowers, and also time to wrap up the Forest of Reading Program! Our primary students have voted for their favourite title, and our older students just picked their favourite titles in the Silver Birch and Red Maple categories. Thank you to all who participated in the program, and once again, for the generous support from our Home and School. These books will now be in our regular collection for all students to enjoy...Happy Reading!

Until next time,
Happy Reading!
Mrs. Hayter

Year End Canada Day Celebration

Spring is here and with this time of year, often comes some spring cleaning! We want you to keep us in mind when you are doing your spring cleaning this year! We are currently looking for small prize donations, new or gently used, to help with our upcoming Canada Day Celebration on the last day of school! These "prizes" might include items such as skipping ropes, bubbles, small toys and stuffed animals, etc. (similar to items that you may find at your local Dollar Store).



So if you have any items that you would be able to donate, please send them into the school! Thank you!

As well, we will be seeking volunteers to help with this great event.... So check your calendars to see if you are available that day!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school for more information.

Thanks so much for your continues support of our students at P.W.W.!

Dance Fest

This year we are excited to announce that two groups are heading to the TVDSB Dance Festival! Our junior/intermediate group, with the help from Miss Cathy from Dance Factory, will be starting to learn their dance soon, and Mrs. Barnett/ Mrs. McCann's kindergarten class will be hopping' to the crocodile rock! The date is April 16th, from 10:00—11:30, in the TVDSB Ed Centre. Good luck to all dancers! Go Panthers!

Mrs. Hayter

Attendance Matters

Our school staff are excited to welcome your child(ren) to school each day, filled with opportunities to learn and engage!

As we head into the final months of the school year, we want to make sure you know that getting into the habit of daily attendance is more important than ever.

Good attendance helps to:

- Build routines that help reduce stress.
- Make new friends or reconnect with their friends and teachers.
- Engage in learning.
- Gain access to fun activities and extracurriculars

Missing 10%, or more than two days a month, can impact a child's learning, social development and take them off track for developing attendance habits critical to success in school. Attending school every day means success for your child.

We are working to make our school environment a place where everyone can be safe, healthy, and learning. We will do our best to listen and partner with you so that our children have a successful year. Please contact your teacher or Principal with questions or concerns.

Thames Valley is pleased to announce the second in this year's series of Community Engagement Sessions designed to foster and enhance relationships with various groups and communities. This event is an opportunity for TVDSB representatives to **listen and learn** from students, families, and community members from the Sikh community as they share their thoughts, feedback, and experiences in TVDSB schools.

This initiative is aligned with Goals 1 and 7 of the 2023-2024 TVDSB Operational Plan:

- **Goal 1:** Student identities and abilities are affirmed.
- **Goal 7:** Engage and communicate with staff, students, and the community to build relationships and inform our work at Thames Valley.

Details related to the session are as follows:

- **What:** Sikh Community Engagement Session
- **When:** April 17, 2024; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Where:** College Avenue Secondary School (700 College Ave, Woodstock, ON)
- **Who:** Any and all members of the Sikh Community connected to TVDSB are invited to attend.
- **How:** Register at the following link:
https://tvdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_8v85UIObtSOEZ0
- **Description:** The Sikh Community Engagement Session is for Sikh students, families, and community members in London, ON. The session will be an opportunity for Sikh individuals in the community to share their thoughts, feedback, and experiences in TVDSB schools. A free meal will be provided to all attendees. Please see the poster for the session here.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact Matthew Sereda (matthew.sereda@tvdsb.ca) or Rheba Moore-Nash (r.moorenash@tvdsb.ca).

Thank you for your ongoing support of equity and community engagement in TVDSB.

