

P.W.W. News

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From the Principal's Pen

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that you enjoyed time with family and friends. What a first week back to school we've had! We want to share how proud we are of our students -especially in their resilience with the recent power outage. It was so heartwarming to see how our students got together with their classroom buddies and did activities together.

On behalf of our staff and students, we wanted to express our appreciation to our amazing Home and School Association members and parent volunteers who organized and prepared a delicious holiday feast on December 20th. We are so grateful to all of these volunteers who give tirelessly to support our students and school initiatives. If anyone reading our newsletter would like to come to a meeting, you are more than welcome to attend in-person or remotely via a Teams link. Our next meeting is at 6:30 on Monday February 5th. Please contact Mrs. Olson via email for a link to join remotely. Everyone is welcome and we hope you will consider joining us.

We were thrilled to see so many family members come out to our holiday concert to see our students perform. A special thanks to our staff and students for generously sharing their time and talents with us and to our entire school community for supporting the efforts of our students.

It's safe to say that winter has officially arrived, and we'd like to ensure that everyone is prepared for our daily outdoor times. Parents are encouraged to send a spare pair of mitts, socks and pants for their child to keep at school during the winter months as snow and ice can often lead to some rather chilly and wet conditions. In the event that school bus transportation is cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be cancelled for both the morning and afternoon. Our school will remain open if buses are cancelled, unless otherwise communicated by TVDSB Communications. Please check My Big Yellow Bus Transportation Alerts for individual bus information. If you are able to bring your child to school safely, please do so. Please communicate your pick up arrangements with your child's teacher directly. If your child is not attending school due to bus cancellation, please enter their absence using School Messenger.

We are very excited about the learning that we are doing in the area of literacy and math and are working on a special week of activities to support Family Literacy Day at the end of January. We can't wait to get started! If you have any questions about the literacy and math work that is happening in your child's classrooms, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Olson
Principal
Parkhill-West Williams Public School

News from the Library Learning Commons

Forest of Reading Program

Happy New Year! January is a busy time in our LLC, as our Forest of Reading Program kicks off! Students in Kindergarten to Grades 3 will be participating with their classes in our Blue Spruce Program, while our Grades 5 - 8 students will be given the opportunity to join either the Silver Birch or Red Maple Reading Programs. This amazing Canadian Reading Program will continue until March, with a voting party celebration taking place then! Our Primary students will read all 10 nominated titles, while our Junior and Intermediate students will need to read at least 5 of the 10 nominated titles in their chosen category in order to qualify for the voting party. Wonder which books we will vote as our favourite? Stay tuned to find out! A special thank you goes out to our Home and School for their generous donation towards this reading program! Thank you for supporting reading at our

Family Literacy Day - January 26th at P.W.W.

January is also when Family Literacy Day takes place! This initiative was started as a way to bring awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy related activities as a family. We will be celebrating at P.W.W. on Friday, January 26th too! Stay tuned for more details to come home soon.

Until next time,
Happy Reading!
Mrs. Hayter

Subway Hot Lunch

We will be offering a SUBWAY lunch for the first break on January 22nd. The cost will be \$5.50 and all proceeds will go towards our 2023 –24 Snack Program. Orders due on January 18th and paid on School Cash online. Order forms will were sent home on Monday, January 8th.

We appreciate your support and stay tuned for February's hot lunch!

Pancake Day

P.W.W.'s Pancake Day is coming soon!! On Tuesday, February 13th, we will once again be hosting a pancake breakfast, complete with toppings, fresh fruit and juice! For \$5.00, students can enjoy a yummy breakfast with others in our gymnasium turned Pancake House!! All proceeds will go towards our year end Canada Celebration. We are currently seeking volunteers to help run this exciting event! If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Miles at the office.

Thanks for your continued support of our school!

Mrs. Hayter

P.W.W. Food Drive

In December, the Spirit Committee organized and ran our annual winter food drive for the Ailsa Craig & Area Food Bank. The students of PWW showed amazing generosity and their giving spirit by donating over 330kg of food, paper products, and hygiene supplies to be distributed to those in need throughout North Middlesex. Thank you to all families who supported this worthy event.



Kindergarten Registration for September 2024



Thames Valley District School Board is excited to welcome children to Kindergarten in September 2024. Throughout each day in Kindergarten, your child will be involved in spontaneous play as well as more structured play-based learning both indoors and outside. Kindergarten Educator teams provide children with a safe learning environment that meets each child's individual needs and interests. **Registration will take place from Monday, January 15, 2024, to Friday, February 2, 2024.** To be eligible for registration for the Kindergarten program, children must be four years of age by December 31, 2024. To register for Kindergarten, please complete the on-line pre-registration form found on TVDSB'S main webpage via a link OR on each school's main webpage via a link (enter school information and website) OR on TVDSB's website (www.tvdsb.ca) under "Parents" and then under "Kindergarten Program". Complete the on-line registration for the Kindergarten program at the designated home English school for the 2024-2025 school year. If you do not have access to technology, please contact the school to complete the paper registration form at the school. We are also excited to share that TVDSB will be hosting a virtual Kindergarten information night for Kindergarten families on January 29, 2024. Stay tuned for further details.

English Kindergarten in French Immersion Registration for September 2024

English Kindergarten Programming is offered as space permits in several French Immersion(FI) Schools. **Registration for English Kindergarten in French Immersion will take place during the Kindergarten Registration period of Monday, January 15, 2024 to Friday, February 2, 2024.** Parents/caregivers wishing to register their Kindergarten Year 1 child for French Immersion English Kindergarten will pre-register at their designated home English school online via TVDSB's website. Parents will indicate their intent to enroll their child in English Kindergarten at their designated French Immersion Public School K 1 (check box) and enter any relevant information to support their request. Please note that siblings are not guaranteed a place in the English Kindergarten in French Immersion program. If a child was on the wait list during the 2023-2024 school year, a new Designated French Immersion School English Kindergarten Application Form needs to be completed for Kindergarten Year 2 by February 2, 2024. English Kindergarten Year (2) Programming is also offered as space permits in designated French Immersion Schools. If your child is already attending Kindergarten Year 1 (K1) at the designated home English school, and is interested in applying, please contact the school to obtain an application form. Intent to register for English Kindergarten in French Immersion schools must be completed and documentation verified by Friday, February 2, 2024 in order to be considered. Should applications for English Kindergarten in French Immersion exceed the number of available spaces, a random selection process will be implemented to determine which children may attend with K1 or K2. We are also excited to share that TVDSB will be hosting virtual Kindergarten information night for Kindergarten families on January 29, 2024. Stay tuned for further details. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your designated home English school.