



# Panther Press



December 2020

Hi Panthers!

I honestly can't believe we are already into December! Our Panther Paw Draw on Fridays is still a big part of our routine. Students can earn Panther Paw tickets whenever they are doing their best and doing what's right! Each week we do a draw to recognize six students- congrats to all the students who first earn a Panther Paw and then get chosen in the draw!



Our Turkey draw will look a little different this year... so we are going to do a \$50.00 Grocery Gift card draw instead! More details coming your way. We would like to thank the Welland Kiwanis for their generous donation so this draw is possible!

We have some spirit days planned for this month. We will list important dates at the end of the newsletter. One activity we are looking forward to is our co-operative Winter Art Design. All classes (Kinder to 8) will help make a winter scene come to life on one of our Bulletin Boards- can't wait to see the end result!

## Panther Pride

This month's Panther Pride Assembly was to recognize students who have shown the character trait of Responsibility. We have talked a lot about what that means. We focused on the meaning that you do the things you are supposed to do and accept the results of your actions. So a responsibility is something you are expected to do; being responsible is doing what you are supposed to be doing and accepting responsibility is taking the praise or the consequences for what one has done. Our students have been working hard on practicing responsibility and accepting both praise or redirection for their actions. Way to go Panthers! Students acknowledged for Responsibility will get a Panther Shirt and a certificate. Students are recognized for the month on our Panther Pride Board. This month we will be exploring the character trait of empathy.

## Get Support for Learners- Available Parent Funds

There was an announcement made by the government to help support families. Parents and guardians will receive a one-time payment of \$200 for each child up to age 12, or \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 with special needs. Please follow the link provided to find out more information and apply. This is a limited support and only runs until January 15th.

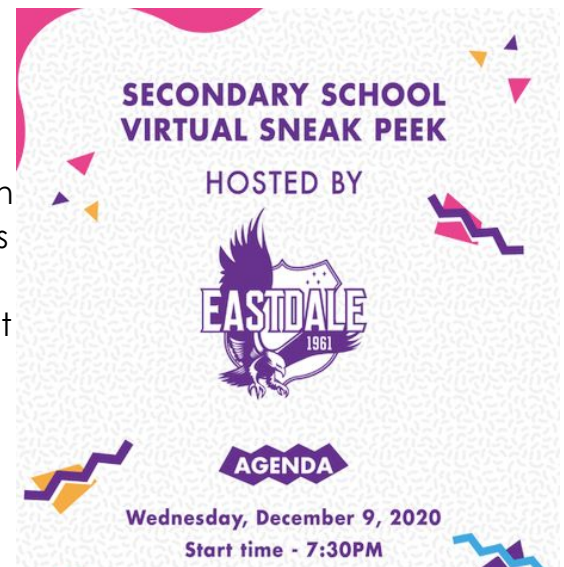
[Get Support for Learners.](#)

# School Messenger

Reminder that we are no longer using the REMIND app for our school wide communication. Some classroom teachers will continue using the app if that is how they started the year! If you haven't been getting texts from School Messenger please text 978338 and add the message Yes! Our school newsletter and longer information will continue to be emailed to you. If you haven't been getting those emails please contact the school so we can figure out why.

## Eastdale Sneak Peek

Mr Crowe's Grade 8 Crew have been talking about High School. Thank you Eastdale for your informative presentation and the cool prizes for our Great 8's! Although Open Houses will look different this year they are still happening- Virtually! Eastdale's Sneak Peek will be Wednesday, December 9th at 7:30pm. To see the school and hear about some of the great things happening just follow this link [dsbn.org/sneakpeek/eastdale](https://dsbn.org/sneakpeek/eastdale). We hope to see you there!



## Spirit Wear

Panther Wear is available online at <https://www.bigbearspiritwear.com/plymouth-panthers/>. Thank you to our virtual Panthers who continue to share pics on Panther Wear days.

**Remembrance Day** This month, classes recognized Remembrance Day in ways that were meaningful to them. Many explored the topic through art and created this wonderful mural.



# Progress Reports

Progress Reports went home earlier this month and teachers have reached out to talk to all families. If your copy of the report didn't make it home or you have any questions please reach out and let us know!

## A Message from Public Health

Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should NOT enter school or child care. They should return home to self-isolate. The next steps for children depend on what kind of symptoms they have. For information visit our website

<https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/reopen/schools.aspx> - scroll down to "Prevention and Protection" and click on "what to do when a child has COVID-19 symptoms." Adults with any one symptom of COVID-19 should always self-isolate and seek assessment by a health care provider or self-refer for testing. It does not matter what kind of symptom they have.

## Away from School

If your child will be absent from school please call 1-866-606-5567 to report the absence- this helps with attendance in the morning and helps Mrs. Buchanan reduce the number of calls each day. In advance, thank you! If your child isn't feeling well in the morning, please use the Ontario School Screening website <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. This website asks you to identify any symptoms and then gives you next steps.

## Important Dates

Dec. 3 Gr. 6/7 to Adventure Campus- dress to stay warm!	Dec. 4 7/8 to Adventure Campus- keep warm!	Dec. 9 Eastdale Sneak Peek Virtual Open House
Dec. 4, 11 Wear Your Panther Wear!	Dec. 14 Wear your favourite Holiday Colours	Dec. 15 Virtual Open House for French Immersion
Dec. 16 Wear your favourite Hat Day (baseball hats, winter hats, etc.)	Dec. 18 Panther Wear Day or Wacky Sweater/Shirt day  Last day of school for Winter Break	Jan. 4 Welcome Back everyone!

And Panthers, remember to always

*Do Your Best and Do What's Right!!!*