



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 1 – World Habitat Day
- October 2 – International Day of Non-Violence
Simchat Torah
- October 2 – Junior Soccer at Clarington Fields – Cancelled see Oct. 10**
- October 4 – Cross Country at Courtice Secondary**
- Oct 5 – Orange Shirt Day**
- October 5 – World Teachers Day
- October 8 – Thanksgiving Day/School Closed**
- October 9 - Intermediate Soccer at Clarington Fields**
- Pizza Day**
- October 9 – German Pioneers Day
Navratri begins
- October 10 – Jr. Soccer at Orono Fields**
- October 15 – Room 111 to Wilmot Creek**
- October 16 – World Food Day
- October 17 – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- October 18 – Persons’ Day
Dussehra
Navratri ends
- October 22 – Bus Safety**
- October 24 – United Nations Day
- October 24 - Jr. Flag Rugby at Clarington Fields**
- October 26- Intermediate Flag Rugby at Clarington Fields**
- October 26 – Picture Retake Day**
- October 31 – Hallowe’en

DATES TO LOOK FOR

- Nov 1 – Gr. 7 Immunizations
- Nov 2 – Dental Screening

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The days of fall are indeed upon us with the beautiful array of colour on our neighbourhood trees!

Throughout the month of September, the staff and students worked together to establish and settle into effective routines and positive relationships, it is our hope that these efforts will support success in learning and happiness in living as we continue to build community here at Vincent Massey PS.

Our Open House was very well attended - it was great to see and meet so many families as they visited classrooms and mingled with staff. I hope that during your visit you were able to visit your child’s class, learn something new and meet the educators that work closest with your children. Thank you for taking the time to share the evening with us!

During Safe and Caring School Week our school community practiced a number of emergency responses - we will continue to practice periodically throughout the school year. Our goal is to work together to make

every day a safe and caring one while at school as well as have a plan in place to effectively respond to any emergency should the need arise.

The month of September closed out with our Crazy Sox for Terry Fox event. The students of Vincent Massey showed their support for Terry Fox by participating in this annual event. Students showed their spirit by wearing their craziest socks for Terry Fox. The staff would like to congratulate all students on their enthusiasm and good behaviour during our walk. We would also like to thank the community here at Massey for raising nearly \$530. Amazing work Vincent Massey! You would have made Terry very proud!

Our first School Council meeting and elections will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30 pm in our school library. Please join us! For those interested, nomination forms for a school council position will be available at the meeting. The first major event sponsored by our School Council is our school-wide magazine fundraiser...back by popular demand! Orders are due back to the school by October 10th. And if you haven't done so already, please pay a visit to our beautiful new playground and outdoor classroom located in our school yard thanks, in part, to your support of our school council's efforts.

With the Thanksgiving weekend upon us, I hope that you will have the opportunity to enjoy some time with those closest to you.

Lenore O'Rahilly
(Acting) Principal



Rugby

Junior and Intermediate rugby try-outs and practices will be every day 2 and 5 at first break starting on October 2nd (October 2, 4, 10, 12, 17, 19) and two practices that go from 3 pm-4 pm on Tuesday October 16th and 23rd. The ASG tournament is on Wednesday October 24th for the Juniors and Friday October 26th for intermediates, both at Clarington Fields.

School Council Meetings

Would you like to make a difference?

Would you like to know more about what is going on at school?

Would you like to have input into questions that affect our students?

We would like to grow the number of parents/guardians who attend our meetings.

Please join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30** in our newly 'refreshed' library/learning commons.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:15	Yard Supervision Begins
8:30	Entry Bell
8:30-10:10	First Instructional Block
10:10-10:50	First Nutritional Break
10:50-12:30	Second Instructional Block
12:30-1:10	Second Nutritional Break
1:10-2:50	Third Instructional Block
2:50	Dismissal Bell

CROSSING GUARD SCHEDULE

King/Simpson	Liberty/Church
8:00-8:30	8:00-8:30
12:30-12:40	12:30-12:40
1:00-1:10	1:00-1:10
2:50-3:10	2:50-3:10

Mearns/Soper
7:50-8:15
3:00-3:25



Register for KPR's Free Parent Conference October 20th

Registration is now open for KPR's free, annual Parent Conference. Registration continues until October 12 at www.kprschools.ca for:

2018 Parent Conference – Mental Health, Math & Modern Learning

Saturday, October 20

8:15 a.m.-12:35 p.m.

Bowmanville High School, 49 Liberty St.N., Bowmanville

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Greg Wells

The Ripple Effect: Sleep, Think, Eat & Move Better

Plus choice of workshops, agency displays, refreshments & child minding for ages 2 & older

****NEW this year: Workshops for Parents & Kids or Teens Together, and a Workshop Just for Teens!**

It's all FREE. If you need assistance, have questions or if there are accommodations that would make the conference more accessible for you, your child or teen, please call 705-742-9773 or toll-free 1-877-741-4577, ext. 2001, or email judy_malfara@kprdsb.ca

TWITTER

A reminder to all families that you can now read news and updates about Vincent Massey PS on Twitter. You do not need to have a Twitter account to follow the updates – Simply log onto our school website at <http://vincentmassey.kprdsb.ca/> to follow along with our tweets!!

REMINDER: NO DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Just a reminder to families that dogs (except Service animals) are not permitted on school property.



PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be distributed on November 8th. This progress report outlines the learning students have been doing in the last two months. This is an opportunity for you and your child to reflect on the progress that has been made at this time and to use the next steps to support their learning in the coming months. There are no marks/grades assigned at this time.



VOLUNTEER FORMS

Are you interested in volunteering at our school? If you are, and if you have a valid criminal record check, we would love for you to join our team of fabulous helpers! Please fill out the attached form indicating your preferences and strengths and we will contact you based on student need. If you do not have a valid criminal record check, please come to the office and ask us for the paperwork to get you started!



SNACK PROGRAM UPDATE

Our snack program is up and running 5 days per week. The snack program ensures all students will have the opportunity to receive a portion controlled nutritious morning snack. This program serves all students regardless of need to remove the social stigma from those who may depend on it for nutrition. Students enjoy trying new foods with their friends and classmates and may be more adventurous in a group than they would be trying foods at home on their own!

The VMPS Snack Program is completely dependent on volunteers! We are lucky to have a great core group of volunteers but we need a couple more to ensure the program continues smoothly. Our volunteers generally assist from 8:30 to 11:00 am one day a week. With notice we are easily able to schedule around shifts and family obligations. Our volunteer group has a lot of fun together and it's always nice for young students to see their parents/grandparents/guardians volunteering in the school.

If you are interested in volunteering, Christine Williams at crwilliams137@gmail.com



LUNCH LADY

This year the Lunch Lady comes every Thursday.

CROSS-WALK RULES

Please make sure that you and your children cross at the designated crosswalks. When you do, it teaches them good safety awareness. This includes our crosswalks at Church and Liberty and the Bowmanville Mall at the lights in addition to the new crosswalk at the school.

BUS SAFETY

Please insure that you and your child do not walk between the busses as they are parked in our parking lot during am and pm bussing times.



Grade 5 Action Pass



The Grade 5 Action Pass gives all Grade 5 students in Durham Region free:

- public swimming
- public skating
- other programs (programs vary by recreation centre)

This pass can be used at any participating municipal recreation centre, Oshawa Mary Street YMCA, Durham College/UOIT Campus Ice Centre, and the Abilities Centre.

Your child may use his/her pass as many times as they want from September to August!

For more information:

- contact your municipal recreation centre, Oshawa Mary Street YMCA, Durham College/UOIT Campus Ice Centre, or the Abilities Centre
- visit durham.ca/physicalactivity
- call Durham Health Connection Line at 905-666-6241 or 1-800-841-2729



durham.ca/physicalactivity



If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



GROCERY BAGS!!!

Canadians take home more than 55 million plastic shopping bags each week. Just think of the amount of petroleum products - used to make plastic bags - that could be preserved if people used cloth bags.

Remember to plan ahead before you head to the store and bring carrying boxes or cloth bags along with you.

Waste Free Lunch Challenge...

Vincent Massey is going GREEN!

Students are asked to...

-pack lunches with as little waste as possible.

-use a reusable water bottle (no bottled water).

-recycle all recyclable materials (such as empty juice boxes, yogurt containers, cardboard) in the classroom bin.

-take compostable items home in a reusable container (so it can be placed in your home green-bin).

-all other waste is returned home (this way parents can monitor what students eat and how much waste is being sent in lunches).

Many local schools have implemented this program with great success, reducing their global footprint and making our world a waste-free place to enjoy!

Good News Board...

Dear Vincent Massey,

The students in room 152 have created a 'Good News Bulletin Board' for all to enjoy and add to. We are looking for some amazing good news stories to share from our community, country and world. Please send your submissions to room 152 or Lauren Crawford at

lauren_crawford@kprdsb.ca.

HOT LUNCHES

Hot lunches are now on Mondays

(Tuesday if the Monday is a holiday)