



# VINCENT MASSEY P.S. NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Families of Vincent Massey PS,

November already! It is hard to believe that we already have two months of school under our belts and the time for our first reporting period is upon us. Progress Reports will be sent home on November 8<sup>th</sup> and if not already done so, your child’s teacher will be sending information about conferences as well.

At this time, I would like to express my personal thanks to the Vincent Massey Public School community for a tremendous first ‘leg’ of our learning journey. Thank you staff and students for your enthusiasm in and outside the classroom - you are awesome! The many volunteers who help out daily in so many ways are an invaluable asset to our students and school and we are especially thankful for their on-going support and involvement. And as always, our School Council continues to support our efforts in so many ways—thank you!

The month of October ended in proper fashion with a Fall and Hallowe’en celebration... By all appearances, a good time was had by staff, students alike!



This month we will focus our attention as a school community on three very important events. On November 9<sup>th</sup> we will assemble for our **Day of Remembrance** where we will honour and show our respect for the men and women that served our country during history’s most trying times. As a sign of our appreciation and respect, each student will be given and be wearing a poppy for our assembly. This flower is a very significant and respected symbol for this day - it is also an important way of reminding us that every one of these brave Canadians is never to be forgotten. To this end, a small, voluntary, monetary donation will be gratefully accepted on November 9<sup>th</sup> in support of our local legion – Bowmanville #178. Our Assembly will begin at 10:45 a.m. Please join us if you are able.

On Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, a wreath donated by our school, will be laid at the Cenotaph at the Bowmanville Remembrance

Day Service. I encourage as many families as possible, to attend.

Another important date this month is November 14<sup>th</sup> - **World Diabetes Day**. It is our hope that as a school community, we can raise our awareness and understanding about living with Diabetes. Toonies are being collected in support of the Charles Best Centre. Your donation is gratefully accepted.



And finally, '**Day of Change**' is an important initiative being led by Ms. Crawford's grade 8 class. Every class in the school has been challenged to do their best to fill a class collection jar with loose change by November 9<sup>th</sup> with all proceeds to be donated to **The Refuge**. Let's see whose class will have the fullest jar!



November 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> is Bullying Awareness Week with a focus on the Power of Kindness and using Social Media responsibly. A number of students have expressed interest in planning events for this week so please stay tuned!

Lenore O'Rahilly  
Acting Principal

## **The Importance of Students Being on Time for School...**

It is extremely important that students arrive at school on time. When students arrive late, they miss the first messages of the day as well as valuable instructional time. Classes are disrupted when already in session which can be frustrating for both students and staff. We want your child to be a consistent participant in his/her classroom community and being on time ensures that. We understand that very occasionally, there are circumstances beyond yours and their control that make a student late. I will be contacting the parents of any students who are frequently late to discuss solutions with them.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Nov. 1 – Gr. 7 Immunizations**

Shamhain

### **Nov. 2 – Dental Screening**

Nov. 4 – Daylight Savings Time Ends Clocks go back 1 hour

### **Nov. 6 – Bus Safety & Evacuation Program**

Nov. 7 – Diwali

Nov. 9 – 'Day of Change'; Birth of Bab

### **Nov. 9 - Remembrance Day Assembly**

Nov. 10 – Birth of Baha'u'llah

### **Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day**

### **Nov. 14 – World Diabetes Day**

### **Nov. 14 – Take your Kid to Work Day; Grade 8's visiting BHS**

Nov. 16 – International Day of Tolerance

Louis Riel Day

### **Nov. 19 – Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week**

Nov. 20 – Transgender Day of Remembrance

Universal Children's Day

Nov. 21 – Mawlid al-Nabi

### **Nov. 23 – P.A. Day – no classes**

Nov. 25 – International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women

White Ribbon Campaign begins

Nov. 28 – Rm 154 to Laurie Lawson OEC

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## **2018 Winter Break**

**December 24, 2018 - January 4, 2019**

## Outdoor Play + Warm Clothing = FUN!

Having fun and learning to play games in a fun and cooperative manner is something that children need to learn and practise!

With the cold weather upon us, we ask that you ensure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather and prepared for outdoor play. Unless the weather is inclement, students are outside for all recess and lunch breaks. Although we encourage the students to stay dry and away from puddles and wet, muddy areas, an extra pair of socks/underwear/pants in the backpack is always a good idea!

## POINSETTIA SALES



Vincent Massey will again be selling poinsettias as a fundraiser. The pick-up date for the plants is set for Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming home in November. Thank you once again to our School Council for their efforts in this regard.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please have a look in our Lost and Found box located near the gym, especially if you are attending a Progress Report Conference within the next few weeks. Items that are not claimed by the Winter Break will be given to a charitable organization. Thank you.



**VINCENT MASSEY WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL BOOKFAIR NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup> 2018**

**STUDENTS WILL HAVE SCHEDULED VISITS DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS 8:30-2:50 EACH DAY EXCEPT NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> THE FAIR WILL BE OPEN 2:30-7:00 PM**

**THIS WILL ALLOW TIME FOR PARENTS TO COME WITH THEIR CHILDREN TO ...**

**Have a good look for a good book!**

**A very special SHOUT OUT to Gramma Leech! Mrs. Leech, a grandparent in our school community has graciously offered to organize the Book Fair for us – Thank you Gramma Leech!**

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**Registration information for September 2019 coming soon.**

Your child can attend school in September 2019 as follows:

**Junior Kindergarten** – your child is four years of age by December 31, 2019

**Senior Kindergarten** – your child is five years of age by December 31, 2019

Please bring a birth certificate or other proof of age, proof of address, and current immunization record when registering your child. Registration forms also available at each school and also on the KPRDSB website.