



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School
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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

- Jan 1 - Kwanzaa, New Years Day
- Jan 4 - World Braille Day
- Jan 6 - Epiphany (Christian)
- Jan 7 – Welcome Back to School**
Christmas (Orthodox)
Pizza Day
- Jan 13 – Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh
- Jan 14 – Pizza Day**
- Jan 15 - Makar Sankranti (Hindu)
- Jan 16 – Gr. 8 Parent Information Night
- Jan 17 – “Raising Food Lovers” Lunch**
- Jan 20 – World Religion Day
- Jan 21 – Pizza Day**
Lincoln Alexander Day
Mahayana New Year begins
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 22 – Grade 8 Graduation Pictures**
- Jan 23 – Mahayana New Year ends
- Jan 27 - Family Literacy Day (Canada)
International Day of Commemoration
In Memory of the Victims of the
Holocaust (UN)
- Jan 29 – Earth Rangers for Grades 1-6**
- Feb 1 – P.A. Day**

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Wow, 2019 already!! I hope that everyone had an awesome holiday! I would like to welcome all of our students and staff back to school. I know that everyone is excited to see each other and talk about what they did over the holidays.

December was filled with lots of wonderful events and cheer. It was a pleasure beginning my Principalship at that time of year. It allowed me to see the kindness and caring that all the students & staff had for one another, plus the support for their community was incredible.

January is a wonderful time of the year. It’s filled with hope and newness. Vincent Massey PS is going to continue to provide a safe and caring environment for all its students and staff, as well as, a place where quality education is at the forefront.

Please join us at our School Council meeting on January 15th at 6:00.

I am looking forward to continuing to learn from and support VMPS’s students and staff.

Cheers, Nicholas Shea, Principal.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration information for September 2019 coming soon.



Your child can attend school in September 2019 as follows:

- **Year 1** – your child is four years of age by December 31, 2019
- **Year 2** – 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 are available at each school and **also online at the KPRDSB website.**

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Welcome to the New Year! Congratulations and thank you to all members of the Vincent Massey school community for your contributions to support our local community food bank. Through all of these endeavours, our students learned a great deal about leadership and making a difference in both small and big ways.

1 146 items were brought in.



Feeding the Community

MORNING OUTDOOR SUPERVISION

Just a reminder to all families that outside supervision begins at 8:15 in the morning. Students are expected to remain outside until the bell rings at 8:30. Students will not be allowed in the front doors before the bell. In rainy or extreme cold weather, we will ring the bell earlier!

EXTREME COLD WEATHER ALERTS

Parents are reminded on particularly extreme cold days to remind their children to dress accordingly and in layers - cover ears, nose, fingers, toes and head. The school will make decisions as to the appropriateness of outdoor play in accordance with the School Board guidelines (i.e. avoid going outside when wind chill is - 26C or lower.)

For more information and tips regarding the extreme cold please check out the following websites:

http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/winter_safety

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/sfttps/tp201101-en.aspx>

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/winter-safety.html?WT.ac=p-ra#>

GRADE 8 GRADUATION PHOTOS

Grade 8 graduation photos will be Tuesday January 22ND 2019. Retakes are Monday March 4th 2019.

KPR HIGH SCHOOLS HOLD INFO NIGHTS

**BOWMANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16 2018**

6:00-8:00 PM

Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) students can start apprenticeships, earn college credits, gain advanced standing at the world's best universities, build houses, film TV productions and work in theatre - all while still in secondary school.

Current Grade 8 students, their parents and guardians are invited to learn more about the exciting programs awaiting them.

REPORT CARDS ARE COMING HOME

Kindergarten/Grades 1-8: Feb 20th

Grade 8 Transition Meetings

If you have a child in grade 8 who has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), there are transition meetings scheduled for **late January**. These meetings will include the homeroom teacher, special education teachers from the high school, the parents, Mr. Shea and myself as well as the student. If your child will be attending a different high school, please let us know so we can set up a transition meeting with that school, if needed. Looking forward to helping the grade 8's as they transition to high school.

Suzie deVries (Special Education Resource Teacher)

"PEACE" POSTER ART CONTEST

Congratulations to Emma T in Mr. Hall's class.

Emma created a poster representing Peace that went into competition at the local lions club.

Her poster won at that level and moved onto district to compete against 14 other schools and guess what, she has won first place there.

Emma's poster will now move on to compete against others from all over Ontario and Quebec.

Congratulations Emma we are very proud of you, and you should be very proud of yourself.

"RAISE A FOOD LOVER" PROGRAM

On **Thursday, January 17, 2019** Loblaws will be bringing their "Raise a Food Lover" program to Vincent Massey.

Between **11:00 am and 1:00 pm** we will be having 3 sittings so that all students will have an opportunity to participate.

Each sitting will have a variety of grades to allow the older students to assist the younger students.

They will be serving a "soup buffet where each student will build their own soup at the table.

They are aware of our needs regarding flax, nut, and peanut free. There will also be vegetarian and gluten free options.

If you require any additional information please feel free to contact the office



EARTH RANGERS ARE COMING



On Tuesday, January 29, 2019 the Earth Rangers will be coming to do a presentation to grade 1 to 6 students.

The Earth Rangers Assembly is a 45 minute dynamic, interactive, multi-media experience that features LIVE Animal ambassadors demonstrating their natural behaviors. They use science-based information to educate children about the importance of protecting biodiversity while highlighting different conservation initiatives across Canada. Students will learn about the animal conservation projects they are helping with, **including the Snowshoe Hare, Monarch Butterfly and Piping Plover.**

Also new for this year, they will be focusing on climate change and its effect on people, wildlife and the environment.

This event is being sponsored to us by the singer Paul Simon

IMMUNIZATION LETTERS

Letters regarding student's immunizations were sent home in mid-December. These forms are to be completed and returned to the office by **January 18th**, at the latest. We realize that some students are up to date and still received forms. Please complete these forms with the date vaccination was given and supply an updated copy of the yellow card if possible to the office. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Health Department at 1-800-841-2729.

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