



# VINCENT MASSEY P.S. NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1 – Book Fair Ends**  
Trent Enrichment Trip  
Sucker Moon – Nmebine  
Glizis (Anishinaabe – First Nations)  
Beltane
- May 2 – Trent Enrichment Trip**  
Rm 111 & 122 Scientist in School  
Ridvan ends  
Yom HaShoah/Holocaust  
Remembrance Day
- May 3 – Clarington Band Fest**  
World Press Freedom Day (UN)
- May 5 – International Family Equality Day  
South Asian Arrival Day (ON)
- May 6 – VMPS Track & Field**  
Education Week begins (ON)  
Mental Health Week begins (ON)  
Ramadan begins
- May 7 – VMPS Track & Field Rain Date**  
“Grease for Gr 7 & 8” at BHS  
School Council 6:00 p.m.
- May 8 – Rm 119 Scientist in School**
- May 9 – Immunization Day**
- May 10 – Clarington ASG Track & Field**  
Meet at Civic Fields  
Education Week ends
- May 12 – Canada Health Day  
Mental Health Week ends (ON)
- May 14 – Band Spring Concert**
- May 15 – International Day of Families (UN)
- May 16 – Scientist in School Gr. 6,7,&8**
- May 17 – Jump Rope 4 Heart kickoff**  
International Day Against  
Homophobia and Transphobia
- May 18 – Hiawatha Pow Wow  
Visakha Puja/Buddha Day

- May 19 – Hiawatha Pow Wow
- May 20 – Victoria Day – School Closed**

- May 21 – EQAO begins**  
Aboriginal Awareness Week begins  
World Day for Cultural Diversity for  
Dialogue and Development (UN)
- May 22 – International Day for Biological  
Diversity (UN)
- May 24 – Aboriginal Awareness Week ends  
Declaration of the Bab
- May 25 – African Liberation Day
- May 28 – National Access Ability Week
- May 29 – Ascension of Baha’u’llah  
International Day of UN  
Peacekeepers (UN)
- May 30 – Ascension Day (Christian)

## JUNE

- June 5 – VMPS Spring BBQ**
- June 6 – Rm 111, 122, & 130 to Ontario  
Science Centre**
- June 7 – P.A. Day – No Classes**

## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

It’s May...unbelievable how fast this school year is going!

Thank you for all of the donations for our third Eat Together this year. Students and staff appreciated your support and enjoyed the Grilled Cheese experience and the community building that came with it. Also, thanks for all of your support with our Scholastic Book Fair.

EQAO will take place at the end of the month. This is a perfect opportunity for students to show what they have learned over the past three years. Good luck to our Grade 3 and 6 students!!

Grade 7 & 8 students will receive their immunizations on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to the Intermediates Band with their Spring Concert on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Jump Rope for Heart Campaign will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

I wish the students luck at Track and Field on Monday. I know that this is an exciting time of year for most of our students. To those who don't enjoy sports as much, it's one day where you're outside in the fresh air, so enjoy!

Our Wellness center is coming along. We have a great space for students to come and ground themselves or get help if they are feeling down and need support. Thanks to Ms. Ruckstuhl and Ms. Carlson for helping create the space.

A quick note about our school's **Accessible Parking spots**. We do have several students who require an Accessible Parking spot to get to and from the school. These spots are reserved for students and parents/adults who require them in order to access the school. If you do not require the Accessible spot to enter the school and are only waiting for your child, please refrain from parking in these spots as there are students who require them for drop-off and pick-up. Thanks for your understanding and consideration in this matter.

As always, parents are welcome to join us at the Parent Council meetings each month; this month's date is May 7th from 6-7.

Finally, thank you to parents and guardians for checking in with the office when you visit and allowing your child(ren) to gain independence by walking to and from class on their own. This allows our school to be safe and secure.

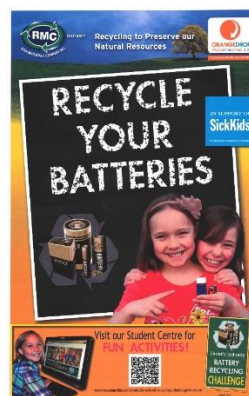
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## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year began in November!

If your child will be four by December 31, 2019 they are eligible for Junior Kindergarten; and if they are five by December 31, 2019 they are eligible for Senior Kindergarten.

Please contact the office to register your child and share this news with neighbours who have kindergarten aged children.



## BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Vincent Massey's battery recycling program is going great. Students are encouraged to bring in any old batteries. There is a white pail just outside the office for them to go in.

**Help us Help the Environment!**

# BUY YOUR Yearbook

## YEARBOOK

The 2018-2019 Yearbook is on sale now. For \$17 you can keep the memories of your year at Vincent Massey forever. Payment can be online, cheque, or cash and is due by Monday May 13, 2019.

## Track and Field

Our Vincent Massey Track and Field meet will occur on Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> (with a rain date of Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>). All students in Grades 4-8 will be participating in events throughout the day. Track events will occur at BHS and field events will occur at Vincent Massey. All students in grades 4-8 will be required to choose 2-3 field events (triple jump, long jump, shot put) and 2-3 track events (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m). Permission forms (along with an event schedule) will be sent home shortly and are required for all students in grades 4-8. Parents are welcome to come out and cheer on our students.

Students that place 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in an event will be invited to the Clarington ASG meet at the Oshawa Civic on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Student of Character Award

Ashlynn teBoekhorst was awarded the Student of Character award for Vincent Massey. She received the award at the Clarington Student of Character Awards ceremony at Bowmanville High School on April 11. Thank you, Ashlynn, for all of the contributions that you make to our school community.

## Kindergarten Orientation

Vincent Massey will be holding our Kindergarten Orientation on Monday May 13 2019 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

♥ Welcome to  
Kindergarten

## Intermediate Badminton

Both Intermediate Badminton teams recently competed at the Clarington East Intermediate Badminton tournament, on Thursday, April 18 at Duke of Cambridge. We came close in a few divisions but more importantly, the kids had a lot of fun! Everyone competed well, showed great teamwork and sportsmanship and represented themselves and the school well.



Way to go!!!!

Mr. Hall

## Junior Basketball

Congratulations to the Junior Basketball team who made Vincent Massey proud at this year's tournament. They showed great sportsmanship and perseverance! Way to go, team! Mr. Bongard and Mr. Bridal



**ARE YOU MOVING?**

Will you be moving over the summer? Please contact the office if your child/ren will **not be** attending Vincent Massey in September.