



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. JANUARY NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 1 – New Year’s Day
Kwanzaa Ends
Spirit Moon-Mnidoo Glizis
(Anishinaabe First Nations)
- Jan 2 – Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh
- Jan 4 – World Braille Day
- Jan 6 – Pizza Day**
Bus Safety
Epiphany (Christian)
- Jan 7 – Orthodox Christmas Day
- Jan 8 – BHS visit here with Gr. 8s**
- Jan 10 – Mahayana New Year
- Jan 13 – Pizza Day**
- Jan 15 – Makar Sankranti
- Jan 16 – Rm 120 to Outdoor Ed.**
- Jan 19 – World Religion Day
- Jan 20 – Pizza Day**
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 21 – Gr. 8 Graduation Pictures**
Lincoln Alexander Day
- Jan 25 – Lunar New Year
- Jan 27 – Hot Dog Day**
Family Literacy Day (Can)
International Day of
Commemoration in Memory
Of the Victims of the
Holocaust
- Jan 30 – Jr. Volleyball Tournament**
Grandfather Teachings
Assembly - TRUTH
- Jan 31 – P.A. Day**

Principal’s Message

Wow...2020! Happy New Year to all of you may this year bring joy and happiness.

January is a month of renewed energy and a feeling of change; with this I would like to recognize the contributions of all our volunteers and community members who make our school a better place. May the renewed energy and feeling of change inspire you to continue to support us.

I would like to thank the parents and community members for supporting our Eat Together in December. Without you 360 students, staff and volunteers would not have been able to enjoy a Christmas dinner with their Vincent Massey family.

Volunteers are needed for our fabulous snack program. We need someone to support us with preparations on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Please call Suzanne Fallis in the office for more details.

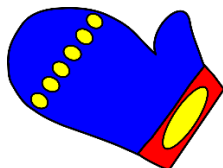
A special thank you goes out to Christine Williams. Christine has been purchasing and serving students nutritious snacks for many years at VMPS. I would like to take this time to recognize her hard work and dedication to our snack program and would wish her luck in her new endeavors. Christine, you will be missed!

Nicholas Shea
Principal,
Vincent Massey PS

VINCENT MASSEY MADE A DIFFERENCE THIS SEASON!

OUR FOOD DRIVE

Vincent Massey supported our local Salvation Army this year by bringing in close to 800 food items. **Room 130** brought in the largest amount thus winning a pizza party that will happen in the New Year!



Our hat & mitten tree was beautifully decorated with 45 hats, 71 mittens, and 7 scarves.

WELL DONE VINCENT MASSEY!

IMPORTANT HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

Please note that if the busses are cancelled on a pizza or hot dog day, the hot lunch will be postponed until the following day. Your child will need a lunch.



EAT TOGETHER DINNER

On Thursday December 12th the entire school sat down for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

It was a fantastic social event where older students are paired with younger students. This promotes a family sense encouraging conversation and helping out.

We would like to extend a huge **thank you** to all those who supported this event.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 4, 2020.

All are welcome!!!!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration information for September 2020 coming soon.

Your child can attend school in September 2020 as follows:

- **Junior Kindergarten** – your child is four years of age by December 31, 2020
- **Senior Kindergarten** – your child is five years of age by December 31, 2020

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.**

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 21st 2020. Retakes are Monday March 2nd 2020.

KPR HIGH SCHOOLS HOLD INFO
NIGHTS
BOWMANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15, 2020
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.

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 **February 6th**. 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)



JUNGLESport IS COMING TO VMPS

During the week of **February 24-28** the Junglesport program will be setting up at Vincent Massey.

Our gym will be transformed into an action packed climbing jungle gym.

HOW IT WORKS

- We set up our climbing jungle gym **in your school** for a week
- Junglesport instructors lead our programs all week for **your whole school**
- Our challenge by choice, all-inclusive program offers activities for students of all needs and abilities
- Activities and challenges are modified and changed up for younger and older students.



***Please keep an eye out for permission forms and payment information coming soon.**

Our 7 Grandfather Teaching for the Month of January



Truth is represented by the turtle as he was here during the creation of Earth and carries the teachings of life on his back. The turtle lives life in a slow and meticulous manner because he understands the importance of both the journey and the destination. Truth is to know all of these things. Apply faith and trust in your teachings. Show honor and sincerity in all that you say and do. Understand your place in this life and apply that understanding in the way that you walk. Be true to yourself and all other things.