



# VINCENT MASSEY P.S. MARCH & APRIL NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 1 – Snow Crust Moon-Naabdin Glizis (Anishinaabe-First Nations)  
**Mar 2 – Pizza Day, Grad Picture Retakes, Honest Assembly**  
 Lent (Orthodox)  
 Mar 8 – International Women’s Day (UN)  
**Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
**Mar 9 – Pizza Day**  
 Holi, Purim  
 Mar 10 – Holi  
**Mar 13 – March Break Begins**  
**Mar 17 – St. Patrick’s Day**  
 Mar 18 – Ostara  
 Mar 19 – Naw-Ruz, Spring Equinox  
 Mar 20 – Journee de la Francophonie (Can)  
 Mar 21 – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UN)  
 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling Against Racism & Racial Discrimination (UN) begins  
 World Down Syndrome Day  
 Mar 22 – World Water Day (UN)  
**Mar 23 – Pizza Day**  
 Mar 25 – International Day of the Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade  
 Mar 27 – Week of Solidarity ends  
**Mar 28 – Earth Hour**  
**Mar 30 – Pizza Day**  
 Mar 31 – National Aboriginal Language Day

April 1 – Maple Sugar Moon Ziisbaakdoke Glizis (Anishinaabe-First Nations)  
 Apr 2 – Rama Navami, International Children’s Book Day, World Autism Awareness Day (UN)  
 Apr 3 – Vaisakhi  
 Apr 4 – Refugee Rights Day (Can)  
 Apr 5 – Palm Sunday  
 Apr 7 – World Health Day  
 Apr 8 – Passover begins  
**Apr 9 – International Day of Pink (Can)**  
 Theravada New Year  
**Apr 10 – Good Friday – School Closed**  
 Apr 12 – Easter  
**Apr 13 – Easter Monday-School Closed**  
 Apr 16 – Passover ends  
 Apr 17 – Equality Day (Can)  
 Apr 19 – Easter (Orthodox)  
 Apr 20 – Ridvan begins  
 Apr 21 – Yom HaShoa/Holocaust Remembrance Day  
**Apr 21 – 27 Book Fair**  
 Apr 22 – Earth Day  
 Apr 23 – Canada Book Day, Ramadam begins  
**Apr 24 – P.A. Day**  
 Apr 28 – National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured at Work (Can)

## Principal's Message

Another month down and another one starting. Happy March.

We will continue to learn about Honesty in March and in April we will be learning about Wisdom that connects with our Grandfather Teachings.

Jungle Sport was a success. I thank everyone for getting the forms and money in so that we could ensure that all our students are safe and were able to participate.

Leo Barb will be here on March 5<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 5 to 8s. He is an inspirational speaker with an empowering message that will stick with the students. I hope all the students who hear him take his advice.

A reminder that the last day of school before March Break is Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. No school on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, for those who recognize Easter, Good Friday is April 10<sup>th</sup> and Easter Monday is April 13<sup>th</sup>. No school on the 10<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to March and April and also looking forward to having a break over the March Break.

All the best in the upcoming month and enjoy the March Break.

Nicholas Shea  
Principal

## 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.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 7, 2020 5:00 p.m.

**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.**

## Kindergarten Information Nights

Evening Kindergarten information sessions will be held across KPR, with each running from **5:30-7 p.m.** as follows:

Tuesday, March 3 – Duke of Cambridge PS, 47 Liberty St. N., Bowmanville

Tuesday, March 10 – Otonabee Valley PS, 580 River Rd. S., Peterborough

The sessions are free, and [pre-registration is required](#), to ensure sufficient take-home resources for every participating family.

The regional Kindergarten information sessions will offer families a peek into

the Kindergarten experience. Parents and guardians also will receive learning resources to help prepare their children for Kindergarten and support their learning at home. In addition, families will have the opportunity to meet with community agencies and partners that serve families in their area.

A wealth of resources also is available to families of preschoolers and Kindergarteners at [www.kprschools.ca/kindergarten](http://www.kprschools.ca/kindergarten) .

### **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](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#>

### **EARTH HOUR**

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> is Earth Hour. Don't forget to power down from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm and enjoy some board games by candlelight. Visit <https://www.earthhour.org/country/canada> for more information regarding this event.



### **JUNGLE BOOK FAIR**

Our Jungle themed book fair will be happening from Thursday April 21, 2020 – Wednesday April 27, 2020.

The theme for our Spring Book Fair is the Jungle.



**KPR OFFERS FREE MENTAL  
HEALTH FIRST AID WORKSHOP  
FOR PARENTS APRIL 30-MAY 1**

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) is offering a free, two-day Mental Health First Aid Canada workshop for parents and guardians of students ages 12-17.

Online registration is open now for the workshop, which will take place:

Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1  
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Kirby Professional Learning Centre,  
Room 104  
3675 Concession Road 7, Orono

Participants will learn how to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health problems, provide initial help, and guide an individual towards appropriate professional help.

The workshop is being held in the days leading up to Mental Health Week May 4-10.

Space is limited to 24 participants, so early registration is recommended by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mental-health-first-aid-tickets-92364547849?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

For further information, please see the attached flyer.

Unfortunately this is currently sold out, but there may be a waiting list if you check the website.

**Please enjoy a fun and safe March Break**

**Friday March 13 – Sunday March 22  
inclusive**

