



# VINCENT MASSEY P.S. NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



## A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 12 – Picture Retakes  
November 19 – Progress Reports go Home  
November 26 – PA. Day – No School

### PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

I think we all say this every year but I’m going to repeat it...wow, November already!

Please refrain from coming to the school early to find a parking spot. We have staff who start work at 2:30 & 3:00 who are not able to find parking due to the number of cars. Also, please do not go out the exit only as this is dangerous for you and the other cars who are entering the school parking lot. The parking lot is one-way going from east to west. Please follow the one-way, especially when the buses are present.

The staff and students are continuing to do an extremely professional job with the COVID protocols. The School Yard Haunt was a spooktacular success. We are happy to know that we could give the students some sense of normalcy. Thank you to those families who donated treats to the Haunt, they were greatly appreciated.

As we move into November we will be learning about the Sacred Teaching of RESPECT. Respect is represented by the Buffalo and students will learn why this animal was chosen for this very important

teaching. November is Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month, please find the more information in the body of this newsletter.

We will have Live Virtual Assemblies for recognizing our students on a monthly basis. We will be recognizing those who follow the Sacred Teaching lessons on a daily basis. The students get chosen either by their class or by their teacher and certificate is presented to them during the assembly.

We will be having a virtual Remembrance Day on November 11<sup>th</sup> to commemorate those who fought for our country and continue to fight. We will record the ceremony and share it with our community.

Please continue to communicate with the classroom teacher as they are the number one person who you should be reaching out to as they have the most information and are in the best place to support you and your child/ren.

Remember our school Motto: I am because we are...together we are a community.

Have an absolutely, terrific, amazing month!

Mr. Shea  
Principal  
VMPS  
SCHOOL COUNCIL 2020-2021

The first virtual meeting and elections for the upcoming school year's **School Council** were held on Monday September 27<sup>th</sup>. The 2021-2022 council consists of:

Chair – Simon Farquhar  
 Co – Chair – Korri Bickle  
 Secretary – Desiree Newman  
 Treasurer – Jodi Gorham and Cindy Williamson

Tentative Virtual Meetings are scheduled for:

Monday Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday February 7 <sup>th</sup>
Monday Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday March 7 <sup>th</sup>
Monday Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Monday April 4 <sup>th</sup>
Monday Jan. N/A	Monday May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Monday June 6 <sup>th</sup>

Meetings will be Virtual from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

### Help Kids Start the Day with a Full Belly

Join us at the Longworth & Scugog FreshCo from November 14<sup>th</sup> – November 20<sup>th</sup> as we support our local primary schools Breakfast and Snack Programs.

From November 12<sup>th</sup> – November 20<sup>th</sup>, all food donation bags at the Longworth & Scugog FreshCo will have the most needed food items our local primary schools need to run their breakfast and snack programs.

Did you know, all 11 Primary schools in Bowmanville have either a Breakfast or Snack Program? All food donation bags sold between November 12<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> will be divided between all participating schools. Don't want to purchase a donation bag? You can make a monetary donation which will also go to the schools to purchase perishable items such as yogurt, fruit and vegetables. The bags contain items such as the following school friendly items and cost \$10 each:

1. Granola Bars
2. Crackers
3. Juice Boxes
4. Fruit Bars
5. Apple sauce
6. Oatmeal

The number of families who rely on food banks has grown exponentially over the

past year. More families are experiencing food insecurity than ever before. The families of these children are also reliant on the breakfast and snack programs run by our local schools. Together as a community, we can help. We can help kids to start the day right, allowing them to concentrate on learning and playing rather than an empty belly.

Follow us on Instagram  
 @freshco\_bowmanville. We will post updates on the Campaign!

<b>DAILY SCHEDULE</b>	
8:15	Staggered Entry Begins
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Entry Bell</b>
8:30-10:30	First Instructional Block
<b>10:30-11:10</b>	<b>First Nutritional Break</b>
11:10-12:30	Second Instructional Block
<b>12:30-1:10</b>	<b>Second Nutritional Break</b>
1:10-2:50	Third Instructional Block
<b>2:50</b>	<b>Dismissal Bell</b>

### ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

As per the Board's Policy Code: ES-1.5, we must have an "Administering Medication Form" completed by a parent/guardian for the school to administer any medication. Please contact the office for further information.

### PLAN OF CARE MEDICAL INFORMATION

Students with any potentially life-threatening illnesses or medical conditions should have received a 'Plan of Care' information package from the school. If you have not already done so please complete and return this information package to the school as per instructions enclosed. Please contact our Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) Ms. deVries, at the school should you have any questions or require more information.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be distributed on November 19<sup>th</sup>. This progress report outlines the learning students have been doing in the last two months. This is an opportunity for you and your child to reflect on the progress that has been made at this time and to use the next steps to support their learning in the coming months. There are no marks/grades assigned at this time.



## POLICE RECORD CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS & FIELD TRIP SUPERVISORS

KPR has recently completed the volunteer attestation process/policy for volunteers and visitors to the schools.

Please visit the Vincent Massey website <https://vincentmassey.kprdsb.ca/> and look for the red attestation link

You will still be required to have a valid police record check and vulnerable sector screening. This can be done at Durham Regional Police, Clarington, East Division, located on Hwy 2 west at the corner of Maple Grove Rd. **Please pick up a letter at the school office (it reduces the cost) to take with you when you request your police check.**

**All visitors to schools must also complete the provincial COVID 19 school self-screener prior to attending school each day:**

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Thank you for being a volunteer! We always need you and appreciate your help!

## CROSSING GUARD SCHEDULE

### **King/Simpson**

8:00-8:30

2:50-3:10

### **Liberty/Church**

8:05-8:30

2:50-3:10

### **Mearns/Soper**

7:50-8:20

2:50-3:20



## CROSS-WALK RULES

Please make sure that you and your children cross at the designated crosswalks. When you do, it teaches them good safety awareness. This includes our crosswalks at Church and Liberty and the Bowmanville Mall at the lights in addition to the new crosswalk at the school.

## ALLERGY ALERT

We have many children and staff at our school with allergies that can make them very sick as well as those that are life threatening. As a result, we have declared ourselves as a Peanut/Nut/**Flax**/Scent safe zone.

To ensure students and staff are in a safe environment, we ask that food containing peanuts/nuts/flax not be sent to school. For those students and staff who may use soy butter as a protein substitute for peanut butter, we ask that soy butter products be clearly labeled as such in lunches. This will ensure students and staff who are allergic to peanuts/nuts will not feel uncomfortable around soy products which are similar in appearance.

Please refrain from using strong shampoos, deodorants, and perfumes.

Thank you for ensuring that we provide a safe school environment for our students and staff.





### **Before and After Care at Vincent Massey**

As some as you may or may not know, Vincent Massey has a Before and After School Program within its walls!

It is run through Umbrella Central Daycare Services.

We offer before and after school care for ages 3.5-12.

Our hours of operation are 7 am-8:30 am and 2:50 pm-6:00 pm.

We currently have spaces available.

If you require more information regarding our program, please contact Lisa (Director) at (905) 623-6279.

Please be advised Vincent Massey P.S. is not accepting out of bounds applications at this time.

**Lisa DeMille, RECE**

Vincent Massey Bowmanville  
Before & After School Program

Centre Director

"Find some goodness in everyday.."



### **BATTERY RECYCLING**

Bring in your used batteries for recycling. We collect them here at the school then they are sent off to a company that does the recycling. There is a bucket just outside of the office.

### **Lost & Found**

Currently we have a large amount of items in our lost & found. Some of these are name brand items that may have been very expensive. If you know your child is missing something please send a note to their teacher and Mrs Fallis in the office and hopefully we can find it. PLEASE label all your child's belonging!

Here are a couple of pictures:



Eddie Bauer



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Old Navy

Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of November.