



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 2 – Gr. 8 Course Selection for BHS
Dec 17 – Winter Holidays Begin
Jan 3 – Welcome Back to 2021

Principal's Message

December is a month for celebrating and a time for us to reflect on what happened through the year. There certainly has been a lot that has happened over 2021 that we can reflect on. I would like to reflect on the beginning of school until now. I have been thinking about all the hard work that the staff, students, and families have put in and are continuing to put into VMPS daily to help make school safe yet still enjoyable. Many supply teachers who have visited VMPS over the last few months have noted the feeling of family, warmth, and positivity within our school. This is because of our outstanding students and staff. I really want to thank everyone (parents included) for helping VMPS to be an amazing community to serve.

I would like to thank and recognize the hard work and contributions of the volunteers over the past month. They have been able to rejuvenate our nutrition program and bring back fresh fruit and vegetables. We are one of the very few schools who has a nutrition program that offers and delivers quality nutritious food to students. Thanks volunteers.

Our "Eat Together" is back!! We are going to be serving all our students a Festive Dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, veggies and stuffing. This will be delivered to the classrooms in physically distance ways and follow food

handling guidelines. In the past, we would have eaten in the gym, but due to COVID restrictions we made the change to classrooms. More information will come your way as to what to expect along with permission forms. The Eat Together Day will be Thursday, Dec. 16th.

As we move to the holidays, I wish each of you a very happy holiday and hope the very best will come to you in the year 2022. May all of us find the time to celebrate or reflect in our own way and come out feeling joy and happiness when the year 2022 begins and ends.

All the best in the remaining month of 2021 and here's hoping for prosperity and happiness for the year to come.

Mr. Shea
VMPS
Principal



PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports were distributed via email on November 25th. 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.



Outdoor Play + Warm Clothing = FUN!

Having fun and learning to play games in a fun and cooperative manner is something that children need to learn and practice!

With the cold weather upon us, we ask that you ensure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather and prepared for outdoor play. Unless the weather is inclement, students are outside for all recess and lunch breaks. Although we encourage the students to stay dry and away from puddles and wet, muddy areas, an extra pair of socks/underwear/pants in the backpack is always a good idea!

Festive HAPPENINGS

AT VINCENT MASSEY!!

This year we have three ways you can help support the Bowmanville Community.

BASKETS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

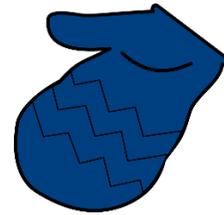


Each homeroom has been given a basket to decorate according to a specific country. The best decorated classroom basket will win an ice cream party for those students.

Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items, hygiene supplies, and or new toys to fill up their baskets.

These items will be donated to the Salvation Army of Bowmanville and Bethesda House Women's Shelter.

HAT AND MITTEN TREE



The hat and mitten tree is up and waiting to be decorated.

Students can bring in new hats, mittens, or scarves to decorate our tree.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE DONATION



Online donations have been set up on School Cash Online for both Bethesda House and the Salvation Army.

If your family could use some assistance for the holidays, PLEASE let us know.

Proposed 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

KPR is seeking input from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the proposed school year calendar for 2022-2023. Please review the proposed calendars and comment using the online survey available on the home page of www.kprschoools.ca. There are 2 options to choose from this year.

**Kindergarten Registration
information for September 2022
coming soon.**

Your child can attend school in September 2022 as follows:

- **Junior Kindergarten** – your child is four years of age by December 31, 2021
- **Senior Kindergarten** – your child is five years of age by December 31, 2022

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.**

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

Inclement Weather

On inclement weather days when buses are cancelled due to poor weather and roads, **KPR schools will remain open for students and staff.** As always, families have final say on whether they wish their children to attend school on those days.

We will inform families of school closures on snow days in several ways, including local news media, on www.kprschoools.ca, through our social media channels (@kprschoools on Twitter and Facebook), and by email or text from SchoolMessenger.

A Message From Your Chair

Hello Vincent Massey Public School family and friends! I want to first start off by thanking everyone for contributing and supporting our recent Recipes in a Jar and Poinsettia fundraising initiatives. Secondly, the snow is here! The holidays and celebrations are near! The air is full of cheer! In our household, Christmas festivities typically commence by baking gingerbread cookies for Santa. Or so we tell ourselves. Inevitably, these are eaten well in advance of Santa's arrival, giving us opportunity to bake (and eat) more treats. Whatever traditions and celebrations you and your family take part in, on behalf of your Parent Council, we wish everyone a wonderful time with friends and family.

Last year, we asked parents and guardians to take part in an engagement survey to get feedback around how the council can better serve you. Based on your feedback, going forward, we will be starting our meetings at 6:30 pm. Our next online meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2021. The link to the meeting can be found below. I want to take this time to remind all parents and guardians that it's never too late to join and take part in Parent Council meetings. As your council, we want to hear from you and we strive to ensure a welcoming and inclusive environment. Our intention as your council is to help foster an environment where parents and guardians know their views matter. I also want to remind everyone, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out anytime to me via email or any member of your School Council. I look forward to meeting with you, Simon Farquhar simonfarquhar@gmail.com

Meeting Information: Monday December 6, 2021 Virtual meeting to commence at 6:30 pm Google Meets link: <https://meet.google.com/nno-zyiv-yio>