



# VINCENT MASSEY P.S. SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



## A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 6 Welcome Back!!
- Sept. 13 – 26 Book Fair
- Sept. 14 Open House/BBQ 4:30-6:00
- Sept. 14 Book Fair open from 2:50 to 6:30
- Sept. 23 Terry Fox Fundraiser
- Sept. 26 School Council Meeting
- Sept. 30 Sacred Teaching Assembly: Courage
- Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day

### Principal's Message

Welcome returning and new families to Vincent Massey PS.

I am Mr. Shea the Principal. We are so excited to be back at school and welcoming our families back to their school home. We have some new faces on staff, and we are pleased that they have joined our family. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns and we will work through them together.

Please note that COVID-19 protocols have changed, that being said, there are some important ones we need to remember. Screening before school for all students regardless of feel ill or not is still an expectation. Please ensure that you complete this daily.

Cellphones are not required at school. Please ensure that your child knows that if they bring a cellphone it needs to be off and in their backpack. They can keep their backpack on the chair if they feel that is necessary. Teachers are the ones who decide when, where and how students use their cellphone and will direct them as needed. Please see the cellphone policy in

the agenda and the progressive discipline steps that will be taken if students forget the rules regarding cellphones. (These can be found in the body of this newsletter).

Please note that if you want to contact your child at any time you need to use the school phone and Mrs. Fallis, or Mr. Shea will help you in retrieving your child. As the students are not allowed to have their cellphones on their person, they will not be able to receive or send texts. The main source of communication for the school is the Main Office, so all calls and contact MUST go through the office.

VMPS is going to have an Open House BBQ on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. BBQ will be from 4:30 to 5:00 & Teacher/Parent meet and greet will be from 5:00 to 6:00. Please watch closely for information re: pre-ordering for the BBQ in the next coming days. This will be online ordering only.

We are having a Book Fair starting on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. Classes will sign-up during the day and students will be able to go look and buy during their designated time. We will also have it open during the breaks so students can go during this time as well. The Book Fair will be open during the Open House on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:50 to 6:30 for parents and students to visit during this time.

We are super excited to be able to meet in person as it's been 2 yrs. since we've been able to do so. Please come for the BBQ and meet your child's/children's teacher(s).

Looking forward to a great year and when you see me out-and-about, please say "hi"!

Hope you have an absolutely, terrific, amazing day!

Mr. Shea  
Principal

## Class Lists Update...

Year 1 and 2 (JK/SK)  
Ms. Watson and Ms.  
Dalimonte

Year 1 and 2 (JK/SK)  
Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Fedorowich

Year 1 and 2 (JK/SK)  
Ms. Fish and Ms. Castro Duran

Year 1 & 2 (JK/SK)  
Ms. Sturge and Ms. Child

Gr. 1 Ms. Ling  
Gr. 1/2 Ms. MacDonald  
Gr. 2 Ms. Usher  
Gr. 2/3 Ms. Rowan  
Gr. 3 Ms. Michaud  
Gr. 3/4 Ms. Pym-Murphy  
Gr. 4/5 Ms. Wilkinson  
Gr. 5 Mr. Bongard  
Gr. 6 Mr. Woodman  
Gr. 6/7 Ms. McGillen  
Gr. 7/8 Ms. Crawford (0.5)  
& Ms. Smith (0.5)  
Gr. 8 Mr. Hall  
Planning- Mr. Nugent & Ms. Smith (0.5)  
Reading Recovery/Early  
Intervention/Planning – Ms. T. Bond  
Junior French/Planning - Ms. Glover (.65)  
Jr & Intermediate French - Mme. Nowry  
Special Education Resource Teachers - Ms.  
deVries and Ms. Crawford (0.5)  
Educational Assistants  
Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Lafave, Ms. Moore, Ms.  
Ruckstuhl, Ms. Sajac & Ms. O'Connell  
Child & Youth Worker – Ms. Carlson  
Secretary - Mrs. Fallis  
Head Custodian -Mr. Heaslip  
Night Custodian – Ms. Applin  
Principal- Mr. Shea



## Schedule for 2022-2023

8:15	Supervision Begins
8:30 – 10:30	120 minutes instructional time
10:30-11:10	40 minutes nutrition/outdoor
11:10-12:40	90 minutes instructional time
12:40-1:20	40 minutes nutrition/outdoor
1:20-2:50	90 minutes instructional time
2:50	Dismissal

## Student Supply List

We have received numerous questions from parents as to what would be suitable for students to bring to school in September. We have compiled the following items as we realized that there are often sales before September.

- 1 box of pencils
- 1 box of pencil crayons
- 1 box of markers
- Erasers
- 30 cm plastic ruler
- Safety scissors
- Pencil case
- Lined and graph paper (grades 5 – 8)
- Math set and calculator (grades 6 - 8)



**Indoor running shoes and a reusable water bottle are a must!**

## ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

As per the Board's Policy Code: ES-1.5, we must have an "Administering Medication Form" completed by a parent/guardian in order 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 will be receiving a 'Plan of Care' information package from the school today. Please complete and return this information package to the school as per instructions enclosed. Please contact our Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) Ms. de Vries, at the school should you have any questions or require more information.

### STUDENT AGENDAS

Student agendas will be used by all students in grades 1-8 to support school to home and home to school communication.

**The cost of the agendas is \$10 for grades 1-5 and \$4.00 for grades 6-8.** The preferred method of payment is School Cash Online but we will except a cheque or cash.

### INDOOR SHOES... for indoors only!

Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor (non-scuff, rubber soled) shoes that are suitable for indoor wear, gym classes and all sport-related activities. For safety reasons, all students must have proper footwear in order to participate. As well, changing into indoor shoes helps to keep our hallway and classroom floors clean and safe.

### SAFE ARRIVAL

Please use the safe arrival system by calling **1-844-434-8119** or go to **studentabsence.kprdsb.ca** to report student absences.

### CROSSING GUARD SCHEDULE

<b>King/Simpson</b>	<b>Liberty/Church</b>
8:00-8:30	8:05-8:30
2:50-3:10	2:50-3:10
<b>Mearns/Soper</b>	
7:50-8:20	
2:50-3:20	



## 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.

### OPEN HOUSE/BBQ

Vincent Massey is excited to announce the return of our Open House/BBQ on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The BBQ will run from 4:30-5:00 and meet the teacher from 5:00-6:00. More information will be coming soon.



### BOOK FAIR

We will be hosting a book fair from September 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in our library. Classes will have scheduled visits (usually two). The first is to look around and window shop. The second is to make purchases. Your child will see books, fancy pencils, erasers, fidget toys and much more. For younger students if you wish to send in money for your child to make a purchase please send it in an envelope or baggie clearly labelled with their name and the amount you have put in.

NOTE: The book fair will be open to families during the Open House / BBQ from 2:50 – 6:30 on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Links to Important Protocols:

### DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

#### [Days of Significance Calendar](#)

### SELF-SCREENING

#### [Self-Screening](#)

### MASK PROTOCOL

#### [KPR Mask Protocol](#)

### RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

#### [KPR Return to School Plan](#)

### KPR REPORT IT!

As a confidential online reporting tool, the Board community may easily Report IT! to report issues of concern that include experiences, treatment and/or conduct that they believe entail:

- Discrimination and harassment;
- Bullying, threats, targeting and intimidation;
- Failure to accommodate; and,
- Other issues negatively affecting student well-being.

All issues of concern are first reviewed, upon receipt, by the Commissioner's Office of Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility before any determination is made on where the matter should reside and/or if and when, it is shared with administrators. Report It! is more than meeting our legal obligations under the Education Act, Human Rights Code, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and/or any other legislation deemed relevant to Ontario public education. Ultimately, it is about KPR demonstrating transparency, accountability and a firm commitment to fostering an educational culture in which excelling in learning, succeeding in life and respect for community continually govern all relationships and interactions.

**SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

We are always looking for new volunteers for our Nutrition Program and Hot Lunch Program. The Police Record Check letter which provides you with a discount is included in this newsletter. Please reach out to the office if you are able to volunteer and Mrs. Fallis will point you in the right direction.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022-2023**

**The first meeting and elections for the upcoming school year's School Council will be held September 26, 2022.** Whether you are interested in formally joining this membership or becoming a school volunteer, we welcome you! The nomination form for those interested in a School Council position is on page 4 of the newsletter. The work of our Council is vital to the school. Details about our major fundraising initiative will be sent home on October 1st.

**VINCENT MASSEY SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT NOMINATION FORM**

**CUT AND RETURN**

I WISH TO NOMINATE (SELF OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL)

\_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE POSITION  
OF \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL.

I AM THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF \_\_\_\_\_, WHO IS  
CURRENTLY REGISTERED AT THIS SCHOOL

THE PERSON I HAVE NOMINATED IS THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF \_\_\_\_\_  
WHO IS CURRENTLY REGISTERED AT THIS SCHOOL IN GRADE \_\_\_\_\_.

I AM AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BOARD. (Please circle one)

YES      NO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date