



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 3 – Picture Day
- October 4 – Cross Country Meet
Fire Drill
- October 6 – Int. Soccer Tournament
- October 10 – Thanksgiving – School Closed
- October 13 – Gr. 7&8 Immunizations
- October 24 – P.A. Day
- November 12 – Picture Retakes
- November 19 – Progress Reports go Home

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October is a month that brings thanks.

I would like to thank our students, staff, parents/guardians and community members.

We are continuing to talk about our School Motto for this year every day on the announcements and in our classes. Our Motto is, "I am because we are! ...together we are a community."

Our Sacred Teaching focus for the month will be Respect. Each day students are reminded of this teaching through a quote: "Respect is represented by the Buffalo. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Don't be hurtful to yourself or others."

A huge thank you to those who came out to our school's Open House and Book Fair. Between them we raised \$3400. This money will go towards items our students need. Also, a huge thank you to those who donated to our Terry Fox Run. You raised over \$2000 for this incredible charity.

I would like to welcome our new School Council members and thank them for stepping up and supporting VMPS. Please see below for who filled our council

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- ☾ 3 Durga Ashtami
- ☾ 4 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit Peoples Honouring and Awareness Day ●
- ☾ 5 Vijaya Dashmi/Dassehra ●
- ★ 5 Yom Kippur ◆◆
- ☾ 8 Milad-un-Nabi
- ✱ 9 Kathina Ceremony/Pavarana Day
- ★ 10-16 Sukkot
- ◆ 10 Thanksgiving
- ☾ 13 Karva Chauth
- ★ 17-18 Simchat Torah
- ☾ 20 Installation of Guru Granth
- ☾ 24 Diwali ◆
- ☾ 24 Diwali/Lord Mahavir ●
- ☾ 24 Bandi Chhor Divas ●
- ☾ 25 New Year ●
- ★ 26 Birth of the Báb
- ☾ 26 New Year/Day of Enlightenment ●
- ★ 27 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh ●●
- ☾ 29 Gnan Panchami Jainism
- ◆ 31 Halloween



positions. We encourage all parents to participate in the School Council. Please join us and watch for the dates, time, and link on our webpage or in emails.

As always, please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022-2023

The first virtual meeting and elections for the upcoming school year's **School Council** were held on Monday September 27th. The 2022-2023 council consists of:

Chair – Simon Farquhar
Co – Chair – Korri Bickle
Secretary – April Harrison
Treasurer – Larissa Ricard

Tentative virtual meetings are scheduled for:

Wed. Oct. 5 th	Wed. February 1 st
Wed. Nov. 2 nd	Wed. March N/A
Wed. Dec. 7 th	Wed. April 5 th
Monday Jan. N/A	Wed. May 3 rd
	Wed. June 7 th

Meetings will be virtual from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

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 the instructions enclosed. Please contact our Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) Ms. deVries, at the school should you have any questions or require more information.

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.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:15	Supervision Begins
8:30	Entry Bell
8:30-10:30	First Instructional Block
10:30-11:10	First Nutritional Break
11:10-12:30	Second Instructional Block
12:30-1:10	Second Nutritional Break
1:10-2:50	Third Instructional Block
2:50	Dismissal Bell

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be distributed on November 18th. 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 watch for an email from Principal Shea that outlines the process for completing the attestation if you are interested in volunteering. 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.**

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

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.



BUS SAFETY

Please ensure that you and your child do not walk between the busses as they are parked in our parking lot during am and pm bussing times.

Thank You to Jeff & Charlene Griffin

Once again, this couple have arranged community activities to raise funds to go towards our Nutrition Program. We have an amazing supportive community



Fox 'n Flannel

AUTUMN MARKET



When

Friday November 18th
from 5-9 PM &
Saturday November 19th
from 10-4 PM

Where

Vincent Massey PS.
Bowmanville
10 Church Street

Come out and join us for a weekend of
Fall fun, while supporting
local businesses and giving back
to our community!

APPLY TO BE A VENDOR @ LINK IN BIO

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