



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 10 – Picture Retakes
- November 18 – Progress Reports go Home
Rm. 134 to Wilmot Creek
- November 24 – Rm. 156 to Wilmot Creek
- November 25 – Rm. 131 To Wilmot Creek

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- † 1 All Saints Day
- ☾ 1 Samhain ● ○
- ☉ 6-12 Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario
- ☉ 7 Inuit Day
- ☾ 8 Dev Diwali
- ☾ Birth of Guru Nanak ●
- ☉ 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
- ☾ 11 Remembrance Day
- ☉ 14-20 Rock Your Mocs Week
- ☉ 16 Louis Riel Day
- ☾ 24 Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur
- ☉ 26 Day of the Covenant
- † 27 First Day of Advent
- ☉ 28 Ascension 'Abdu'l-Bahá

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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 more information in the body of this newsletter.

We will have assemblies for recognizing our students on a monthly basis. We will be recognizing those who follow the Sacred Teaching lessons daily. The students are chosen by their classmates or by their teacher and certificate is presented to them at the assembly.

We will be having an assembly for Remembrance Day on November 11th to commemorate those who lost their lives fighting for our freedom, those who fought and survived, and those who continue to fight.

Please remember that our Winter Fundraisers are continuing until Nov. 24th. They include Poinsettias, Empire Cheese, and Purdys Chocolates.

Please continue to communicate with your child's classroom teacher if issues arise. 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.

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

Have an absolutely, terrific, amazing month!

Mr. Shea
Principal
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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:

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

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

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.



REFILLABLE/REUSABLE WATER CONTAINERS AND CUTLERY

Currently the water fountains are not available for students to drink from. This is why it is extremely important that students have a refillable container for water.

Also please remember to pack cutlery for your child if they require it.

We are going through a large number of disposable cups, spoons, and forks.

This is not only bad for the environment, but it costs the school money that could be much better used for other items.

Thank you for your help!



KPRDSB Indigenous Awareness Month:

At KPRDSB we believe that learning matters, belonging matters and relationship matters when our students, staff and communities learn about the knowledge, culture, contributions and history of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples.

To promote understanding, and as part of our commitment to championing Indigenous education, achievement, and awareness for all, we are very pleased to once again recognize November as Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month. The month of November was chosen because of other special dates and events in November, including Inuit Day, Indigenous Veterans Day, Rock your Mocs Week, Treaty Recognition Week and Louis Riel Day.

We identify the **goal** to strengthen relationships through Reconciliation by centering Indigenous voices and authentic lived experiences. We demonstrate our commitment through **System Actions** to engage in learning that explores and values Indigenous knowledge, culture and perspectives to create respectful relationships among students, staff, families and local Indigenous communities. This November, we invite you to join us in this journey of learning through November's Passport to Reconciliation, and through other learning opportunities available through the Indigenous Education Department App and Resources. We will share these opportunities with you during the month of November through the Indigenous Education Department Social Media and email Info-blasts.