



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. JANUARY NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 9 – Welcome back to school

JANUARY 2023
◆ 1 Kwanzaa African Canadian and American
* 1 Temple Day
† 1 New Year's Day ●
◆ 5 Birth of Guru Gobind Singh ●
† 6 Epiphany
† 7 Christmas (J)◆
* 13 Lohri
◆ 13 Maghi Sikhism
† 14 New Year's Day (J)●
* 14 Makar Sankranti
◆ 15 Thai Pongal
† 19 Epiphany (J)
◆ 21 Lincoln Alexander Day
* 22 Lunar New Year/Maitreya Bodhisattva's Birthday◆
* 26 Vasant Panchami
◆ 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back and happy new year!! I hope that everyone was able to find rest and relaxation over the past couple of weeks.

We are back in full swing at VMPS. Please note that we did put out another opportunity for you to order pizza for the next four weeks: January 17, 24, 31 & Feb. 8. Please continue to order from Healthy Hunger; the restaurants that are offered there are Frantastic, Subway and Firehouse Subs. Please note, a portion of the money spent on this site is returned to the school, so this is a great opportunity to get quality food and support the school at the same time.

Do you have a child who will be in Kindergarten next year or know someone in our catchment who does? If you do, then please tell them to go to the KPRDSB website and click Kindergarten Registration to register your child. Please don't wait until closer to June as Junior Kindergarten enrolment supports our school by maintaining or growing our current staffing numbers. If you wait, we may lose staff or have to make changes to our staffing later, which can affect your child's class next

year. Thanks for registering your child promptly.

Please remember to reach out if you have any questions, and I will be happy to help you find the answer.

Mr. Shea
VMPS
Principal

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.kprschools.ca, through our social media channels (@kprschools on Twitter and Facebook), and by email or text from School Messenger.

Kindergarten Registration information for September 2023 coming soon.

Your child can attend school in September 2023 as follows:

- **Junior Kindergarten** – your child is four years of age by December 31, 2023
- **Senior Kindergarten** – your child is five years of age by December 31, 2023

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.**

REFILLABLE/REUSABLE WATER CONTAINERS AND CUTLERY

Currently the water fountains are not available for students to drink from. Therefore, 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 used in other ways.

Thank you for your help!



SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022-2023

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, February 1st
Wednesday, March 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.

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!

VINCENT MASSEY MADE A DIFFERENCE THIS SEASON!

We donated over 800 items to the salvation army.

Our sock tree was fully loaded. The socks, back packs, and other items were donated to the Firehouse Youth Centre.



Vincent Massey ROCKS!

FESTIVE DINNER

The students and staff at Vincent Massey were treated to a festive dinner on Thursday December 15th. They enjoyed turkey, potatoes, corn, stuffing, a fresh roll, and apple juice. We would like to extend a big thank you to our volunteers who helped prepare and serve. A HUGE thank you to the **Bowmanville Family Restaurant** for cooking and carving the turkeys.



Grade 8 Transition Meetings

If you have a child in grade 8 who has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), there are transition meetings scheduled for **February 10th**. These meetings will include the homeroom teacher, special education teachers from the high school, the parents, Mr. Shea and myself as well as the student. Letters with more information will be mailed out mid- January. If your child will be attending a different high school, please let us know so we can set up a transition meeting with that school. We look forward to helping the grade 8's as they transition to high school.

Lauren Crawford (Special Education Resource Teacher)