



# VINCENT MASSEY P.S. FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



## A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 21 – Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
- Feb 28 – Grad Photo Retakes  
Term 1 IEP's Go Home

FEBRUARY 2023
☉ 2 Imbolc
* 15 Sakyamuni Buddha's Nirvana Day ●
◆ 15 National Flag Day
* 16 Lantern Festival
☾ 18 Mahashivratri ●
☾ 18 Isra'a and Mi'raj
◆ 20 Family Day (ON)
† 22 Ash Wednesday
◆ 22 Pink Shirt Day
☼ 26 to Mar 1 Intercalary Days
* 27 Sakyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment
† 27 Clean Monday (J)

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February already! I know that all of you feel the same way, "where has the time gone?" Hope you're still reaching your resolution goals.

February is a month where the school is hopping with lots of activity. Report Cards are being worked on, clubs are up and running, sports are coming and going, and students and staff know the routine February

is a month that is a continuation of the learning from January and where the rubber hits the road in terms of learning, social and emotional strategies coming to the forefront.

At Vincent Massey, we work on community; relations and a sense of belonging are at top of mind. All staff work with our students to ensure that everyone has a voice and can gain strategies to support them in times of need. We are using The Third Path to support us with this work.

We have a PA Day on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, no school for students. Report Cards go home on February 21<sup>st</sup>, students with IEPs will receive them on February 28<sup>th</sup>, and we will be having our Sacred Teaching Assembly for Honesty on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that the Family Day holiday is February 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in volunteering or supporting the school by joining the School Council, please reach out to me.

Have an absolutely, terrific, amazing day!

Mr. Shea  
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 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](http://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 in-person meetings are scheduled for:

Wednesday, February 1st
Wednesday, March N/A
Wednesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Wednesday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>

Meetings run from 5:30 to 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!

### **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 have been sent home. 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 8s as they transition to high school.

**Lauren Crawford (Special Education Resource Teacher)**

### **100<sup>th</sup> Day of School February 16<sup>th</sup>**

The primary students will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to work on math skills such as counting to 100, counting by 2's, counting by 5's, and counting by 10's.

Use some manipulatives such as cheerios to give your child a visual cue as well.



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