



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

Principal: Barb Speed barbara_speed@kprdsb.ca	Superintendent: Jamila Maliha jamila_maliha@kprdsb.ca	School Council Chair: Simon Farquhar simonfarquhar@gmail.com
--	--	---

September 2023 Newsletter #1	10 Church St Bowmanville, L1C 1S3	Tel: 905-623-5502 Fax: 905-623-7341
Trustee: Cathy Abraham 905-987-1833 Cathy_Abraham@kprdsb.ca	Trustee: Paul Brown 289-671-7043 Paul_Brown@kprdsb.ca	Trustee: Kathleen Flynn 905-404-6201 Kathleen_Flynn@kprdsb.ca

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 05 Welcome Back
 Sept. 11 Samvatsari/Paryushan Parva ends/Daslakshan Parva begins • Jainism
Sept. 11-15 – Book Fair
Sept. 13 – Open House / Meet the Educators
 Sept. 15-17 Rosh Hashanah Judaism
 20 Kshamavani/Daslakshan Parva ends Jainism
Sept. 15 DOT Day
Sept. 22 – Terry Fox Day
 Sept. 23 Harvestide/Fall Equinox
 Pagan
 Sept. 24-25 Yom Kippur Judaism
 Sept. 29 P.A. Day
 Sept. 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Indigenous Worldview



Principal's Message

Welcome back to school! I am thrilled to join Vincent Massey and I am looking forward to a year of relationship building and community along with the wonderful team here. We are very excited to greet your children as they return for a year of learning and growth. Happy September!

B. Speed

Class Lists Update...

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

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

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

Year 1 & 2 (JK/SK)
Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Thornton

Gr. 1 Ms. Ling
 Gr. 1 Ms. Sturge
 Gr. 1/2 Ms. Iacobelli
 Gr. 2/3 Ms. Wilkinson
 Gr. 3 Ms. Michaud
 Gr. 3 Ms. Bond
 Gr. 4 To Be Determined
 Gr. 4 & 5 Mr. Bongard
 Gr. 5 & 6 Ms. Bernardi
 Gr. 6 Ms. Smith
 Gr. 6 & 7 Ms. McAllister
 Gr. 7 & 8 Mr. Hall
 Gr. 8 Ms. McGillen
 Planning- Mr. Nugent, Ms. Pym Murphy, Mr. Woodman
 Junior French/Planning - Ms. Steele (.65)



Jr & Intermediate French - Mme. Nowry
 Special Education Resource Teachers –
 Ms. Crawford & Ms. Pym-Murphy
 Educational Assistants
 Ms. Foster, Ms. Lafave, Ms. O’Connell, Ms.
 Ruckstuhl, Ms. Sajac
 Child & Youth Worker – Ms. Carlson
 Secretary - Mrs. Fallis & Ms. Manerowski
 Head Custodian -Mr. Heaslip
 Night Custodian – Ms. Applin
 Principal- Ms. Speed

NEW: 2023-2024

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:15 Entry bell rings
 8:15 – 10:15 **First Instructional Block**
 10:15 – 10:55 First Nutrition Break
 10:55 – 12:15 **Second Instructional Block**
 12:15 – 12:55 Second Nutrition Break
 12:55 – 2:35 **Third Instructional Block**
 2:35 Dismissal bell rings
 Primary/Junior Hall students eat first while
 the Junior/Intermediate Hall students go
 outside. The students switch after 20
 minutes.

**REFILLABLE/REUSABLE
 WATER CONTAINERS AND CUTLERY**

Although the fountains will be available to students this year, we strongly encourage them to bring a reusable water container to school.

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

DAILY DROPOFFS

Thank you for doing your best to send you child with everything they need for the day. We understand that sometimes it is necessary to do a mid-day drop off, but our office can get very busy! Thank you in advance for your support.



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.

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. Crawford or Mrs. Fallis 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 \$4 for grades 1-8
 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. Also, 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

King/Simpson	Liberty/Church
8:00-8:30	8:05-8:30
2:50-3:10	2:50-3:10
Mearns/Soper	
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 / MEET THE EDUCATORS

Vincent Massey is excited to announce the return of our Open House/Meet the Educators on September 13th. This event will run from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

BOOK FAIR

We will be hosting a book fair from September 11th – 15th 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 from 2:30 – 6:00.

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 can 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, 2023. 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.

DOT DAY SEPTEMBER 15TH



September 15thish is recognized internationally as Dot Day and this year marks the 20th anniversary of Peter H. Reynolds' book. Everyone is encouraged to wear dots/circles/polka dots on the 15th

BUS LOOP PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Thank you for not parking in the designated bus area. We know you value the safety of all our children.

VINCENT MASSEY SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE 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