



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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- Nov 1 – Rm 134 to Wilmot Creek
- Nov 3 – P.A. Day
- Nov 8 – School Council 5:30 in Library
- Nov 9 – Picture Retake Day
- Nov 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly
Rm 131 to Wilmot Creek
- Nov 17 – Progress Reports go Home
- Nov 24 – Junior Volleyball at BHS
- Nov 30 – Girls Int. Volleyball at Courtice S.S.

NOVEMBER 2023
☾ 1 Samhain ● ○
† 1 All Saints Day
🗺 5-11 Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario
🇨🇦 7 Inuit Day
🇮🇸 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
🕯 11 Remembrance Day
🪔 12 Diwali ♦
🕯 12-13 Diwali/Lord Mahavir ●
🕯 12 Bandi Chhor Divas ●
🎆 13 New Year ●
🇨🇦 13-19 Rock Your Mocs Week
🕯 14 New Year/ Enlightenment day of Gautamswami ●
🇨🇦 16 Louis Riel Day
🕯 18 Gnan Panchami
🕯 24 Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur
🕯 26 Day of the Covenant
🕯 27 Birth of Guru Nanak ●
🕯 27 Dev Diwali
🕯 28 Ascension 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Message from the Office



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to join the Vincent Massey Community for the next few months while filling in for Principal Barb Speed. I look forward to meeting you and working together along with our team at the school.

Thank you for your continued support during this period of change.

Peri Dowsley

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be distributed on Friday, Nov 17. 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.



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 recognize November once again 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.

NEW: 2023-2024

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00	Supervision Begins
8:15	Entry Bell
8:15-10:15	First Instructional Block
10:15-10:55	First Nutritional Break
10:55-12:15	Second Instructional Block
12:15-12:55	Second Nutritional Break
12:55-2:35	Third Instructional Block
2:35	Dismissal Bell

Primary/Junior Hall students eat first while the Junior/Intermediate Hall students go outside. The students switch after 20 minutes.

DAILY DROPOFFS

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



Picture Retake Day!

Have your smiles ready! Picture day will be on Thursday, Nov 9.

STUDENT DROP OFF/ PICK UP / & BUS ZONES

We recognize that families have very busy schedules, and dropping off and picking up your children needs to fit into that schedule. With the change in bell times, the two buses that service Vincent Massey are doing two runs in both the morning and evening. We are their first run, so it is important that we get them on their way as soon as possible. The morning buses are usually gone before families arrive. **However, we do need to remind families not to block access in or out of accessible spaces. We would hate to see cars fined for this.** In the evening, we would like families to avoid parking anywhere in the bus zone except if you require handicap parking or have other needs that have been discussed with the principal. Street parking is available on Frank Street, the East side of Lambert Street, the South side of Church Street, and the North side of Wellington Street. The parking lots at Metro, the Dollar store, and Staples are for customers only but we would imagine you could do a drop off in these areas for your child/children to walk up to Vincent Massey if it is safe for them to do that. Crossing guards are on duty to help.

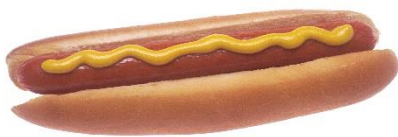
Think of the benefits of a quick brisk walk to school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Next Meeting – Wednesday November 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the library

HOT DOG LUNCHES

We will be having a hot dog lunch on Thursday, Nov 16, and Thursday, Dec 14. This will be available through School Cash Online only, so if you have not signed up, we encourage you to do so. Regular and Halal hot dogs will be available. The price includes a drink and chips.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On Friday November 10th students and staff will be attending a Remembrance Day Assembly in the gymnasium beginning at 10:50 a.m.

In the days before the assembly classrooms will be discussing why we celebrate Remembrance Day, what this day means to many, and how fortunate we are to live in Canada.

We encourage you to talk at home about what this day means to you and your family. Encourage your child to understand that this is a quiet gathering to remember and reflect.



Reminder to Share Your Feedback: School Boundaries – Northglen Neighbourhood and Area Schools

To share your thoughts and questions about the proposed boundaries for the new Northglen Neighbourhood school and boundary changes affecting other nearby schools, [participate in the online Thought Exchange](#). Please provide your feedback by November 5, 2023.

A copy of the meeting presentation, a Background Study, with further information on enrolment projections, and proposed boundary adjustments for the New Northglen Neighbourhood school and other area schools, are available on the dedicated [Student Accommodation Planning web page](#) for Northglen and Elementary Family of Schools - Bowmanville High School/Clarington Central Secondary School, also accessible from the home page of www.kprschoools.ca

A second meeting for families will take place **December 7, 2023, 6:30 p.m., at Clarington Central Secondary School.**