

V.M.P.S

STUDENT NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

Apr. 17	Badminton Tournament
Apr. 18	Immunizations Grade 7 & 8's
Apr. 22	Earth Day
Apr. 22-26	Jungle Sport
May. 7	V.M.P.S Track & Field
May. 8	Clarington Band Festival
May 14	Art Night 5:45pm - 8pm
May. 15	B.H.S Orientation Grade 8's only
May. 15	W.E.A.A Jr. Track Meet
May. 16	W.E.A.A Int. Track Meet
May. 16	Kindergarten Open House
May. 20	Victoria Day
May. 27-31	E.Q.A.O

Exciting Honour

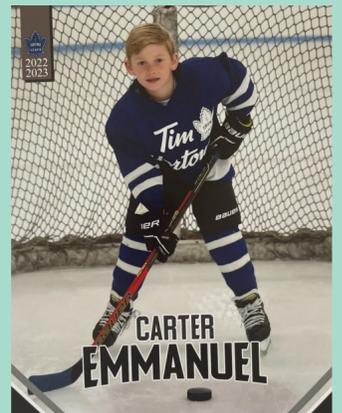
CityTV's Athlete of the week!

Who is Carter Emmanuel?

Carter is an 8 year old, grade 3 student in Mrs. Bond's class, at V.M.P.S. Carter enjoys countless sports, but Hockey is atmost his favourite. On March 24th CityNews named Carter Emmanuel 'the athlete of the week for hockey'.

In a interview with CityNews, Carter states that "the best part of Hockey is going on the ice and putting the puck in the back of the net."

Additionally, Carter is the leading goal scorer for his team (the Orono Leafs) and dreams of being someday playing in the NHL.



V.M.P.S Extra Curriculars

- The Muslim Association is run by Ms. Bernardi
- Intermediate Badminton Team tryouts are being held on March 28th and March 30th by Mr. Mackie
- Crochet Cub is also run by Ms. Pym Murphy in the Library
- Student council run by Ms. McGillen, Grades 6-8

Bridge Building Competition 2024

Shining a spotlight on our V.M.P.S Community



The winning bridge holding 44 textbooks.

The 2023/2024 annual bridge building competition was a huge success! New records were set and there was a high participation rate from all Intermediate classes, making it memorable for the school community.

The previous record was set by Kevin Phan, during the 2021/2022 season with a record of 42 textbooks. However, this year, his record has been broken by Tyson O'Callaghan and Sam Mousa with mind-blowing 44 textbooks.

Can you believe it!?

Besides the record being broken, the participation was spectacular. We had a total 86 participants from Mr. Mackie's, Mr. Hall's, and Ms. McGillen's class, who did an awesome job with the bridge engineering!

While the annual bridge building competition is a friendly competition, this activity is connected to the structures unit of our science curriculum. During this unit, the students learn the science behind creating strong supports, load distribution, and forces like; tension, compression, torsion, and shear. Overall, the 2024 bridge building competition was a blast for students and educators alike.



House Colour Points Update

Red house

20 095

1st Place

Green house

19 840

2nd Place

Blue house

19 640

3rd Place

Yellow house

18 650

4th Place

How do you Earn House Points?

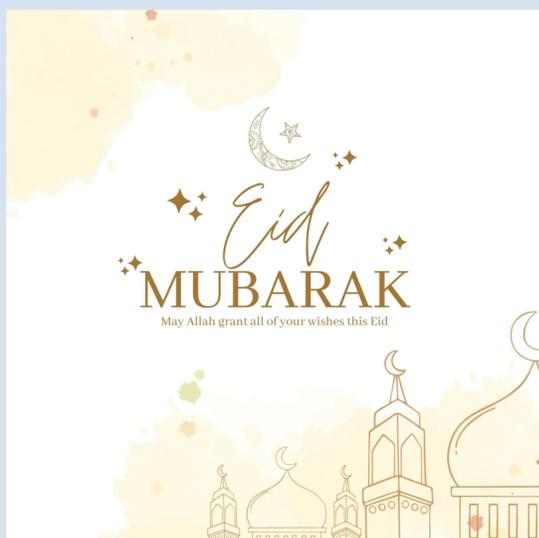
You can earn house points by participating in house colour days, by wearing your assigned house colour, competing in house colour challenges, participating in spirit days, or even by doing random acts of kindness throughout the year. If you aren't sure what your House Colour is, or you are new to our school, talk to your teacher, Ms. Fallis in the office, or go to Ms. McGillen in room 154! Let the games begin!

Let's Learn **Ramadan!**



Many students in our school community observed Ramadan last month. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic lunar calendar, which starts with the sighting of the new moon. During Ramadan, Muslims fast, spiritually reflect and pray, perform good deeds, and cherish time with loved ones. The act of fasting not only helps in experiencing empathy for those less fortunate but also serves as a way to cleanse the body and soul. Muslims also engage in special prayers during Ramadan, such as Taraweeh, held at mosques during the evenings of Ramadan, creating a sense of community and spiritual unity. The fast, held from dawn to dusk, is typically broken with a date, followed by a meal that varies across different cultures. The conclusion of Ramadan is marked by the sighting of the new moon, leading to a joyous celebration day known as Eid al-Fitr. This joyous day is full of festivities, social gatherings, and special meals.

Vocabulary:



The common greeting of Eid, which translates to "Blessed Feast/Festival" in English.



An Iftar, a meal that the fast is broken with at the end of the day.



The New Moon, which represents the start of the ninth month in the Lunar Calendar.



Remember our School Motto;
I am because we are together we are a community
Sincerely, the Newsletter Committee