PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I share the news that Mr. Nicholas Shea has been assigned to Vincent Massey Public School as its new principal effective December 3rd. Ms. Assinck will not be returning – a warm thank you is extended to Ms. A for her time and contributions while at Vincent Massey. Mr. Shea has been at Vincent Massey a good part of this week in order to ensure a smooth transition. With this said, I would like to thank the Vincent Massey community for the privilege of being your interim principal these past few months – it has been a pleasure to be part of such a vibrant school community. Best wishes for a great rest of the school year and a holiday season filled with peace and love in the company of those you cherish.

Lenore O’Rahilly

LOOKING AHEAD

Classes return January 7th, 2019
HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

December is a festive month for many. Throughout this month, we will be having a variety of events occurring. This year, our Year 1 (JK) to Grade 3 classes will be holding a classroom Holiday Open House followed by a community sing-song in the gym. We will also have holiday cookies and drinks served in the hallways.

Date: Friday December 14th
Time: Classroom Celebrations 1:30-2:00
      Holiday Sing-song 2:00-2:30
(From 1:30-2:00, classrooms will make sure that they share any performances more than once so that parents who have more than one child in JK-grade 3 can see them perform).

Friday December 14th room 134 will be visiting the Bowmanville Creek Retirement Centre.

Tuesday December 11th the Intermediate Band will host a Holiday Concert at 6:00 in the gym.

OUR FOOD DRIVE

Vincent Massey is going Local this year in our support for people in need. We know that we can make a difference by collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army. Homerooms will be competing to see who can bring in the most food items. The homeroom with the most items will win a pizza party.

THE MITTEN TREE

This year we are supporting The Salvation Army with our Mitten Tree. Please drop off any hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and presents for pre-teens (the group that doesn't tend to get ‘stuff’ during toy drives). The folks suggest that gift cards for this group are a great idea. Please have these delivered to Mrs. Fallis at the office. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

THE SNOW IS GOING TO START!

Please remember to dress your child (ren) in appropriate clothing for the weather. As well, intermediate students need to come to school dressed for the weather so that they can enjoy their daily DPA (Daily Physical Activity) community walk. This walk takes about 10 minutes and get students' blood moving and brains activated for a day of learning.
INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL

The intermediate boys and girls volleyball teams participated in the tournament on November 27th. Both teams showed dedication and sportsmanship representing Vincent Massey well.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration information for September 2019 coming soon.

Your child can attend school in September 2019 as follows:

- **Junior Kindergarten** – your child is four years of age by December 31, 2019
- **Senior Kindergarten** – your child is five years of age by December 31, 2019

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.

Thank you to all the Vincent Massey school families for supporting this years fall book Fair. With your support we were able to add $1,800 worth of books to our school library.

Congratulations to Charlotte K who won $25 worth of books for herself and $25 worth of books for her classroom.

A huge thank you goes out to Grandma Leech for organizing the fair and to all the lovely ladies who assisted during the week. Without you this would not have been possible!!
STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING SYSTEM

In September the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board initiated a new number for reporting student absences. Please see the information below.

Healthy Living Tip

As we continue to support the Well-Being of our students, staff and school community, we will provide some tips regarding how to help our students be as healthy and happy as possible. See below for recommendations for how much sleep our children need to grow well, learn well and have a positive mindset.

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Every Student Matters Census

In the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, we are committed to helping all of our students experience success. To support this goal, we will be conducting our first ever Every Student Matters Census in February 2019, to better understand the needs of our students and school communities. The data collected will provide the school system, families, and the community, with valuable information to improve our programs and services for the benefit of all students. All information on individual students will remain confidential.

Proposed 2019-20 school year calendar

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the proposed school year calendar for 2019-20. Please review the proposed calendar and comment using the online survey available on the home page of www.kprschools.ca by Monday, December 10, 2018. The dates being proposed for Winter Break next year are Monday, December 23, 2019, to Friday, January 3, 2020. Last day of classes before the break would be Friday, December 20, 2019, with students returning to class Monday, January 6, 2020. First and last days of school, March Break and PA Days can all be viewed on the proposed calendar.