



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 1 – World AIDS Day
Little Spirit Moon
Mnidoo Gliz'soons
(Anishinaabe-First Nations)
- Dec 2 - International Day for the Abolition
of Slavery
- Dec 3 – **Dental Screening JK/SK/GR.2**
International Day of Person's with
Disabilities
- Dec 5 - International Volunteer Day
- Dec 6 - National Day of Remembrance &
Action on Violence Against
Women
White Ribbon Campaign Ends
- Dec 8 - Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
- Dec 10 – **Int. Scientist in the School**
International Human Rights Day
- Dec 11 - **Holiday Market 4-8**
- Dec 12 - Holiday **Eat Together**
- Dec 16 – **Character Ed Assembly - Love**
- Dec 18 – International Migrants' Day
- Dec 20 – International Solidarity Day
- Dec 21 – Winter Solstice
- Dec 22 – Hanukkah Begins
Yule
- Dec 23– Jan 3- Holiday Break – No
School**
- Dec 25 – Christmas (Christian)
- Dec 26 – Boxing Day
Kwanzaa Begins
- Dec 30 – Hanukkah Ends
- Dec 31 - New Year's Eve

- Jan 1 – New Year's Day
Kwanzaa Ends
Spirit Moon-Mnidoo Glizis
(Anishinaabe First Nations)
- Jan 2 – Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh
- Jan 4 – World Braille Day
- Jan 6 – Epiphany (Christian)
- Jan 7 – Orthodox Christmas Day

LOOKING AHEAD

Classes return January 6th, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December already...where has the time gone? I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair; we were able to raise over \$2000.00 for our Library.

"Tis the season for giving and reflecting. We recognize that this is the season where we come together with friends and families to celebrate our traditions and relationships. December 12th is when VMPS is going to come together for our first Eat Together for 2019/2020; We will be serving a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings so that we can unite as a VMPS family. Donations are welcome:

(cash, cheque or online) or see Eat Together Dinner info in this newsletter for further Details. As always volunteers are needed to support the preparation, serving and clean-up. Please contact Mrs. Fallis if you can volunteer.

This month we are going to continue to learn about the Grandfather Teaching of Love. Love is the holder of all the teachings and is represented by the eagle. To receive an eagle feather is to receive the highest honour possible; the monthly certificates are VMPS's eagle feather. Please encourage your child/ren to listen to the teachings and follow what they are teaching us.

We have received some great feedback from the *Every Student Matters Census* that we are using to better serve our student, staff and community. We are in a learning stance right now and are thinking about how we're going to use the info and then what we are going to do to address our strengths and areas of need. Stay tuned!

We have a Maker Space set-up for Primary and Junior students from Monday to Thursday and for Intermediates on Fridays. Students are taking part in activities that allow them to be creative. Stay tuned for pics and a list of projects they'll be working on.

Wishing all of you an amazing holiday; stay safe and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Shea
Principal

GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS ASSEMBLY AND BAND PERFORMANCE

On Monday December 16, 2019 from 9:30-10:30 we will be having our Seven Grandfather Teaching Assembly for LOVE. The Intermediate Band and Mr. Kolar's class will be performing.

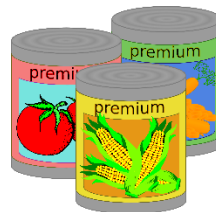
VINCENT MASSEY IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE THIS SEASON!

Our holiday community charity drive will be taking place December 2nd to December 12th. There are a few ways your family can participate.



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.**

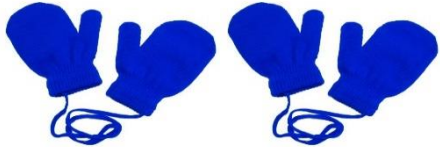


IMPORTANT HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

Please note that if the busses are cancelled on a pizza or hot dog day, the hot lunch will be postponed until the following day. Your child will need a lunch.

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.



EAT TOGETHER DINNER

On Thursday December 12th the entire school will be sitting down for a turkey & ham dinner with all the trimmings.

This is a fantastic social event where older students are paired with younger students. This promotes a family sense encouraging conversation and helping out.

You can donate to the dinner by sending in apple juice, buns, napkins, cutlery, or by sending cash, cheque or online.

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 Volleyball teams competed at the Clarington East ASG Tournament at Clarke HS on Thursday November 21st. Both the Girls and the Boys displayed excellent hustle, sportsmanship and positivity.

HOLIDAY MARKET

Our Grade 8 students will be hosting a table at the Holiday Market to raise money for Graduation. We will also be running a winter clothing and gear swap in room 152. If you have gently used winter jackets, snow pants, boots or sporting equipment, please drop it off to room 152 before December 11th. These items will be available at the Christmas Market and then will be donated the following day. Thanks for your support of our Grade 8 Grads!

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 4, 2020

All are welcome!!!!

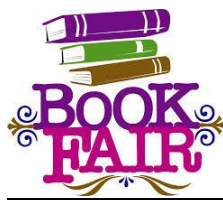
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration information for September 2020 coming soon.

Your child can attend school in September 2020 as follows:

- **Junior Kindergarten** – your child is four years of age by December 31, 2020
- **Senior Kindergarten** – your child is five years of age by December 31, 2020

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 from the Learning Commons

Our November Scholastic Book Fair was an overwhelming success. We would like to thank the volunteers who helped set up, run, and pack up the fair. We would also like to thank our students, families, and community members who came out and purchased books. Due to your support we were able to buy a large number of books for the Learning Commons.

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!!

EATING AND DRINKING

ON THE YARD

Eating and drinking on the school yard while being active increases a risk of choking. We would like to remind students that eating and drinking on the yard is not permitted at any time.



DAY OF CHANGE

Thanks to your generosity, dedication, and heart. Vincent Massey P.S. raised \$377.29 for the Refuge Youth Outreach Centre. Room 119 raised the most money and will be enjoying an ice cream party



Proposed 2020-2021 School Year Calendar

KPR is seeking input from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the proposed school year calendar for 2020-2021. Please review the proposed calendars and comment using the online survey available on the home page of www.kprschoools.ca. There are 3 options to choose from this year.