



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 1 – Bear Moon – Mkwa Giizis
(Anishinaabe – First Nations)
Feb 2 – Groundhog Day
Feb 3 – Gr 8 Scientist in School
Feb 7 – 100th Day of School
Feb 10 – Gr 7 Scientist in School
Feb 14 – Valentine’s Day
Feb 15 – Paranirvana/Nirvana Day
National Flag Day of Canada
Feb 17 – Family Day – Schools Closed
Feb 19 – Vision Screening SK students
Feb 20 – World Day of Social Justice (UN)
Feb 21 – International Mother Language
Day (UN)
Maha Shivaratri
Feb 24 – Losar begins
Feb 24 – Feb 28 - Junglesport
Feb 25 – Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
**Feb 26 – Anti-Bullying/Pink Shirt Day
(CAN)**
Lent begins, Losar ends

In the Future

Mar 2 – Grad Picture Retakes
Grandfather Teaching Assembly
Truth

Principal’s Message

February is a month where we are in the midst of winter yet we can see spring around the corner.

Vincent Massey Public School is planning on overcoming our winter blahs by having Jungle Sport come to our school. Jungle Sport will be for Yr. 1 to Gr.8 and is a fun filled time. It has obstacle courses, rope climbing, rock walls and more. There is a cost to this program, it will be \$14.00. The reason for this is due to the quality of the program, equipment they are using and their qualified instructors. Payment is through School Cash only. Permission forms have been sent out and must be returned by February 14, 2020.

VMPS will also be learning about the Grandfather Teaching of Honesty. **Honesty** is represented by either the raven or the sabe. To walk through life with integrity is to know honesty. Be honest with yourself. Recognize and accept who you are. Accept and use the gifts you have been given. Do not seek to deceive yourself or others.

These seven grandfather teachings are allowing our staff and students to build character through a culture that has been present in North America for millions of years. This is our way of acknowledging and participating in reconciliation.

Finally, please enjoy your Family Day off on February 17th, cherish this day with your loved ones.

Sincerely, Nicholas Shea, Principal.

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.

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.**

Kindergarten Information Nights

Four evening Kindergarten Information Sessions will be held across KPR, with each running from **5:30-7 p.m.** as follows:

Tuesday, February 11 – C.R Gummow Public School, 311 Cottesmore Ave., Cobourg

Wednesday, February 19 – Harold Longworth PS, 350 Longworth Ave., Bowmanville

Tuesday, March 3 – Duke of Cambridge PS, 47 Liberty St. N., Bowmanville

Tuesday, March 10 – Otonabee Valley PS, 580 River Rd. S., Peterborough

The sessions are free, and [pre-registration is required](#), to ensure sufficient take-home resources for every participating family.

The regional Kindergarten information sessions will offer families a peek into the Kindergarten experience. Parents and guardians also will receive learning resources to help prepare their children for Kindergarten and support their learning at home. In addition, families will have the opportunity to meet with community agencies and partners that serve families in their area.

A wealth of resources also is available to families of preschoolers and Kindergarteners at www.kprschoools.ca/kindergarten .

EXTREME COLD WEATHER ALERTS

Parents are reminded on particularly extreme cold days to remind their children to dress accordingly and in layers - cover ears, nose, fingers, toes and head. The school will make decisions as to the appropriateness of outdoor play in accordance with the School Board guidelines (i.e. avoid going outside when wind chill is - 26C or lower.)



For more information and tips regarding the extreme cold please check out the following websites:

http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/winter_safety

<https://www.getprepared.qc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/sfttps/tp201101-en.aspx>

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/winter-safety.html?WT.ac=p-ra#>



JUNGLESport IS COMING TO VMPS

During the week of **February 24-28** the Junglesport program will be setting up at Vincent Massey.

Our gym will be transformed into an action packed climbing jungle gym.

HOW IT WORKS

- We set up our climbing jungle gym **in your school** for a week
- Junglesport instructors lead our programs all week for **your whole school**

- Our challenge by choice, all-inclusive program offers activities for students of all needs and abilities
- Activities and challenges are modified and changed up for younger and older students.



***Permission forms have been sent home and payment can be made through School Cash Online**