



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 8 – Gr. 8 Course Selection for BHS
- Dec 10 – Gr. 8 Parent Night for BHS
- Dec 18 – Winter Holidays Begin
- Jan 4 – Welcome Back to 2021

Principal's Message

December is a month for celebrating and a time for us to reflect on what happened through the year. There certainly has been a lot that has happened over 2020 that we can reflect on. I would like to reflect on the beginning of school until now. I have been thinking about all the hard work that the staff, students and families have put in and are continuing to put into VMPS on a daily basis to help make school safe yet still enjoyable. Many supply teachers who have visited VMPS over the last few months have noted the feeling of family, warmth and positivity within our school. This is because of our outstanding students and staff. I really want to thank everyone (parents included) for helping VMPS to be an amazing community to serve.

Please remember that the school is continuing to our part in reminding students to wear masks, sanitize/wash hands and physical distance so parents please continue to model these precautions when you're picking your child (ren) up and out in the public. This is the only way that we can stop the spread of COVID, colds and flus; it takes a community of people to come together to make a difference.

As we move to the holidays I wish each of you a very happy holiday and hope the very best will

come to you in the year 2021. May all of us find the time to celebrate or reflect in our ways and come out feeling joy and happiness when the year 2021 begins and ends.

All the best in the remaining month of 2020 and here's to prosperity and happiness for the years to come.

Mr. Shea
VMPS
Principal

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports were distributed via email on November 30th. 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.



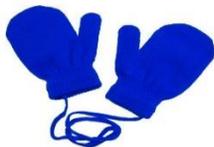
Outdoor Play + Warm Clothing = FUN!

Having fun and learning to play games in a fun and cooperative manner is something that children need to learn and practice!

With the cold weather upon us, we ask that you ensure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather and prepared for outdoor play. Unless the weather is inclement, students are outside for all recess and lunch breaks. Although we encourage the students to stay dry and away from puddles and wet, muddy areas, an extra pair of socks/underwear/pants in the backpack is always a good idea!

THE MITTEN TREE

This year we are supporting The Salvation Army with our Mitten Tree. Students can bring in hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, or gift cards to decorate our tree. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.



Proposed 2021-2022 School Year Calendar

KPR is seeking input from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the proposed school year calendar for 2021-2022. Please review the proposed calendars and comment using the online survey available on the home page of www.kprschools.ca. There are 2 options to choose from this year.

Kindergarten Registration information for September 2021 coming soon.

Your child can attend school in September 2021 as follows:

- **Junior Kindergarten** – your child is four years of age by December 31, 2021
- **Senior Kindergarten** – your child is five years of age by December 31, 2021

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.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday December 7 2020

All are welcome !!!!



VINCENT MASSEY CARES

Unfortunately this year we will not be able to have our food and toy drive. In lieu of this we have put two donation possibilities to support on School Cash Online. The Bowmanville Salvation Army and Bethesda House would typically receive our donations of food and toys. This year we will be forwarding a monetary donation for them to support our community.



BETHESDA HOUSE

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

Inclement Weather School Closures

The KPR Board has made an important change to how we handle inclement weather days (snow days) this winter. We wish to let all families know that schools will be **closed** on inclement weather days this year, to protect student health.

We know school closures are an inconvenience and hardship for parents and families. Ultimately, however, we must ensure student well-being at all times. To meet public health requirements and maintain student health, we are not able to combine groups or “cohorts” of students who attend school when buses are cancelled. We also cannot ensure that our schools would have enough staff on-site during snow days to safely supervise the much smaller groups of students in their existing cohorts.

Therefore, if all buses are cancelled to a school, a region of schools or all schools board-wide, those schools will be closed for the day.

More specifically:

- when ALL buses are cancelled across the entire board, ALL schools will be closed for the day
- when ALL buses are cancelled within a specific geographic region of the board, such as the Municipality of Clarington, Northumberland County or Peterborough County, schools in that region only will be closed for the day

- and, finally, if ALL buses are cancelled for a specific school or group of schools, only that school or group of schools will be closed for the day.

When only a few buses are cancelled, or buses are delayed, schools will remain open.

Schools will provide learning for students to work at home on these days in a variety of ways, either through previously assigned or new work through the classroom teachers’ regular communication platforms, based on the age and grade of the students. Virtual elementary and secondary school programming on snow days will continue as normal.

We will inform families of school closures on snow days in several ways, including local news media, on www.kprschools.ca, through our social media channels (@kprschools on Twitter and Facebook), and by email or text from SchoolMessenger.

Please ensure that your school has up-to-date contact information for you, so that we can text or email you directly about what is happening at your child’s or teen’s school. You can sign up for our direct text service by sending a text message to **978338** with the message of “Y” or “Yes”.

For further information, please see the letter emailed to all families November 25 from Director of Education Jennifer Leclerc, or visit www.kprschools.ca