



# VINCENT MASSEY P.S. FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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FEBRUARY 2024
☼ 1 Imbolc
☾ 8 Isra'a and Mi'raj
✱ 10 Lunar New Year/Maitreya Bodhisattva's Birthday ✧
† 14 Ash Wednesday
☼ 14 Vasant Panchami
✱ 15 Sakyamuni Buddha's Nirvana Day ●
◆ 19 Family Day (ON)
✱ 24 Lantern Festival
☾ 25 Nisfu Sha'ban
☼ 26-29 Intercalary Days
◆ 28 Pink Shirt Day

## Dates to Remember:

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – P.A. Day Students do not attend.  
 February 16<sup>th</sup> – Term 1 Reports go home.  
 February 19<sup>th</sup> – Family Day  
 February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Boys Intermediate Basketball at Clarke H.S.  
 February 26<sup>th</sup> – Girls Intermediate Basketball at Courtice H.S.  
 February 27<sup>th</sup> – IEPs go home  
 February 26<sup>th</sup>– 29<sup>th</sup> – S.K. Vision Screening

## Message from the Office

*It feels like we just returned from the holidays, and February is already upon us.*

*At Vincent Massey, we believe in Learning, Belonging, and Relationship Matters. Our school is not just a place of education; it's a community where friendships are formed and individuals are celebrated for their unique strengths.*

*Strong relationships are the foundation of a thriving learning environment. Our teachers, staff, and parents work collaboratively to support the growth and development of each student. We encourage open communication and value the partnerships between home and school.*

*Have a Fabulous February*

*Peri Dowsley,  
Acting Principal*



**Black History Month** is a time for intentional recognition of the achievements, contributions, and lived experiences of Black communities. In our learning this month and beyond, we recognize the value of celebrating and highlighting Black History and Black Excellence every day.

### **Kindergarten Registration Information for September 2024**

Your child can attend school in September 2024 as follows:

- **Junior Kindergarten** – your child will be four years of age by December 31st, 2024
- **Senior Kindergarten** – your child will be five years of age by December 31st, 2024

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 **online at the KPRDSB website**.



### **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 your child comes to school dressed for the weather and prepared for outdoor play. Students are outside for all recess and lunch breaks unless the weather is inclement. 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!

### **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**

#### **Inclement Weather**

On inclement weather days when buses are cancelled due to poor weather and roads, **KPR schools will remain open for students and staff**. As always, families have the final say on whether they wish their children to attend school on those days.

If your child rides the bus, please ensure that you have created an account with STSCO so you will receive cancellation/delay notifications.

On the rare occasion of the school being closed, we will inform families in several ways, including local news media, on [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca), through our social media channels (@kprschools on Twitter and Facebook), and by email or text from School Messenger.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School February 9th

The primary students will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Friday February 9th. This is a great opportunity to work on math skills such as counting to 100, counting by 2s, counting by 5s, and counting by 10s.

Ms. Ling's, Mrs. Sturge's, and Mrs. Iacobelli's classes will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on February 9th by dressing as we would when we are 100 years old.

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### IMPORTANT! CHANGE IN P.A. DAY DATE

**Please note that the scheduled P.A. Day in April has been changed from Friday, April 26th, 2024, to Monday, April 8th, 2024**

### CROCHET CLUB



With over 40 students signed up for our club, the library is full of conversation and crafting every Day 2 during recess. New joiners

in grades 3-8 are welcome. We are always accepting donations of yarn and crochet hooks. If you have small or medium-sized knitting looms, a yarn winder, or a knitting machine to give, our crafters would be delighted to put them to good use. Thank you! ~ Mrs. Pym-Murphy

**Jennifer Pym-  
Murphy**

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## Room 122 & 152

The learning buddies from Ms. Ling's grade 1 class and Ms. Smith's grade 6 class are working on STEM Challenges together! Here is our latest one: building the tallest 2D snowperson using only one sheet of chart paper, one pair of scissors and one glue stick. The students used their bubble gum brains and growth mindset to create some interesting snow people. Congratulations to Emma and her grade 1 buddy Ayat for creating the tallest snowperson, measuring 413cm!!!

### INDOOR SHOES

Please remember that it is important that all students have a pair of indoor shoes. With the winter weather, this is very important should there be a fire drill.

### BRING BACK THE SALMON PROGRAM

The grade three students at Vincent Massey were lucky enough to be selected to take part in the Bring Back the Salmon program. This program is in partnership with OPG, CLOCA, and the Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

As part of the program, all the grade three students were bussed to OPG to learn about Atlantic salmon and the efforts being made to restore their populations in Lake Ontario. They had the opportunity to learn a bit about the salmon's lifecycle and were able to get a close look at the eggs before they were added to the hatchery.

The students will have opportunities to participate in clean-up projects at Bowmanville Creek and release the fry into the creek later this spring.





### A NOTE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are back up and running! Your next School Council meeting is February 7th, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

To note, KPR sent out an email looking for your **Feedback** on the **Proposed 2024-25 School Year Calendar** (Feb 5<sup>th</sup> deadline) and **Pediculosis (Head Lice) Regulation and Guideline Review** (March 24th deadline). You can go to the KPR website and complete an online survey about these two items.

Look out for our Cookie Dough Fundraiser starting at the end of February.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

*Your School Council*

### LOOKING FOR:

Mrs. Pym-Murphy is looking for donations of the following items. If you have any of these that you're looking to rehome, please consider donating them to the school:

- Alphabet tiles
- Magnetic letters
- Scrabble games/letter tiles
- Boggle/Boggle Jr (game)
- Candyland (board game)
- Chutes & Ladders (board game)
- Sequence/Sequence Letters (board game)
- Bananagrams
- Fidgets



## KERNELS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who collected orders and made purchases for our Kernels FUNdraiser. Together, our school community sold 2514 bags of popcorn; our highest number sold since we started this fundraiser! You are awesome! If you missed placing an order, don't worry. Since we need to order in multiples of 25, we will have extra bags of some flavours to sell after orders have been filled. More details to follow.

Popcorn will be sent home the last week of February. Families with large orders will be contacted to arrange a pick-up at the school.

If anyone has shopping bags to give for packing orders, please send them to the school as soon as possible. Thank you to those who already have sent some in.

Again, thank you for all of your efforts to make this fundraiser a HUGE success. ~Mrs. Pym-Murphy

