



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 1 – Rm. 134 to Outdoor Education
- Nov.6 – Clothing Drive
- Nov. 7 – Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 8 – Fall Ball
- Nov. 12-14 – Stack Up Activities
- Nov. 14 – Rm. 118 to Outdoor Education
- Nov. 20 – Progress Reports go Home
- Nov. 22 – Jr. Tripleball Tournament
- Nov. 27 – Parent Interview Night



Principal's Message

Hello families,

As we move into November we look forward to moving further into learning and community. The weather continues to be unpredictable, so thank you for checking and sending your student with layers that are appropriate for the day's changes. I want to encourage families to remember the importance of attendance at school, and the value of being on time. If a student misses one day a week consistently that is 20% of the learning and 40 days for the year. Being late every morning can result in missing literacy instruction for the entire year. We want your child here; we value their presence and contribution to our community!

We look forward to a wonderful month of celebrations, learning and community building.

NOVEMBER 2024
☾ 1 Samhain ●○
† 1 All Saints Day
☾ 1 Diwali*
☾ 1 Bandi Chhor Divas ●
☾ 1 Diwali/Lord Mahavir ●
☾ 2 Birth of the Báb
☾ 2 New Year ●
☾ 2 New Year/ Enlightenment day of Gautamswami ●
☾ 3 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh ●○
☾ 3-9 Treaties Recognition Week In Ontario
☾ 6 Gyan Panchami
☾ 7 Inuit Day
☾ 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
☾ 10-16 Rock Your Mocs Week
☾ 11 Remembrance Day
☾ 15 Dev Diwali
☾ 15 Birth of Guru Nanak ●
☾ 16 Louis Riel Day
☾ 20 International Transgender Day of Remembrance
☾ 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur
☾ 25 Day of the Covenant
☾ 27 Ascension 'Abdu'l-Bahá

ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPOTS

Please remember that all accessible parking spots must remain available to those who require them at all times, especially during pick up and drop off.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be distributed on Wednesday, Nov 20th. 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.



KPRDSB Indigenous Awareness Month:

At KPRDSB we believe that learning matters, belonging matters and relationship matters when our students, staff and communities learn about the knowledge, culture, contributions and history of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples.

To promote understanding, and as part of our commitment to championing Indigenous education, achievement, and awareness for all, we are very pleased to recognize November once again as Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month. The month of November was chosen because of other special dates and events in November, including Inuit Day, Indigenous Veterans Day, Rock your Mocs Week, Treaty Recognition Week and Louis Riel Day.

We identify the **goal** to strengthen relationships through Reconciliation by centering Indigenous voices and authentic

lived experiences. We demonstrate our commitment through **System Actions** to engage in learning that explores and values Indigenous knowledge, culture and perspectives to create respectful relationships among students, staff, families and local Indigenous communities.

This November, we invite you to join us in this journey of learning through November's Passport to Reconciliation and through other learning opportunities available through the Indigenous Education Department App and Resources. We will share these opportunities with you during the month of November through the Indigenous Education Department social media and email Info-blasts.



Picture Retake Day!

Have your smiles ready! Picture retake day will be on Thursday, Nov 7th.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On Monday November 11th students and staff will be attending a Remembrance Day Assembly in the gymnasium.

Kindergarten to grade 3 will assemble at 9:15 a.m. Grades four to eight will assemble at 10:40 a.m.

In the days before the assembly classrooms will be discussing why we celebrate Remembrance Day, what this day means to many, and how fortunate we are to live in Canada.

We encourage you to talk at home about what this day means to you and your family. Encourage your child to understand that this is a quiet gathering to remember and reflect.



**A Note from your
School Community Council**

November is upon us and with that comes the beginning of our fundraisers! Fundraising is not possible without our School Community. Every dollar raised goes to benefit students through purchases of programs, goods or opportunities that enhance learning and contributions to student well-being.

Fundraisers to look out for this November are; Coffin Creek Coffee Co., (formerly Deadly Grounds) and a fan favourite, Rekker's Poinsettias. Flyers will go home to families November 12th and the last day to make purchases will be November 25th.

A reminder of our Boston Pizza and Maverick Donut Company fundraisers running throughout this school year. If you dine at Boston Pizza Bowmanville, write **Vincent Massey PS Bowmanville** on the back of your receipt and drop it in the box at the front door. Boston Pizza will donate a portion back to the school. At the Maverick Donut Company, (located at 2378 Durham Regional Hwy 2 Unit 4 in Bowmanville,) when you purchase their products, tell the cashier that you are from Vincent Massey P.S. in Bowmanville. and they will donate a portion back to the school. You can also reference our school code VMPSB to the cashier.

With our increasingly busy lives sometimes fundraising is the last thing we want to do. As an alternative you have the option to donate directly to VMPS through School Cash Online.

Vincent Massey SCC is hosting a **Winter Clothing Swap** at Vincent Massey. Flyers should go home today. If you have any clothing to donate or are in need of warm clothing this winter, please bring the clothing to the school on November 12th from 3-6pm. The swap will occur the following day, November 13th from 3-6pm. All left over clothing will be donated.

Our next meeting of SCC will be **Monday December 2, 2024 at 6:00.** Come out and introduce yourself; meet some great Parents, Kids and Staff and share any ideas or thoughts you might have.

Looking forward to meeting you!

Your, SCC

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE ADDITIONAL FLYERS ATTACHED REGARDING THE CLOTHING SWAP AND BAKE SALE.