



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. MAY NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 7 – 153 & 154 to the Escape Maze
 May 8 – Clarington Character Awards
 May 12 – Choirs to perform at Strathaven
 May 12 – 16 Wellness Week and Bookfair
 May 15 – Wellness Expo and Bookfair open
 Until 5:00
 May 13 – Track & Field Day (Gr. 4-8)
 Room 131 to Outdoor Ed.Centre
 May 20 – 153 & 154 to Treetop Trekking
 JK Orientation 5-6
 May 21 – Grade 8s to BHS for Orientation
 Gr. 1 & 2 to Joey's World
 May 23 – Jump Rope for Heart
 May 27 – WEAA Int. Track & Field
 May 28 – WEAA Jr. Track & Field
 May 29 – House Colour assembly
 Rm 131 & 134 to Safety Village

MAY 2025
✧ 1 Twelfth day of Ridvan ☉
✧ 1 Beltane
✧ 5 National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S) ✧
✧ 10 Jordan's Principle Day
✧ 12 Wesak/Buddha Day ☉
✧ 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
✧ 18 Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day
✧ 19 Victoria Day
✧ 23 Declaration of the Báb
✧ 28 Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh
✧ 30 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev

SPRING BOOK FAIR MAY 2025

Students will have the opportunity to visit the book fair with their class the week of May 12-16. The fair will also be open to families on Thursday May 15th from 3:00-5:00



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello families,
 It's hard to believe we're already in May! This is always a busy and exciting time of year at school. Our students are working hard in the classroom and taking full advantage of the nicer weather to enjoy some outdoor learning whether it's a science activity, gym class, or just reading outside. It's a great way to stay active and keep learning in new ways.

We're also getting ready for EQAO assessments for our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students, which will take place from **June 2–6**. These assessments are just one of the many ways we look at student learning, and we encourage everyone to give it their best while remembering it's just one piece of the puzzle.

A big thank you to all of you who have come out to support our many school events recently and to those who've volunteered your time—we truly couldn't do it without you. Your involvement helps make our school such a welcoming and supportive place for our students. We also want to thank our Community Council for all the work they do for our community. Looking forward to a great month!
 Barbara Speed
 Principal

Kindergarten Registration Information for September 2025

Your child can attend school in September 2025 as follows:

- **Junior Kindergarten** – your child will be four years of age by December 31, 2025
- **Senior Kindergarten** – your child will be five years of age by December 31, 2025

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**.

TRACK & FIELD DAY

All students in grades 4-8 will be participating in Track & Field on Tuesday May 13th. This is an outdoor all-day event so students should dress appropriately for the weather, bring plenty of snacks, a refillable water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

They will need a proper pair of running shoes (Velcro or laced). They will not be permitted to participate due to safety concerns if they do not have proper shoes. If you have any concerns about this, please reach out to the school.



Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is excited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Our students will discover fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learn about helping others while raising money to beat heart disease and stroke.

Our Event Day is set for May 23 at 1 pm. Our younger students will be participating in skipping and other activities, while our older students will be playing in a friendly basketball tournament. Please save the date and register on our school donation page at <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/84441> to help Vincent Massey reach its fundraising goal of \$500.

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL COMMUNITY

Lots and I mean LOTS is happening in the Month of May! Many flyers have gone home advertising all the events happening. If you have not received them, please ask your child or call the school to ask about any questions you have.

Jimmy Chapman was at our school once again the week of April 28th to May 2nd. Students enjoyed daily breakdancing sessions with him in the gym. His electric, comedic breakdancing moves challenged and excited students of every age! We LOVE Jimmy Chapman! A huge thank-you goes out to our School Community for all your participation in fundraising at our school! The week with Jimmy was paid for by the fundraising efforts of SCC and YOU! Thank you!



May 1st saw the first day of our 3 hot dog days. It was a great success, and many thanks go out to the volunteers that came in to organize, cook, serve and clean-up! May 22nd and June 12th are the next hot dog days.

Wellness Expo May 15th from 3 to 5pm at Vincent Massey! Staff and SCC have been working hard to prepare a Wellness Expo to invite families to come in and learn about mental health and wellness. Enjoy participating in planned activities with your child, see art throughout the school, speak to community members and KPR staff, preorder pizza dinner to take home after and purchase a heart to place on a "YOU MATTER" mural. Hope to see you there!

Raffle Baskets look AMAZING this year! A Huge thank-you to everyone who donated items to the baskets. Basket descriptions and tickets were sent home on May 6th for families to begin to sell. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets. Extra booklets of tickets are available in the office. Baskets will be on display at the Wellness Expo. All tickets and donations are due on Tuesday May 27th, and the Draw will happen on Wednesday May 28th. You will be called should you be the lucky winner of a basket! Good Luck!!!

Lastly, a reminder of our **Boston Pizza** and **Maverick's 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's Donut Company, (located at 2378 Durham Regional Hwy 2 Unit 4 in Bowmanville), when you purchase their products, keep your receipt and deliver it to the school and we will collect them throughout the year. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the school at the end of the year.

Our next and final meeting for the school year will be **June 2nd at 6pm** in the library.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Your, SCC