

Vincent Massey Public School

Family Handbook

2020-2021

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Vincent Massey Team

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Administrative Team	
Mrs. H. Tomporowski	Principal
Mrs. S. Delisle	Vice Principal
Teaching Staff	Grade/ Assignment
Miss B. Miller	Pre - K
Miss S. Kowaniuk	Kindergarten
Mrs. T. Hayunga	Kindergarten
Mrs. S. Smith	1
Miss C. Gunville	1
Mrs. M. Neubuhr	2
Mrs. S. Auramenko	2
Mrs. K. Krasicki	3
Mr. B. Parenteau	3/4
Mrs. E. Nelson	4
Miss K. Blanchard	5
Mr. T. Kutnikoff	5
Mr. J. Derkach	6
Mrs. P. Kakakaway	6
Mr. D. Gobeil	7
Mrs. A. Georgeson	7
Mr. L. Ball	8
Mr. A. Basaraba	8
Mr. R. Tomyon	Phys. Ed.
Ms. N. Finch	Gr. 7-8
Ms. P. Cochet	Library & Music
Mrs. M. McBride	EST
Mrs. T. Hayunga	Kind./EST
Mrs. T. Meyers-Blanchard	EST
Mrs. K. Ginter	Band
Mrs. C. Gooding	EAL Teacher

Educational Associates
Mrs. L. Davidson
Miss E. Peeteetuce
Mrs. S. Phaneuf
Miss M. Painchaud
Mrs. S. Painchaud
Mrs. D. Banda
Mrs. J. Jurgens
Mrs. S. Klarenbach
Mrs. M. Hunt
Library Technician
Miss C. Bantle
Social Worker
Ms. D. Pocha
School Mentor
Mrs. P. Lato
Division Staff
Mr. R. Fines
Secretaries
Mrs. T. Kristiansen
Mrs. C. Schneider
Caretakers
Mr. C. Bonik
Mr. D. Lendzyk
Mr. B. Zuk

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At Vincent Massey Public School we BELIEVE in Safety, Responsibility, and Respect. They are the foundations of teaching and learning.

Safe – We care about each other and we keep each other safe. We do not stand by and watch others bring harm to themselves, to each other or to our school. We treat each other with kindness, compassion and empathy.

Responsible – We are all responsible for our learning environment. We make choices that allows us to stay in the “Green Zone” where everyone can learn in a positive space. We attend school regularly and are prepared to learn.

Respect – We choose to be respectful of ourselves, of each other and of our place of learning. We build healthy relationships that promote learning and create a positive school culture.

Our students ~ Our staff ~ Our parents ~ Our community

One Team ~ One Mission

“Excellence For Every Learner”

A Message From Our Administrative Team

Welcome to Vincent Massey Public School, a vibrant and diverse learning community! Our staff believes in creating a welcoming environment where safety, responsibility and respect are the foundations of teaching and learning. Your children matter to us and we look forward to working with you to ensure that their individual learning needs are met. Our staff provides outstanding academic programming to engage your children! We are working diligently to implement multiple strategies and safety protocols to ensure a safe learning environment.

The purpose of this Family Handbook is to give students and their parents/guardians an understanding of expectations and guidelines for attending and receiving an education in our school.

We are excited to get to know you and your children. Together, we are going to have an incredible school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harriet Tomporowski
Principal

Mrs. Sylvia Delisle
Vice Principal

General VMPS Guidelines

Accidents

Your child's safety is important to us, however, accidents do happen. In the case of an accident or injury a staff member will attend to your child and will contact parents. Please refer to the following links for information:

https://www.srsd119.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/PI_SA_RL_Student_Accident_Insurance_Brochure.pdf

https://www.srsd119.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/PI_SAI_RL_Blanket-Student-Accident-Insurance-Claims-Form_Sept_19.pdf

https://www.srsd119.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/PI_SAI_RL_FamilyAccidentReimbursementPlan_VoluntaryInsurance_Oct_2019.pdf

This information can also be found on our school division website under Parent Information.

<https://www.srsd119.ca/>

Attendance

Students with regular attendance are more successful in school. Thank you for building exemplary attendance habits. If you know your child is going to be absent, late or picked up early please inform us by calling **(306) 763-7494** or email to **vmmps@srsd119.ca**

Awards

VMPS celebrates student achievement by presenting awards for academics, athleticism, school spirit and service achievements.

Bell Schedules

Pre-K - Gr. 5

8:35 Warning Bell

8:40 - 9:00 Soft Landing/Snack

9:00 - 9:50

9:50 - 10:40

10:00 - 10:15 Recess (Gr. 1s & Gr. 4N)

10:20 - 10:35 Recess (Gr. 2s & Gr. 3/4P)

10:40 - 10:55 Recess (Gr. 3 K & Gr. 5s)

10:55 - 11:45

11:45 - 12:30 Lunch

12:30 - 1:00

1:00 - 1:30

1:30 - 2:00

2:00 - 2:30

2:30 - 3:00

3:00 Dismissal

Gr. 6 - 8

8:35 Warning Bell

8:40 - 9:15 - Period 1

9:15 - 9:50 - Period 2

9:50 - 10:40 - Period 3

10:40 - 10:55 Recess

10:55 - 11:45 - Period 4

11:45 - 12:30 Lunch

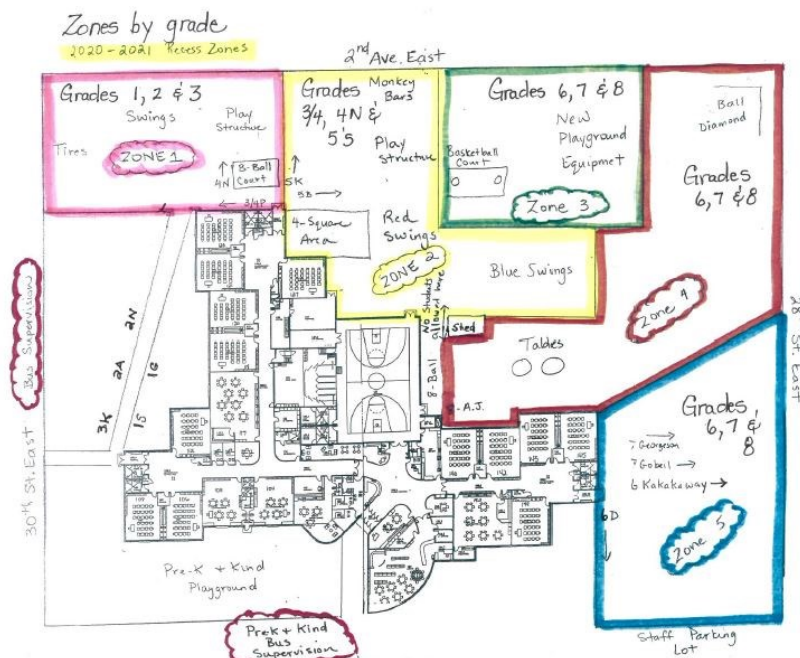
12:30 - 1:20 - Period 5

1:20 - 2:10 - Period 6

2:10 - 3:00 - Period 7

3:00 Dismissal

Map of Recess and Grade Zones



Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Club of Canada provides our students with a healthy morning snack for Kindergarten to Grade 5 students. Our Grade 6 - 8 students are provided with a healthy snack upon request.

Canteen

No canteen available at this time.

Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Equipment

At Vincent Massey Public School, we work diligently to provide our students with a high quality education within a positive, safe and productive learning environment. Our cell phone procedure removes the distraction from incoming messages, calls, social media and games during instructional time. The risk of photos and videos being taken and shared is greatly reduced by restricting cell phones to student lockers.

- ⇒ Students in Grade 7 & 8 with cell phones will be required to keep their phone in their storage container (**which won't be locked**) during the school day. It will be placed there as soon as they arrive in the morning. **STUDENTS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED NOT TO BRING ANYTHING VALUABLE TO SCHOOL.**
- ⇒ We provide locks to students in Grade 6 so they can keep their belongings safe in their lockers. These lockers are in their classroom.
- ⇒ Students may check their phone messages and calls when they get their lunch and when they put their lunch away.
- ⇒ A student's phone **must not** be on them during the school day.
- ⇒ If there is a family emergency parents should call the school (306-763-7494) or email at vmeps@srsd119.ca to get a message to their child.

If a staff member sees a student with a phone during the day the student will be asked to turn the phone off and take it to the office for safe keeping until the end of the day. If the problem persists, parents may be required to pick the phone up at the school. If misuse continues, parents may have to meet with school administration and their child to develop a success plan.

Important consideration:

There is always a risk when bringing an electronic device (phone, tablet, computer, etc.) to school. The risk of theft, damage, or some other unfortunate circumstance could occur. The school will not require students to bring their devices to school. Parents and their children should have a discussion and weigh the benefits and drawbacks to bringing their devices to school. Since Grade 7 & 8 students do not have a locked space it is highly recommend that students not bring any valuables to school. The school assumes no liability for lost, stolen or damaged devices.

Clothing

Students' safety is important to us, we ask students not to wear hats, toques or hoods in the school so they are easily identifiable to staff. Clothing that displays negative or derogatory pictures or language must not be worn at school. We believe in respect of others and self. Thank you for sending your child with clothing that is suitable for our school setting.

Communication

We encourage ongoing and open communication between parents and our staff. Trusting relationships between home and school benefit our children. Parents are invited to call or drop in to discuss their child's progress at any time. Your feedback is important to us and we welcome your ideas and suggestions to make our school even better.

A variety of communication methods will be used (Seesaw, email, phone calls, texts, newsletters, webpage). It is imperative that you keep us updated with the most current contact information (phone, email, address).

Counselors

Ms. Pocha is our division-hired school social worker. She is available 4 days per week to support students with their personal growth and development.

Designated Doors

Students will use the door that is in their classroom neighborhood at the beginning and end of the school day. The intention of this practice is for increased safety and supervision of all students. If students arrive late they will need to use the front doors because all other doors will be locked during the day as per school division policy. **Please see bell schedule page with map.**

Extra-curricular Activities

There will be no extra-curricular activities offered at this time.

Intramurals

There will be no intramural activities offered at this time.

Library

The goal of our library is to support learning and instruction at VMPS School. Students have access to a broad collection of fiction and non-fiction resources. We want students to develop a love of reading and to become life-long learners.

At this time, the Library is temporarily closed until further notice.

Noon Hour

Students enjoy lunch in their classroom for either the first 20 minutes or the last 20 minutes of our 45 minute break. We encourage students to take home any uneaten items and expect them to clean up their own space.

Students who stay for lunch must remain on school property for the duration of the lunch period. Students are only permitted to leave if prior approval has been arranged. All students are expected to go outside unless there are adverse weather conditions.

Parent - Teacher Interviews

Communication between caregivers and teachers is an important aspect for a student's overall success. At anytime throughout the year, parents or teachers can request a meeting.

At this time, we do not know how interviews will be conducted.

Physical Education Expectations

Students are expected to participate in physical education classes. A change of clothes is not required at this time because our change rooms are closed.

School Community Council (SCC)

The School Community Council (SCC) is a group of parents, community members and staff who meet regularly with a focus on student learning and well-being. The SCC leads fundraising events and allocates funds to where it is needed for school enhancement.

In the past, the SCC has purchased SMART boards, security cameras, microwaves and playground equipment. Family dances, movie nights, and other activities are hosted throughout the school year.

Skateboards, Scooters, Rollerblades and Bikes

Due to safety concerns skateboards, scooters, and other personal transportation are not allowed due to the lack of safe storage.

Bicycles must be walked when on school property and must be locked at the school provided bike racks.

Student Leadership Council (SLC)

The SLC plans and organizes many exciting activities throughout the year. All students are encouraged to join in the fun! The goal of the SLC is to build school spirit.