

# Vincent Massey Public School

## Family Handbook

**2021-2022**

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# Vincent Massey Team

## 2021-2022

Administration	
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Teaching Staff	Grade/ Assignment
Brittany Miller	Pre - K
Shae-Lynn Kowaniuk	Kindergarten
Tricia Mcewen	Kindergarten
Colleen Scarrow	Grade 1
Tristan Hayunga	Grade 1
Melissa Neubuhr	Grade 2
Shannon Auramenko	Grade 2
Brittany Ward	Grade 3
Kayla Ginter	Grade 3
Brad Parenteau	Grade 3
Elnor Nelson	Grade 4
Kayla Blanchard	Grade 4/5
Trever Kutnikoff	Grade 5/6
Laren Ball	Grade 6
Nicole Finch	Grade 7
Alicia Georgeson	Grade 7
AJ Basaraba	Grade 8
Darcy Gobeil	Grade 8
Rob Tomy	Phys. Ed.
Michelle McBride	EST
Tannis Blanchard	EST
Carla Penner-Henry	Dream Catcher
Chelsea Gunville	Literacy Teacher

Educational Associates
Linda Davidson
Elisha Peeteetuce
Sherry Phaneuf
Susan Painchaud
Dori Banda
Janet Jurgens
Paris Lato
Sandra Klarenbach
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Chelsey Honch
Sandra Hadlow
Lyndsey Lybyk
Library Technician
Corinne Bantle
Social Worker
Delores Pocha
Secretaries
Trudy Kristiansen
Paula Laforteza
Caretakers
Dave Lendzyk
Cherry Rasonabe
Mentor
Paris Lato
Lyndsey Lybyk

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**At Vincent Massey Public School we BELIEVE in Safety, Responsibility, Respect, and Courage. 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.

**Courage** - We have the courage to make healthy choices, to explore new opportunities, to develop our skills and to do what is right. We do not let fear stand in our way and are willing to take risks in our learning to be our very best.

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! We are a vibrant and diverse community. Our staff believes in creating a welcoming environment where safety, responsibility, respect and courage 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 and exciting extra-curricular activities to engage your children!

The purpose of this Family Handbook is to give students and their parents/guardians an understanding of the general rules 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

Ms. Kendra Fernie  
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/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/2019/09/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](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**. You can also enter your child's absence on the Edsby app.

## **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  
**10:40 - 10:55 Recess**  
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**

## **Breakfast Program:**

The Breakfast Program of Canada provides our students with a healthy morning snack for Kindergarten to Grade 5 students. Our Grade 6 - 8 students are provided a healthy breakfast that is served every morning at 8:25 a.m.

## **Canteen:**

There will be no canteen services this school year

There are no microwaves in the classrooms or access to microwaves in the school.

## **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.

- ⇒ All students with cell phones will be required to keep their phone in their backpack or storage bin during the school day. It will be placed there as soon as they arrive in the morning.
- ⇒ 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 out during the school day unless requested by a teacher to use it for educational purposes.
- ⇒ If there is a family emergency parents should call the school (306-763-7494) 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. Students will need to keep their devices safe and locked in their locker at all times. 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 (Edsby, Seesaw, email, phone calls, texts, newsletters, Facebook, 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.

## **Extra-curricular Activities:**

VMPS has a wide variety of activities for students to participate in such as athletics, choir and clubs. Research has shown that there is a direct relationship between school involvement and academic success. School division response to Covid concerns are impacting inter-school extra curricular activities.

## **Intramurals:**

Students in grades 5—8 will have the opportunity to participate in noon hour Intramurals. We encourage all students to participate to build social connections and increase physical activity.

## **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. Books are signed out for a week. The borrowing limit varies for each class and is agreed upon at the beginning of the year with the teachers. Classes and individual students are also welcome during unscheduled times for reading, studying and research. We want students to develop a love of reading and to become life-long learners.

## **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. We strongly encourage parents/guardians to attend interviews with their child. At anytime throughout the year, parents or teachers can request a meeting.

## **Physical Education Expectations:**

Students are expected to participate in physical education classes. A change of clothes is required for personal hygiene reasons.

### **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, rollerblades and other personal transportation devices are not to be used on school property at any time. **These devices may be used on the way to and from school but must be carried once the student has reached school property.** These items must be stored in the student's locker and can only be removed when the student is leaving the school for home.

**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.