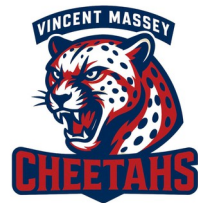


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Administrator Message

Welcome back, Vincent Massey Cheetahs!

Dear Vincent Massey Students and Families,

We are so excited to begin another school year together. A special welcome goes out to our new families joining the VM community—we're glad you're here! We also welcome several new staff members who are eager to share their energy and talents with our students.

This year, our school is beginning some exciting new learning journeys. Staff are participating in *Following Their Voices*, a program that focuses on fostering strong, respectful relationships and enhancing outcomes for all students. Mrs. Penner-Henry, Mrs. Hayunga, and Miss Gunville are leading this work. We are also beginning a new school-wide math goal, with the aim of helping every student grow in confidence and success. Ms. Finch is excited to be leading us on our Math journey!

Thank you to all of the families who joined us for our Backpack Drop-Off Night—it was wonderful to see so many smiles and connections being made before the first day.

We know this will be a great year of learning, growth, and community. Thank you for your continued support—we couldn't do it without you!

Mrs. Tomporowski and Ms. Fernie



Our Schedule for the Month

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	S
	1 Labour Day	2 First Day of School! Staggered start for Kindergarten T/TH Group	3 Staggered start for Kindergarten M/W Group	4 Staggered start for Kindergarten T/TH Group	5 Staggered start for Kindergarten M/W Group	6
7	8 Staggered start for Pre-K M/W Group	9 Staggered start for Pre-K T/TH Group	10 Staggered start for Pre-K M/W Group	11 Staggered start for Pre-K T/TH Group	12 T/TH Kindergarten Day	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 M/W Kindergarten Day	20
21	22	23	24	25 Terry Fox Run/Walk	26 T/TH Kindergarten Day	27
28	29	30 Every Child Matters—Orange Shirt Day Walkathon				

Upcoming Events in October

October 1st- Picture Day: Pre-K (M/W), Kindergarten (M/W), Grade 1-4

October 2nd- Picture Day: Pre-K (T/TH), Kindergarten (T/TH), Grade 5-8

October 10th- PLC Day (No Classes)

October 11th- Thanksgiving Day (No Classes)

October 30th- Halloween Family Dance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

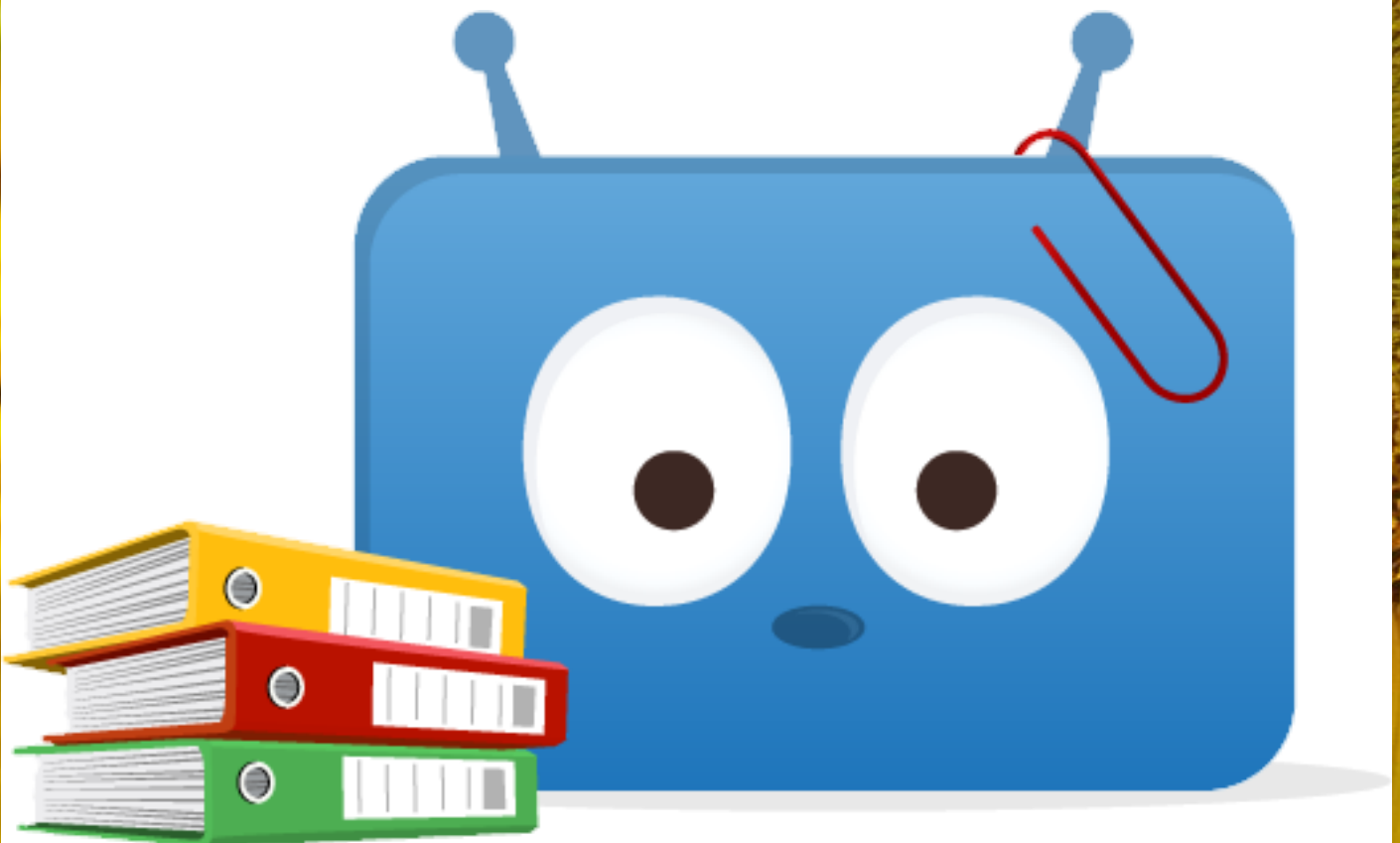
When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

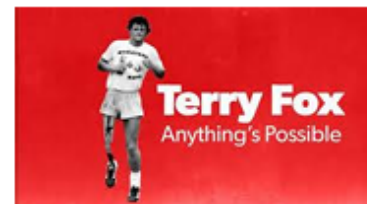
They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.





TERRY FOX FOUNDATION

Terry Fox is a Canadian hero who started a marathon against cancer. Together we can end it all. Join us and fundraise for the 45th anniversary of Terry Fox Run. On Thursday, September 25th, students will be walking for Terry Fox. Students are welcome to bring loonies or toonies for Terry all week to support Terry Fox's cause. Our school goal is to raise \$1 per person. Thank you for your support



WEAR ORANGE - National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

What is Orange Shirt Day?

Orange Shirt Day is commemorated every September 30 to ensure no child ever feels the shame or pain Phyllis Webstad did on her first day of school. This date was chosen because it was at this time of year that so many Indigenous children were taken from their homes, families and communities and forced into residential schools.

Truth and reconciliation begins when we commit to learn our history and not repeat it. Over 150,000 children attended residential schools in Canada. The goal of the government-funded, church-run schools was to remove parental involvement in the intellectual, cultural and spiritual development of Indigenous children. Many children never made it home and thousands died while attending residential schools. The residential school legacy continues to impact generations of Indigenous families to this day.

Vincent Massey Public School invites all staff and students to wear a ribbon shirt, skirt, or an orange shirt on Tuesday, September 30th.



JUNIOR CURLING

Instruction & league
Ages 11 & up
Mondays &/or Wednesdays
4:30 – 5:30 pm
\$85

Register online at pagcc.ca
or at the curling office

CONTACT US

306 – 765-5201
pagcc@sasktel.net

PRINCE ALBERT
GOLF AND CURLING CENTRE



Optimist Club
Prince Albert



Follow Your Child's Heart... if they love drawing, register them at Christina's Art School!!

We are taking New Student registrations for a few spots that are open for our year-long art classes which start in September. Whether they develop their love of drawing and art into a hobby or it's their launch into a secondary school and a career, the skills they acquire will be with them for life! Many develop portfolios for related fields such as Architecture, Graphic Design, etc.) Classes include a year-end Field Trip as well a Year-End Art Show held at the studio: 625 Branion Drive. Register at www.christinathoen.com & see Christina's Art School on Facebook or Instagram, or phone Christina Thoen, Certified Teacher (Art Major) at (306)961-3350 for more information.

Reminders

1. ALLERGY AWARENESS- No Peanuts or Tree Nuts allowed

There are children in our school with severe life-threatening food allergies to nuts and peanuts. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we ask that any foods you send to

school with your child be free from nut or peanut products. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



2. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Before school—student drop off at 8:20 am.

Drop off students at their playground (division 1, 2 or 3)

The supervisor will let them in the school when the bell goes at 8:35 am

Student's arriving prior to 8:35 am will be directed to walk to their division door (muster point).

If your child is late, arriving later than 8:35 am: Student comes in the front door. Please remind your child to make sure their name gets marked down to avoid the attendance call out

After school at 3:00 pm:

Pick up your student at 3:00 pm sharp at their division door

Pick up at designated division door/playground

ABSOLUTELY NO DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP OF STUDENTS IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT!

We care about our students, our families, and our staff
and we don't want an accident to occur. Thank you!

3. SCHOOL BUS REMIND APP

Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division school bus notifications using Remind is the easiest and fastest way to get important information about your child's school bus.

Remind is a free service that will enable you to receive our notifications by app or by text.

2 ways to get notify:

A. Get the free Remind app



- Download the Remind app from App Store or Google Play.
- Sign up for an account and enter the code **vmbus** to join Vincent Massey buses.

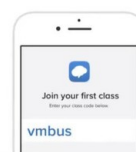
B. Sign up for text updates

- Text (302) 701-9279 with the words "**join vmbus**" to get updates from School bus info via text messages.



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Paula Laforteza
Secretary

