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# École Vickers Public School

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# September 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 LABOUR DAY NO CLASSES	4 Back to School	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17 Picture Day	18 <b>Picture Day</b>	19	20 Meet the Teacher 8:00-8:45 AM	21
24	25	26 Boston Pizza Hot Lunch SCC Meeting @ 6:30 in the Library	27	28

#### Principal's Message 2018-19

Welcome! Bienvenue! On behalf of the new and returning staff at École Vickers Public School, I want to wish you a warm welcome to the 2018-19 school year. As your new principal, I am looking forward to meeting all of the students and families here at Vickers.

Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is committed to literacy and *"Excellence for Every Learner."* Similarly, the staff at Vickers are dedicated to literacy and have high expectations for our students. When the Vickers staff gathered in August, we reflected on our school division mission, vision, and goals then explored all the reasons why we do what we do. Below is a beautiful collection of our responses . . .



Our school community will focus on our reading goal for a second year and will be centered on many fun and engaging literacy activities in the 2018-19 school year. The partnership we develop with you, the parents, is crucial to your child's success. We always appreciate your input so please feel free to call us or come by for a visit to share your thoughts and questions. Additionally, regular communication with your child's teacher will enhance your child's educational experience and support his/her learning and growth. The School Community Council is a great way to engage in your child's education. Studies show that when parents and caregivers are authentically involved in the school – their children do better in school! I invite you to come out to our first meeting in September and see it first-hand!

École Vickers School is a vibrant community with many opportunities for our students. Our staff work hard to connect with our students outside of the classroom and are already busy organizing many athletic events, clubs, and activities. We strongly encourage students to get involved in the many opportunities available for them.

I wish everyone a successful 2018-19 school year filled with many opportunities for academic achievement and growth in a high quality learning environment.

Mrs. J. Green Principal



We have many new staff joining the Vickers team this year. Please welcome:

Ms. Deschambeault – Gr. 4 English Mrs. Green - Principal Ms. King – Gr. 7 English Mrs. Kuzma – Dev Ed Ms. Mercredi – Gr. 5 English Mrs. Mirasty – Art Mrs. Royer - Custodian Ms. Swenson – EA Dev Ed Mr. Tait – Vice-Principal Mr. Whitrow – Phys Ed

Interns: Miss Carriere – Gr. 2 English Miss Fetch – Gr. 3 English Miss Prediger – Gr. 6 English Miss Whitford – Gr. 1 English



Meet the Teacher morning: 🔨

On Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m., we invite parents to stop by the school for a coffee and a chance to take an informal walk around the school and visit with the teachers. Coffee will be on!!

#### **ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

We would like to encourage students to wear an orange shirt on September 28<sup>th</sup> to honor residential school survivors and show their awareness and respect



#### **<u>Cross Country for Grades 4-8</u>**

Practice will be at noon, 4 days a week, starting next week. Bring your runners!



<u>Art Club</u> Tuesdays Afterschool 3:10-4:15 starting September 18th No Supplies Needed Students will need picked up by parent/guardian

#### Vickers Voyageurs Outdoor Education Club



The Vickers Voyageurs is an extra-curricular outdoor education club open to students from grades six to eight. We focus on building skills for an active outdoor lifestyle that include:

hiking, swimming, camping, bushcraft, and more!

Our first meeting is Monday, September 10 at 12:00 noon in the choir room.



Vickers Choir

Our choir is open to all students from grades four to eight. The first choir practice is Tuesday, September 11 at 12:00 noon in the choir room.

Choir rehearsals are every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 noon to 12:20pm.

#### Vickers Handbells



Our handbell groups are open to students from grades five to eight. Each of our groups rehearse one noon hour per week.

The first handbell meeting for all interested students is Wednesday, September 12 at 12:00 noon in the choir room.

#### Vickers Band Parent Annual General Meeting

All parents of students in grades five, six, seven, and grade eight band students are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting. The date of the meeting is to be determined.

Agenda items include:

- Program structure / expectations
- Band Trips, Concerts, Festivals, and Workshops
- Fund-Raising: Bingo License
- Election of new Parent Executive

#### School Social Worker/Counsellor

Hello to all new and returning Vickers students and families! For those who don't know me I am Mrs. Boran-Fetch, the school social worker at Vickers. My role at the school is to work with students who are having troubles socially, emotionally, or behaviourally. I work with students one to one providing counselling and support to help them cope better, which leads to better school participation. I can also assist families when they are having challenges. I respond to the needs of the family and students by providing information, support, and/or by assisting them to connect to community agencies that provide services around food, housing, recreation, counselling, or crisis intervention. I also run groups at the school, they encourage students to get along, cope better, be healthy, and contribute in a positive way to the school environment. If there is any way I can help please let me know by calling the school at 306-922-6446 or feel free to drop by my office and meet me. I am located in an office right next to the big gym. Have a wonderful back-toschool season!

Mrs. Boran-Fetch

## SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEE

This fee is collected to assist in covering the costs of optional activities or events that would enhance the regular school programming and would enrich the education of participating students. Some examples of these are out of school educational experiences, activities, presentations and/or speakers. The fee is \$10.00 for Kindergarten and \$20.00 for Gr 1-8 & Dev Ed. Please send with your child on the first day of classes.

#### School Messenger/Safe Arrival

This is a reminder that Ecole Vickers Public School will be using the **SafeArrival** absence reporting system starting **Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.** Please use the toll-free number, the website, or the SchoolMessenger mobile app to report your child's absence in advance. The toll free number is: **1-833-309-1241**. Detailed information was sent home with your child regarding this process. Please contact the school for an additional copy of this information.

## Sign In/Sign Out Book

If your child is late for school or needs to leave school early, please be sure to sign in or out at the office. Students must have parent/guardian permission to leave the school for any reason. This ensures that all students are safe during school hours.

#### Microwaves at École Vickers Public School

Starting in the 2018-19 school year, microwaves will no longer be available for student use. The Emergency Management & Fire Safety Branch (EMFSB) of the Government of Saskatchewan and Suncorp state that we can no longer have microwave ovens in the classrooms or in hallways. We encourage those students who enjoy a warm lunch to bring food in a thermos with warm food in it. We have fresh pizza sold in our canteen every day as well as many other lunch items and we will continue to have several hot lunch fundraisers throughout the year.

We have also included a link which gives lots of lunch ideas when there are no microwaves at school. Check it out at <a href="https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/nutrition/if-nfs-no-microwave-lunches.pdf">https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/nutrition/if-nfs-no-microwave-lunches.pdf</a>

## **ÉVS LOVES Reading**



We are now moving into year two of our school wide reading goal. We are so proud of the success our students had last year. 85% of our students

achieved our reading goal! Congratulations students and teachers! We are aiming for even better results by June 2019. Our goal is to have all École Vickers School students reading at grade level or meeting the goal set in their individualized plan by the end of the school year.

Our "Sticky Team" (making the goal "stick"), is planning literacy themed activities to happen throughout the year. The Sticky Team's purpose is to generate excitement around the school goal and foster a love of reading and books!

Stay tuned for updates and progress and Happy Reading!





Our parking lots are out of bounds for students. We urge parents to support us in this safety endeavor by dropping off their children on the west side of the school on Olive Diefenbaker Drive; on Bradbury Drive, east of the Special Needs bus zone and between Gisi Road and Olive Diefenbaker Drive. We encourage the children to cross all streets in a safe manner by crossing at the corner or at cross walks. Teacher supervision is also provided at our major crosswalks. The Community Club rink parking lot is the bus pick up zone after school for our French Immersion busses, and a convenient place for French Immersion parents to meet their children for pick up.

We must respect the residents that border the school. Please refrain from turning around in driveways, as this is disruptive to the homeowners.

#### JOIN THE REMIND APP FOR BUSSING UPDATES!



Remind is a free app that lets you communicate with your teachers – right from your phone.

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2. Sign up for an account and enter the

code evsbus to join Ecole Vickers buses.





#### Or, sign up for text updates

Text (902) 701-9279 with the words "join evsbus" to get updates from School bus info via text message.

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to this link in your browser to receive messages via email: rmd.at/evsbus



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## **Canteen Menu** CANTEEN WILL OPEN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

#### \*Prices and availability are subject to change without notice\*

<b>Pizza</b> : Pepperoni & Cheese <b>\$</b> (specialty pizza served on <u>Fridays only</u> )	2.50/slice			
Chicken Wraps	\$3.00			
Sandwiches: Egg salad & Chicken salad	\$3.00			
<ul> <li>Salads: Taco, Caesar, Pasta, and veggies &amp; dip\$3.00</li> <li>Because they are perishable, wraps, sandwiches, and salads are ordered on Tuesdays and Thursdays in small quantities. Please have an alternate choice, as they are only available on a first come first serve basis.</li> </ul>				
Breadsticks & cheese, granola bars & popcorn	50¢			
Breadsticks & cheese, granola bars & popcorn Crispers				
	\$1.50			
Crispers	\$1.50 \$1.00			
Crispers Individual packages of goldfish crackers	\$1.50 \$1.00 25¢			

Juice	
boxes	\$1.25
cans: apple & orange	\$1.50

**Desserts:** 2 cookies, rice crispy square, wagon wheel, pudding (chocolate & vanilla), canned fruit (peaches & oranges), applesauce, frozen yogurt tubes ....**\$1.00** 

SEASONAL ITEMS MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR .50\$-\$1.00 (Í.e. Easter eggs)