

Principal's Message 2019-20

Welcome! Bienvenue! The first day of school is an exciting time for both the staff and students. I want to wish you a warm welcome to the 2019-20 school year at École Vickers School.

New this year to Vickers is the English as an Additional Language (EAL) classroom where we have students who are new to Canada learning English. École Vickers is a wonderful community that will embrace our new families with open arms!

We are very excited with the new paint in our hallways and will see Phase 2 of the painting being completed next summer. We also installed a new sensory pathway that offers our students a chance to move kinesthetically while learning letters and numbers.

Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is committed to literacy and *"Excellence for Every Learner."* The staff at Vickers are dedicated to literacy and have high expectations for our students. When the Vickers staff met in August, we reflected on the gifts we bring to our students every day. We called these our teaching "superpowers" that help students be their best. We also worked on an action plan for improving our school culture by making our school a safe and welcoming place for all students.

Our school community will focus on our reading goal for a third year and will be centered on many fun and engaging literacy activities in the 2019-20 school year. Our theme this year is "superheroes" and working on our super powerful reading strategies to become better readers. We love having our families involved with literacy so stay tuned for upcoming events!

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. Teachers all have their ways of communicating with parents either through phone calls, email, and technology such as Seesaw, Class Dojo, and Google Classroom, as well as letters home. Please use these communication methods to stay in touch with your child's teacher as this will enhance your child's educational experience and support his/her learning and growth.

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 hope students get involved in the many opportunities available for them.

We also have a wonderful School Community Council that offers a great opportunity for parents to get involved in the life of the school. We are having our first meeting on September 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the library. We are excited about some new playground equipment and an outdoor classroom as projects for this year.

I wish everyone a successful 2019-20 school year filled with many fun and engaging learning opportunities in a safe, healthy school environment where all learners are supported and successful.

Mrs. J. Green
Principal