



École Vickers Public School











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Monday lundi	Tuesday mardi	Wednesday mercredi	Thursday jeudi	Friday vendredi
3	4 Wesmor Public High School Open House for Grade 8 Students 5:30 pm - 7:30pm	5 La tire/taffy on the snow for all students	6	7 Hot lunch – Edo Japan Staff Appreciation hearts due
<i>French Second Language Education Week</i>				
10	11	12 SLC dance Gr 5-8 6:30-8:00 \$2 	13	14 Red & Pink Day 
<i>Staff Appreciation Week</i>				
17  WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL!	18  WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL!	19  WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL!	20  WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL!	21  WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL!
24	25	26 Pink shirt day 	27	28 Indigenous Reading

Upcoming Important Dates:

Report Cards go home – March 12th

No School – March 13th & 16th (PLC day)

Spring Book Fair – March 17th – 19th

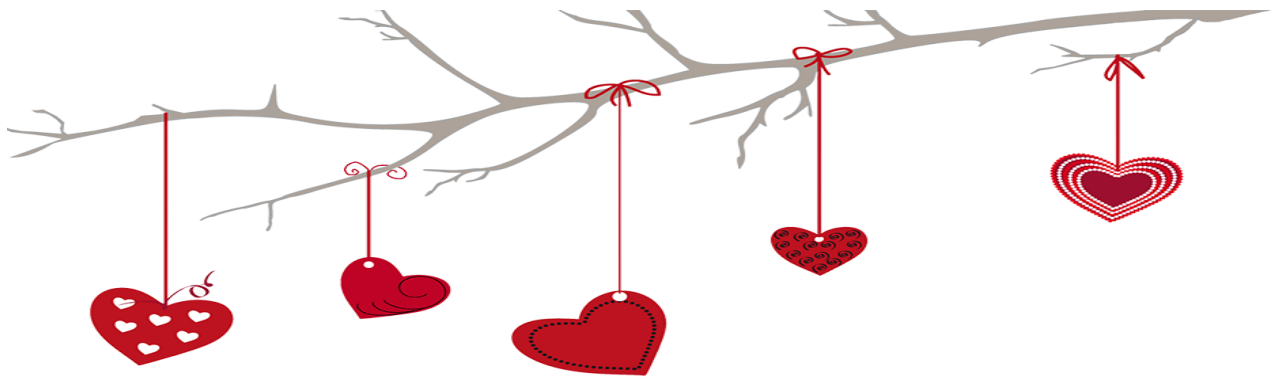
Parent Teacher Interviews – March 19th from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm



We would like to send a shout out to the following Grade 8 students, who gave our School Board a fantastic tour of our dynamic school on January 20.

Thank you to Alea T., Carson M., Chetiya A., and Sophie L. for a job well-done! Thank you to our School Board for taking the time to come and visit us.





School Community Council News

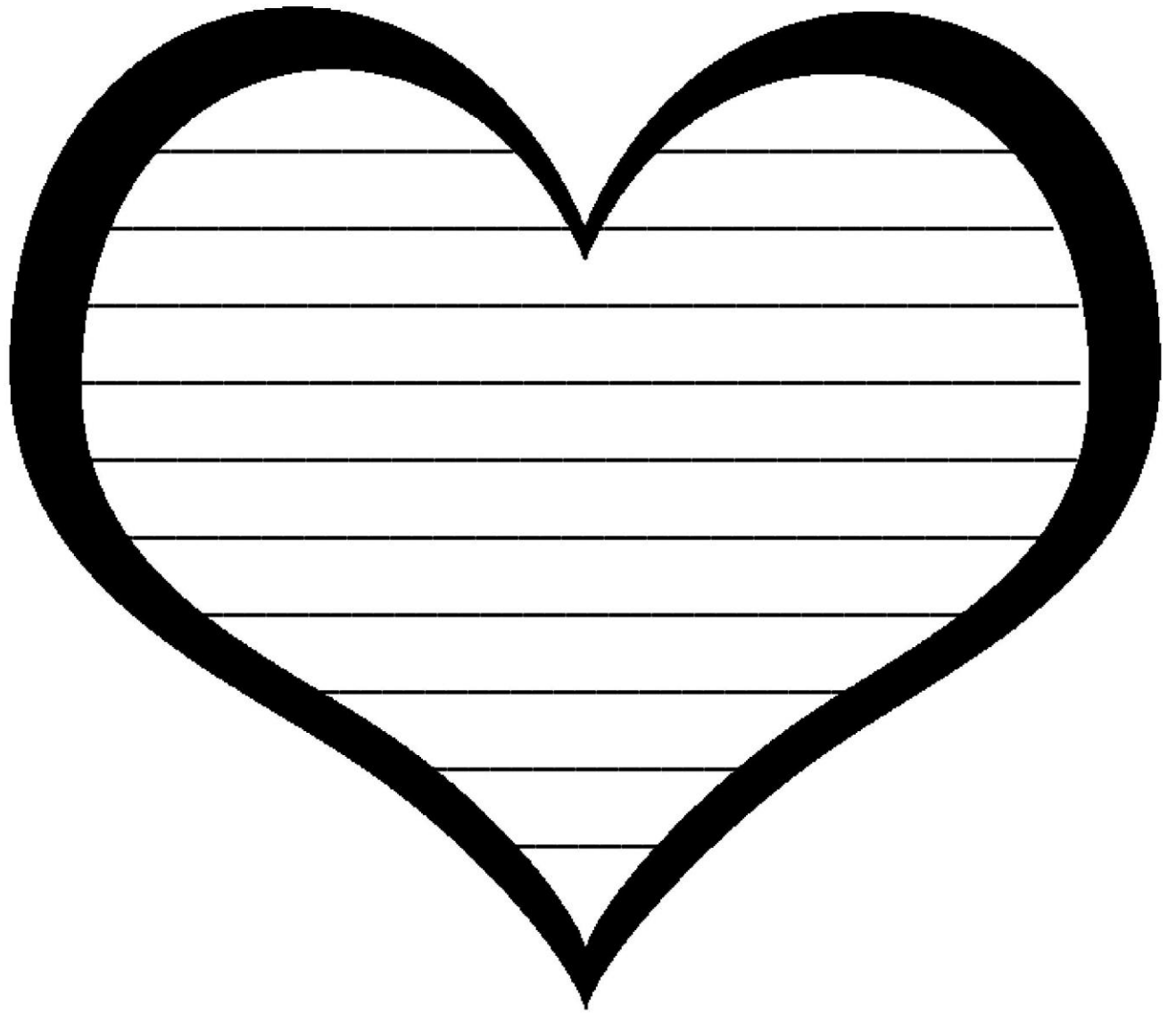
Feb. 10-14 is Staff Appreciation Week!

The School Community Council will be providing staff with yummy treats throughout the week. We would love for students to show their appreciation as well. Families are invited to print the heart template (with this newsletter) to write on or make their own heart and add a kind message to a staff member to hand in to the office **by Friday, February 7th**.

The hearts will be displayed for Vickers staff to see just how loved and appreciated they are!

Thank you for your help with showing how much our Vickers Community cares!





SLC NEWS



The SLC will be hosting a Valentine's Dance on Wednesday, February 12. The dance is for **Grades 5-8 students** and will be from 6:30 – 8:00. Vickers students only.

Admission to the dance is \$2.

All proceeds will go to Telemiracle.

A small canteen will be available with items each costing \$1.

Red and Pink Day is Friday, February 14. Show your school spirit and wear red and/or pink today!



The winner of our Family Movie Night gift basket is Liam B.! Congratulations, Liam; enjoy your prize!

Before & After



Care

The **Before and After School Program** at École Vickers Public School has 4 spots open for the remainder of the school year. Contact Deb at 306-940-6601 for more information.



Pink Shirt Day is February 26th, 2020

We invite students and staff to wear pink on February 26th to show their support against bullying.

Pink Shirt Day started in 2007, when a grade nine student in Nova Scotia was bullied by classmates for wearing a pink shirt to school. Taking notice, two students rallied their peers to send a message to the bullies. The next day, the halls were filled with students in pink t-shirts.

Pink Shirt Day started because those two boys chose to do something about bullying rather than stand by and watch it happen. Now the movement is worldwide, educating and inspiring others to stand together and take action against violence and bullying.



Photo from Pink Shirt Day 2019

Wesmor Public High School
Open House Tuesday February 4, 2020
5:30 - 7:30

WESMOR OFFERS: Wildlife Management, Land based learning, Culturally Responsive Programming, Drama Program, Military Coop Program, Photography, Breakfast and Lunch Program, Emergency Service Response Training, Cosmetology

Wesmor Public High School
1819-14th Street West,
Prince Albert, SK
306-764-5233

Principal—Gina Sinoski
Vice Principal—Matt Bergen

Q: What is a math teacher's favorite type of tree?



A: a "Geome-tree"



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Family Literacy Week



January 26 - February 2, 2020

We were very fortunate to be joined by the Prince Albert City Police, the Prince Albert Raiders and the Prince Albert Mintos during Literacy Week. They each took time out of the week to come read with several of our classrooms.

We would like to take this opportunity to give our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of these organizations for their continued support of our students and school and for encouraging literacy and community.



KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

We are currently taking Kindergarten registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Please watch next month's newsletter for details regarding a date for our Kindergarten Open House.



Mme Klein's Grade 4 class held a fundraiser to help the people and animals affected by the wildfires in Australia. Proceeds were divided between the World Wildlife Federation and the Red Cross. Through donations of gently used toys and books, baking, and cash they were able to raise **\$403.55!** Way to go!!

A special thank you to Mme Atkinson's Gr. 7 class for the lovely donation of Koala cookies – which they decorated themselves.

Congratulations to Maddy A. for winning the raffle gift basket.

Public Schools of Saskatchewan are pleased to announce a new award to recognize public school student groups or classes that support citizenship or character building within their schools or community.

**STUDENT
Citizenship
Awards**

THREE **\$1000** AWARDS for grades 1 to 8 & THREE **\$1000** AWARDS for grades 9 to 12

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APRIL 15, 2020**
For more information and application go to saskpublicschools.ca



Family Resource Centre

The opening of the *Prince Albert Early Years Family Resource Centre* is getting closer every day. If you are in the **Gateway Mall**, (the space under renovation across from Cole's Book Store) please walk by and have a look. We will be announcing the actual opening day very soon with a Grand Opening to follow. If you are a parent or caregiver of children 0-5 years, this new Family Resource Centre will be a place where you can go with your children to enjoy play activities, talk to facilitators, learn about resources, sign up for programming and meet other families in a safe, fun environment at no cost to you. We are pleased to announce that we have hired Tobie Devitte as Coordinator of the Centre, with hiring of 2 facilitators to follow. Tobie has 11 years of experience working with families in Prince Albert as a KidsFirst home visitor. She is available to come and meet with your parent group or your organization to provide more information about the Family Resource Centre. For more information or to book Tobie for a visit, contact wdmelchert@shaw.ca

Hours of operation will be Tuesday – Saturday – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEE

If you have not paid your child's School Activity Fees please do so at the office.

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.

School Messenger/Safe Arrival

École Vickers Public School is now using the SafeArrival absence reporting system. 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](tel:1-833-309-1241). If you have any questions or trouble reporting an absence please call the office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER



For the most part, we want our students to enjoy playing outdoors before school, during both recesses, and the noon hour. On rainy days, we allow students to come into the school upon their arrival and remain indoors during all breaks. In the winter, we use -30 degrees Celsius as our cut off to remain indoors. If the temperature and/or wind-chill in combination with the temperature exceed -30, then all students are permitted in the school in the morning and during break times. **We do expect that all students be dressed appropriately for the weather, as there are many cold days that students are expected to be outdoors.**

Students in Grades 3 through 6, who have signed permission forms for the Polar Bear Club, will have the choice to go outside – if dressed appropriately and if there is no extreme weather warning.



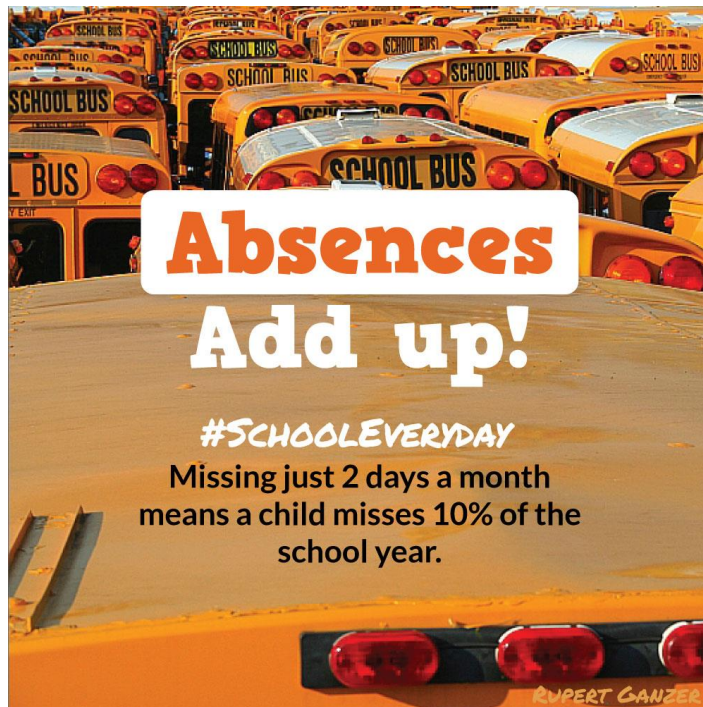


PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



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.



You can now follow all the events and happenings at our great school on:



Instagram – vickersschool



Twitter - @SchoolVickers



Facebook - École Vickers Public School

Canteen Menu

Prices and availability are subject to change without notice

Pizza: Pepperoni & Cheese	\$2.50/slice
Breadsticks & cheese, granola bars & popcorn50¢
Crispers	\$1.50
Veggies & Dip	\$1.00
Cheese Buns	\$1.00
Individual packages of goldfish crackers	\$1.00
Cherry nibs25¢
Flavoured water	\$1.50
White/Chocolate milk	\$1.25
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

***Please note we will no longer be selling wraps, sandwiches, and salads due to the increased cost of bringing them in.**

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



Board Meeting Highlights

January 13, 2020

1. Communication Initiative

Happy New Year and welcome to a new initiative by the Board of Education to share a few of the highlights from each of its regular meetings held each month during the school year. The intent of this brief update is to inform schools, staff and the community, to promote communication and to encourage the community to connect with the Board and trustees.

2. Intensive Supports Accountability Report

The Board spent significant time learning about the status of the various aspects of the intensive supports work that occurs in the school division. The Accountability Report presented by Superintendent Michaud, and the discussion that ensued, provided a great opportunity for learning and planning. Did you know that the number of students with eIIPs has increased from 678 to 761 in the last two years? This is in addition to the 768 students requiring and receiving intensive supports who do not have a formal eIIP.

3. Annual SCC Gathering on February 4, 2020

The next two months are full of opportunities for engagement with the Board to discuss budget, strategic planning and learning environments for students. The Board will meet with the PAATA executive, the local Catholic school board and others and they are excited for the annual SCC gathering as well. The SCC gathering is earlier than usual so that the Board can connect with SCCs and SCCs can connect with each other and take actions within this school year.