



École Vickers Public School



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Monday lundi	Tuesday mardi	Wednesday mercredi	Thursday jeudi	Friday vendredi
	1	2	3	4 Hat Day Hot lunch orders due
7 Library closed – please return all books	8	9	10	11 Ugly Sweater Day Hot Lunch Day
14	15 Last day to return library books	16	17	18 Pajama Day Last day of classes for Christmas break
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

Upcoming Important Dates:

January 5, 2021 – classes resume

January 29, 2021 – No school for students



Christmas Message:

Hello Vickers Families! We have made it through the first part of the year teaching and learning during a pandemic. In recent weeks, we have seen the cases in our community rise. We have worked through different and challenging scenarios and as always, our Vickers community has stood strong and proved our resilience.

The pandemic has affected so many things at the school. Most notable at this time of year is the Christmas Band and Hand bell concert and the Grade 1-4 Christmas concert. Sadly, we cannot gather as we have in the past. However, you will find information in the newsletter about how we will celebrate the upcoming holiday season as a school community. We are also participating in charitable actions to help those less fortunate in our city. Please find time to participate in these fantastic ideas!

At École Vickers School, we continue to provide high quality teaching and learning in a safe environment. Thank you to our families for supporting us in so many beautiful ways. Thank you to our staff who have worked so hard since September to keep our building safe and our students engaged! Thank you to our students who I think are the best students around! ☺

On behalf of the staff, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Stay safe, be well, and we will see you in the New Year!

Mrs. Jennie Green
Principal



December Spirit Days



December 4th – Hat Day



December 11th – Ugly Sweater Day



December 18th – Pajama Day

Christmas is a time to give



Mme Fetch's Grade 3 Class has decided to make Christmas and holiday cards for the residents at the Herb Basset Home. This year has been especially difficult with visitation restrictions. With this in mind, we have invited all Vickers' homeroom classes to join us in spreading holiday cheer. We are excited to lift up their spirits this holiday season.



December is a month where giving is often a focus. It is at this time we would like to ask our École Vickers community to join in sharing non-perishable items for our local Prince Albert Food Bank. As a school, we will collect food bank items starting Wednesday, December 2 until Friday, December 11. We have been in contact with the food bank and, as any year, they are very accepting of any non-perishable items or monetary donations. Monetary donations can be dropped off as cash directly at the food bank or we will accept cheque made out to the "Prince Albert Food Bank" at the school. In both cases, the food bank will write up a tax receipt.

Thank you to those able to donate. Have an enjoyable holiday season.



Holiday Video

In many cultures, December is a time to celebrate, slow down, and spend time with family and friends. Cree tradition recognizes the winter solstice and marks the longest night and shortest day of the year by taking time to replenish the spirit. Hanukkah is celebrated by reciting blessings and enjoying traditional food such as latkes. Many in our community celebrate Christmas and find comfort in its rituals and exchanging gifts. Some cultures celebrate the New Year such as family-centred Metis celebrations of “Li Zoor di Laan.” Many cultures don’t mark any special holidays or festivals but may take this school pause in December as a time to connect in their own way. As we cannot gather this year for a concert, we would like to share well wishes within our school community.

We are asking our Vickers families to share a photograph or a short video clip (10-30 seconds long) of your family

- you may include a short description of holiday traditions
- or greetings for this holiday season
- Or describe your family’s traditions in December
- Etc. etc. etc....

These video clips and photos will be compiled into a video that we will share with our school community and on our social media accounts.

Please submit your videos or photos to kcantin@srsd119.ca by December 7th. Watch for the video the week of December 14th.



November Parent Teacher Interviews

Hello, parents. Parent Teacher Interviews took place on November 26. Our teachers reached out by phone or via virtual meetings. If you did not connect with your child’s teacher, please contact them by email and arrangements can be made.



Hello, Vickers' families,

The library will be closed for book borrowing as of December 7th. Please return any library books beginning December 7th. The last day to return is December 15th.

Thank you and have a wonder holiday season.

Mrs. Fischer

Library Clerk

Hello Vickers Community.

I am Victor the Victorious Viking and I want to update you on a journey I have been working hard towards this school year. It is a MOUNTAIN of a journey and all of the students at École Vickers are working their hardest to help me. This year, our school has a math goal that is focusing on improving our math numeracy. Each class is tasked with helping me, Victor, to climb up and over Math Mountain. Each classroom mountain has multiple numeracy base camps they have to stop at. Three of those base camps are starred base camps. Once each classroom makes a starred base camp on their mountain, they get a virtual visit from me, and a member of our school's sticky team with rewards for their progress towards completing our journey over Math Mountain, and ultimately achieving our numeracy goal for this school year.

To expand our group of helpers in math I have asked our homeroom teachers to share a very useful document to you, our parent community. This document includes an overview of grade level math concepts your child will be working towards this year, as well as, games and positive ways to encourage your child in math.

Let's continue to work hard together to accomplish our goal!



Thank you,

Victor the Victorious Viking





École Vickers Public School will be participating in an online school survey for parents and guardians called the Our SCHOOL Parent Survey. We invite you to review the information below, and complete the survey using this link:

<http://www.ourschool.net/vk20>

The Our SCHOOL Parent Survey gives you the chance to **provide your feedback anonymously** into school initiatives. It's voluntary, but we encourage you to participate, so we get a better understanding how you feel the school supports learning, positive behaviour and promotes a safe and inclusive environment.

The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and must be completed in one sitting. For more information about the Our SCHOOL Parent Survey, please visit The Learning Bar Inc.'s website:

www.thelearningbar.com



For the safety of our students and staff, we are limiting non-essential access to the school for visitors. Please call **306-922-6446** for assistance with student pick up for appointments, questions, lunch drop off, etc. We would be happy to help you!

If you must enter the school, please wear a mask (we can provide you with one), sanitize your hands, and sign in with your name and contact information on the table across from the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

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. 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.



Please join us as we extend a warm Vickers' welcome to the following staff:

Ms. Rindahl joins us in Grade 7 while Ms. Koob is away.

Ms. Wells joins us in Grade 3 while Ms. Fiddler is away.

Ms. Adema who is our new Educational Assitant.



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



Our staff parking lots are a “no drop off zone” as they are out of bounds for students. We urge parents to support us in this safety endeavor by dropping off your 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 ask that you, please, respect the residents that border the school. Please refrain from turning around in or blocking neighboring driveways, as this is disruptive to the homeowners.

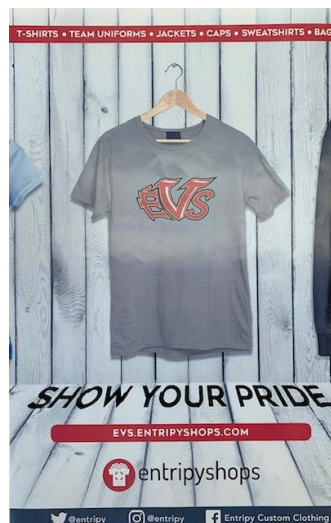
One other item of note, please remember that there have been changes made to the Traffic Bylaw which now prohibits U-turns in school zones. In an effort to improve the safety of our children, the City of Prince Albert has added this safety measure. There is a \$100 fine for violating this restriction.

Our Vickers' school zone is between Bradbury Drive and Olive Diefenbaker Drive.



Are you interested in purchasing Vickers' Viking wear for you or your student? The link to our École Vickers school clothing website can be found on the École Vickers homepage.

November 27 to November 30th receive 15% off purchase with promo code: 15FRIDAY





École Vickers Canteen

Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni).....\$2.50

Pizza buns (cheese)\$2.00

Drinks:

- **Flavored water.....\$1.50**
- **Chocolate milk.....\$1.50**
- **Large apple/orange/fruit juice.....\$1.50**
- **Juice box.....\$1.00**

Small Snacks: (all pre-packaged).....\$1.00

- **variety of small items such as Rice Krispie squares, goldfish crackers, cookies, baked chips, hot rods, fruit snacks, wagon wheels, and/or seasonal snacks.**

Large Snacks: (all pre-packaged).....\$1.50

- **Sun chips, crispers, cookies**

****SENDING A NOTE WITH YOUNGER KIDS IS ALWAYS HELPFUL!**