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École Vickers Public School

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2021

Monday Iundi	Tuesday mardi	Wednesday mercredi	Thursday jeudi	Friday vendredi
	1 Vaccine consent forms due	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11 Last day to return Library books
14	15 Kindergarten Celebration of Learning	16 Kindergarten Celebration of Learning	17 Vaccine Clinic	18
21	22	23	24 Grade 8 Farewell (virtual)	25
28 PLC No Classes	29 School Ends No Classes	30		

CLASSES RESUME THURSDAY, SEPTEMER 2, 2021

Have a safe and relaxing summer!



Hello Vickers Families! Bonjour! We have made it to June in another challenging school year but one that showed how resilient we were as a school community. We developed and adhered to new safety protocols and had very few Covid-19 disruptions during the school year. We did loads of extra cleaning; staggered recesses; cohorts; and more cleaning and still created an atmosphere of teaching and learning excellence. Our staff and students have truly earned a well-deserved summer break!

Our school goal this year was new and focused on numeracy. As a school, we started a journey climbing Math Mountain on the way to important base camps of learning. At each base camp, classes earned special prizes. As we learned more about math, we were able to create flexible math groupings; math choice boards for enrichment; use new math strategies; and use math language to explain real-life problems. Nous aimons apprendre les maths à Vickers!

Vickers is an exciting community with updates and new things happening all the time! We had our second parent evening focusing on supporting our kids and their mental health. We purchased four new swing sets (install coming in summer 2021!) and completely re-did the Snozolen (sensory) room with a generous donation from the Prince Albert Optimists. We installed a new library floor and replaced all the old blinds in the building. We just finished the two-year fundraiser for an outdoor learning space and it will be started this summer and completed in September. Our students did a lot of outdoor learning this year because of the pandemic and will be inspired and energized to learn in the new outdoor classroom.

One group of students we are saying a special farewell to is our *Grade 8 Class of 2021*. We truly had four classrooms of awesome Grade 8 students. Many times over the year, I received compliments from substitute teachers in our building on how wonderful they were to teach! I know their homeroom teachers will miss them. We wish you success in high school – be proud of your Viking roots! Please know you are always welcome to come back to visit and let us know how life is going for you in high school!

We have one staff member who is superannuating from teaching. **Mme Sandra Marcotte** has had a long and successful teaching career with over 16 years at École Vickers! Thank you for being a wonderful educational coach and mentor for the teachers. You have always been a strong support for students and advocated for them all the time. Have a wonderful retirement – we will miss you!

We know with the development of vaccines and restrictions lifting in our province, that we will get more direction from the Ministry, the SHA, and the school division on how we will be proceeding in the fall. Stay tuned for messages prior to school starting regarding the 2021-22 school year and what protocols will be in place. Bonnes vacances d'été! I wish all of our families a wonderful summer!

Mrs. J. Green Principal



Staff Farewells



First we would like to wish **Mme Marcotte** a happy and well-deserved retirement. Thank you for the dedication to our students and for being a treasured colleague. We also have several staff embarking on new journeys... farewell and best of luck in your new

adventures:

Mr. Acorn Mrs. Boran-Fetch Mr. Luc Casavant Mrs. Christian Ms. Deli Mme Fafard Mme Fetch Ms. Fiddler M. Hecht Ms. Jansen Miss Reich Mrs. Shilling Ms. Swenson Ms. Wells Mrs. Young



The Grade 8 Farewell will be virtual this year. More details to come from your child's homeroom teacher.



Kindergarten Registration Now Open!

Students born in 2016 are eligible for Kindergarten in the 2021-2022 school year. École Vickers Public School offers rich play based kindergarten programs in French Immersion and English. Register online at https://wk.srsd119.ca/ or call 306-922-6446 for more information.

New and prospective students in K-8 are welcome to call the school to chat with an administrator or email us at:

jgreen@srsd119.ca

kcantin@srsd119.ca

tkuzma@srsd119.ca





Vickers Recreational Care Program is accepting applications for before and after school child care for the 2021-22 school year. We offer child care for kids attending school at École Vickers School between the ages of kindergarten to grade 6. Hours are 7am until supervision is available outside (approx. 8:35-8:40), afterschool until 5:30pm, and on PLC days (additional daily fee applies). Please contact Kim at vickersrcp@gmail.com for further information.



Vickers Recreational Care Program will be hiring workers for the 2021-22 school year. If you are going to be in grade 8 or higher and would like to apply, please feel free to either pick up an application from the office, or email Kim at vickersrcp@gmail.com. Applications must be returned to the office by June 15/21.





It is that time of year, when items need to be returned to the library. Please note the dates below:

Library Reading Material – return by Friday, June 11.

If you find any LOST or MISSING items, please return them to the library ⁽ⁱ⁾ Reminder notices for outstanding items will be given to teachers to share with families. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Mrs. Fischer in the library.

Thank you to students, families and staff for a wonderful year of reading, exploring and continued learning in the library!



The link to purchase clothes can be found on our Vickers' website.











Follow your child's heart... if they love drawing, make it a part of their life and help them develop their skills at Christina's Art School!!! We have taught many students (adults included!) this life-long soul nurturing skill of creating artwork. We teach pencil drawing, charcoal, pastels, colored pencils, acrylic painting & watercolor. Whether they develop their love of drawing and art into a hobby, or it's their launch into a secondary school and career, the skills they acquire will be with them for life! We are now taking registrations for year-long classes which start in September. Phone Christina Thoen, Certified Teacher (Art Major) for more information and to register: 961-3350 or register online: www.christinathoen.com Also see the students talent in the yearend Art Show on Facebook at "Christina's Art School."



The Prince Albert French Canadian Society is offering a French language summer day camp for children 5 to 12 years old from July 5 to August 20, 2021. The camp will take place at École Valois and the language of communication for all attending is French. Children will spend their days participating in sports, art activities, cooperative games, crafts, and artistic creations and more! Fees are \$20/day and \$100/week. Camp hours are 8 am to 5 pm every weekday! To register, please click on the link below. For more information, please write to <u>campfrancofun.scfpa@gmail.com</u> or call (306) 763.0337. Den't wait, spaces fill up gwighty!

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You may have heard that the 2021 Census is underway. It has been a challenging year for families, and the census might seem like another thing on your busy to-do list. However, I would like to encourage you to complete your census, if you haven't already done so. Census data helps governments at all levels plan for schools, transportation, community centres, libraries and recreational activities. Data from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial, because it will help to evaluate the impact of the pandemic and to better plan for the future. You can quickly and easily complete your census questionnaire at <u>www.census.gc.ca</u> using the access code you received in the mail. If you need assistance, or would like to have a paper (or alternate format) questionnaire, please call the Census Help Line at 1-855-340-2021. Thank you for doing your part to help plan for a better future for all Canadians.



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.



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.

