# MARCH 2023

## ÉCOLE VICKERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

### WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH

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#### EVENTS IN MARCH

March 8th - Ski Trip for Grades 5-8 March 8th - Ribbon Shirt/Skirt Day March 13th-16th - Book Fair March 14th-15th - Winter Fest March 16th - French Carnival March 16th - Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 8:30 pm) March 17th - Convention (No Classes) March 21st - Tintamarre (Grades 5,6,7) March 20th - PLC Day (No Classes) March 29th - Franco Fievre (Grades 7,8) March 30th - Literacy night

### UP COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

April 7th - Good Friday (No Classes) April 10th - 14th - Easter Break (No Classes)



#### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER WITH MRS. GREEN

Principal Corner with Mrs. Green

By now you will have gotten your child's progress report and can see it digitally on EDSBY. Starting on March 6th, you can sign up on EDSBY for the upcoming Parent-Teacher Interview night which will take place on Thursday, March 16th from 3:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

This is a great time to connect with your child's teacher and support your child's learning as a partner in education.

We continue to explore our citizenship goal with the Grandfather Teaching for March which is focusing on TRUTH. Our students will have the opportunity to hear storytelling this month and do an activity where they re-tell the story of Turtle Island as well as do a corresponding art activity.

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# KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

When: Wednesday, April 26th (Small group tours starting at 5:00 p.m.)

Call (306)922-6446 to register for a time!

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#### VICKERS SCHOOL CLOTHING

Are you interesting in purchasing Vickers gear? We have an online store with loads of options! Check out Entripy at <u>https://evs.entripyshops.com/</u>

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## SLC NEWS

A huge thank you to the Vickers SCC committee members who organized daily treats for the Vickers Staff during Staff Appreciation Week.

# INFORMATION FROM SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH AUTHORITY

February 22, 2023

#### Dear Parent/Guardian,

Recently a Pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak was declared in southern Alberta. Prince Albert Public Health is asking parents and guardians to please ensure their children are up to date with **routine immunizations**.

#### What is pertussis?

- · Is caused by the bacteria Bordetella pertussis
- · Is a serious and highly contagious infection of the lungs and throat
- · Young children, especially those *who have not been immunized,* get sicker than other children—immunization is key to preventing serious illness and outcomes
- Early diagnosis and treatment is important to stop the spread of the pertussis bacteria
- $\cdot$  Pertussis spreads easily when an infected person coughs, sneezes or has close contact with others

· It starts like a common cold with symptoms such as sneezing, runny nose, mild fever and a mild cough.

- During the next week or two, the cough gets worse, leading to severe coughing spells that often end with a whooping sound before the next breath—especially in young children
- Teenagers and adults may not make the whooping sound
- The cough can last one to two months and occurs more often at night
- The cough can make a person gag or spit out mucus, making it hard to breathe. This prevents enough oxygen from getting to the brain
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- How can I prevent getting or spreading Pertussis?
- $\cdot$  Get immunized for Pertussis to protect yourself and those around you

o Pertussis containing vaccines are part of the routine childhood immunization program and adult immunizations (including for pregnant women) are available as well

 $_{\rm O}$  If you're unsure if your child is up to date please phone (306) 765-6506 to speak with a Public Health Nurse

• We have also attached clinic poster with our available clinics in Prince Albert and Rural Areas.

· Stay home when you feel sick

 $\cdot$  Wash your hands with soap and water.

 $\cdot$  Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer gel to clean your hands if soap and water are unavailable.

· Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue (throw tissue away after use and wash your hands)

· Clean and disinfect all surfaces regularly

For more information: <u>https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/news-events/news/protect-yourself-and-your-family-pertussis-whooping-cough</u> Sincerely,

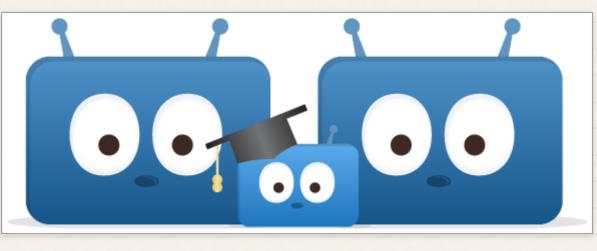
School Team Prince Albert Public health, Saskatchewan Health Authority













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## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Make online payments with SchoolCashOnline

- Field Trips
- Sports Events
- Activity Fees

KEVGROUP School Cash Simplified Registration for School Cash Online is now Available!! Please Visit <u>www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/</u> for instructions.





#### SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEE

If you have not paid your child's School Activity Fees please sign up using the link below for School Cash Online.

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 \$10.75 for Kindergarten and \$21.00 for Gr 1-8 & Dev Ed.

#### WAPITI VALLEY SKI & SNOWBOARD TRIP MARCH 8TH

Grades 5 to 8 students are invited to attend a ski trip to Wapiti Valley Ski Resort on Wednesday, March 8th, 2023. We will leave Vickers at 7:30 am and return to the school at 5:00 pm. This gives the students a full day skiing.



Enjoy!

## WINTER FEST

March 14th-15th we are celebrating the winter season! More information will be provided sooner to date. Please dress accordingly to the winter weather.



# VICKERS MUSIC PROGRAM

March is a busy and musical month for the Vickers Music program! There is a lot of practicing going on, with several students preparing above and beyond to play solos and small ensembles at the festival. Congratulations to everyone involved. March is going to be BUSY and REWARDING!



<u>Friday, March 3rd</u> – Choir sings at the PA Music Festival in the morning at Messiah Lutheran Church. Parents are welcome to attend! The choir will be bussed from the school to the performance venue and back.

<u>Thursday, March 9th</u> – Grade 4s and all soloists and small ensembles (duets/quartet) perform at the instrumental portion of the PA Music Festival at Calvary United Church. Bussing will be available from the school, though some soloists may need to be driven if they play very close to 9am. Mrs. Lohneis will be in contact with those affected. Parents are welcome to attend!

<u>Wednesday, March 15th</u> – ALL Bands (Grade 5-8) will perform at the PA Music Festival in the afternoon. This portion of the festival will be held at Vickers. Parents are welcome to attend!

<u>Friday, March 17th – Grade 7 Band trip to Saskatoon to watch the U of S Wind Ensemble</u> concert at Centennial Collegiate. Bus leaves Vickers at 4:00pm (please note this is NOT a school day!). Students will go for supper at Boston Pizza and then attend the concert (which will run 7:30-9:30pm), returning to Vickers at approximately 11:15pm. Cost is \$21 per student. If you would like to chaperone, please contact Mrs. Lohneis.

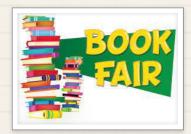
**Sunday, March 26th** – Choir trip to Saskatoon to watch the U of S Greystone Singers concert at Knox United Church. Bus leaves Vickers at 1:00pm. Concert from 3:00-5:00pm followed by supper at Boston Pizza. Return to Vickers at approximately 7:30pm. Cost is \$10 per student, as we are subsidizing the cost of this trip with our winnings from the U-Turn contest this fall. If you would like to chaperone, please contact Mrs. Lohneis.



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## BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the library March 13th-16th. French and English selections will be available and students will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their classrooms and during Parent / Teacher Interviews. The Book Fair sales help to support the collection and resource development in the library



and classroom libraries! Your support is greatly appreciated!!!

For those who cannot come to the book fair in person you can purchase online with the Virtual Book Fair Extension. You can use the following link to browse the books below: https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5188304

The online shop will open the first day of the fair. The orders will ship to our school for free and will be distributed to the students.

Thanks,

Kelcie Grimard Library Technician Ecole Vickers Public School KelcieGrimard@srsd119.ca

The Book Fair will be **NOT** be open during recess. It will be open in the morning, lunch recess and after school. Please remind and encourage your student(s) to make their purchases during these times or at Parent / Teacher Interviews.

## BOSTON PIZZA HOT LUNCH

Vickers will be having a hot lunch from Boston Pizza on Thursday, March 30th! The deadline for the hot lunch will be Friday, March 24th.The Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten class can order for the 29th as well. More information will be provided on the school cash online. Go to <u>https://srsd119.schoolcashonline.com</u> and click to register if you haven't already.





#### LUNCHBOX

Our Lunchbox by SchoolCash Online ordering calendar is now open and going great! Lunchbox program has been a very positive and convenient service.

Log in to your SchoolCash Online account and locate "Lunchbox" to get started.

Edo Japan Tuesday and Subway on Thursday. Fast and Easy lunch!

ÉCOLE VICKERS PUBLIC SCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2023-2024

If your child is 5 by December 31, 2023, we welcome you to call us or visit our website:

Call (306)922-6446 or register online at vk.srsdll9.ca

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## CLUB TRYOUTS

a Lakers Club Tryouts a A
March 5th and 12th at the Alfred Jenkins Field House Gym.
a These are ID camps, kids will tryout and be placed into appropriate age groups for the club season.
Girls (Grade 5 and up) - 12:00pm
Grade 5/6 boys - 3:30pm
Grade 8/9/10 boys - 5:15pm
Grade 7 boys - 7:15pm

 $\mathbb{P}^{*}$  Practice will be 2 times per week.

₽ 2-4 tournaments

season runs early April through May (end dependent on tournaments)

#### Fees:

₽\$\$250 plus tournament fees

\*\$20 tryout fee if not enrolled in Lakers Pre-Season

a<sup>®</sup>will be available online a<sup>®</sup>Or register in person at the first tryout

Any questions, contact Christian Hudon at <u>pacommunitybasketball@gmail.com</u> or at 306-940-7940



# OPEN HOUSE At CARLTON

#### THURSDAY MARCH 16TH 7:00PM TO 8:30PM

a great way to share what Carlton has to offer each student as they build their interests, skills and plans for the future

## 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 parents to meet their children for pick up. Please refrain from turning around in the driveways, as this is disruptive to the homeowners.



# ÉCOLE VICKERS CANTEEN

#### DRINKS:

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

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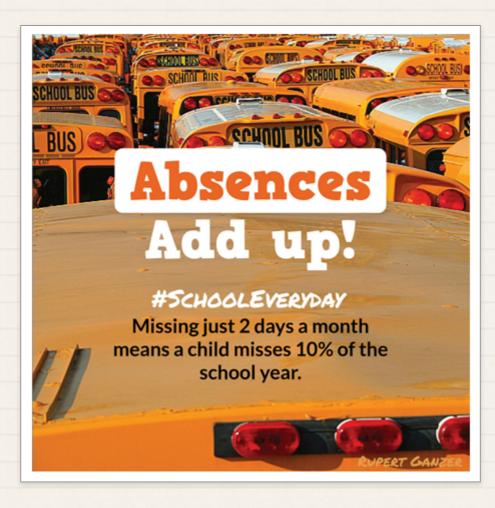
SMALL SNACKS: (all pre-packaged)......\$1.00

- 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

Pizza ......\$3.00





#### 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.** 

