# September 2023

**ÉCOLE VICKERS PUBLIC SCHOOL** 

#### WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER

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#### **EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER**

September 5th - First Day Of School
September 25 & 26th - School Photo Day
September 29th - Orange Shirt Day

## UP COMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

October 6th - No Classes

October 9th - Thanksgiving Day (No Classes)

October 24th - School Photo Retakes

#### PRINCIPALS WELCOME

Dear Vickers Students and Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year filled with endless opportunities and new beginnings! As the leaves start to change and we feel the cool autumn breezes, we embark on a journey of growth, learning, and success.



I hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with laughter, relaxation, and memorable experiences. Now, it's time to channel that energy and enthusiasm into your school work and personal development. Our theme this year is to "Level Up" and I challenge you to not only do your best academically but to strive to be the best person you can be. Each new day is a chance to level up – academically, socially, and individually.

Our dedicated staff is here to support you every step of the way. Whether you're navigating a challenging math problem, exploring a new artistic technique, or honing your leadership skills, know that you have a team of educators who believe in your potential and are ready to guide you towards success.

Remember, growth doesn't happen in a comfort zone. Embrace challenges as opportunities to expand your horizons. Make it your goal to push past your limits, explore new subjects, and discover talents you never knew you had. This year is a blank canvas waiting for you to paint your story of achievement and personal growth.

Let's create a welcoming and inclusive community where each of you feels valued and empowered. Reach out to your classmates, make new friends, and participate in the various extracurricular activities and clubs that Vickers has to offer. Your unique perspectives and passions create the vibrant community we know and love.

Stay engaged, stay curious, and most importantly, stay true to yourselves. The journey ahead might have its twists and turns, but remember that you are resilient and capable of greatness. Together, let's make this academic year one to remember – full of achievements, laughter, and shared experiences.

Here's to a fantastic September and an even greater year ahead! Let's level up and make it a year of remarkable growth and achievement.

With warmest regards, Mrs. Jennie Green Principal



SOME KIDS ARE SMARTER THAN YOU,
SOME KIDS HAVE cooler clothes THAN YOU,
SOME KIDS ARE better at sports THAN YOU.

IT DOESN'T, MATTER.

YOU HAVE your THING TOO.
BE THE KID WHO CAN GET ALONG.
BE THE KID WHO IS DEPICTOUS.
BE THE KID WHO DOES THE PIGHT THING.

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Be the vice kid.

-Bryan Skavnak



#### **WEAR ORANGE**

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and <u>Orange Shirt Day</u> take place on September 29th.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day that honours the children who survived residential schools and remembers those who did not. This day relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad. a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c

Xgat'tem First Nation, on her first day of school, where she arrived dressed in a new orange shirt, which was taken from her. It is now a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. On September 29, we encourage all Canadians to wear orange to raise awareness of the very tragic legacy of residential schools, and to honour the thousands of Survivors.





### TICKETS FOR THE GAME!

First come gets tickets! 50 tickets to give out please come to the office at Vickers School.

#### WHATS NEW AT VICKERS FOR 2023-24

New turf in the outdoor classroom area and in the kindergarten outdoor space.



Two new picnic tables in the Outdoor Classroom.

New indoor student seating area (coming soon)

New sensory pathway located in the Outdoor Classroom.

New Score Clock in the gym

Thank you to our SCC and parent community for supporting École Vickers Public School through your generous donations!











Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

# When a student misses days a month

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.

# When a student misses days a month.

They will miss 40 DAYS a year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Starting cross country again at Vickers!

It's an opportunity to inspire a passion for fitness, build friendships, and instill life skills. As you lace up your running

shoes and set forth on this journey, remember that the path ahead might be challenging, but the rewards are immeasurable. With dedication, enthusiasm, and a supportive community, your cross country club will undoubtedly leave a lasting mark on the school's culture and the lives of its members.

This start up for cross country will be start of September and further information will provided to the students and parents.

#### PICTURE DAY AT SCHOOL

School photos are September 25th and 26th.





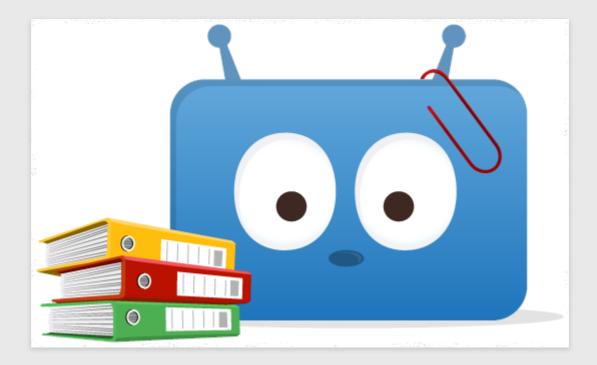
#### **UICHERS SCHOOL CLOTHING**

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



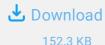








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### CHRISTINA'S ART SCHOOL

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."

#### SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Make online payments with SchoolCashOnline

- Field Trips
- Sports Events
- Activity Fees



School Cash Simplified
Registration for School Cash Online is now Available!! Please Visit
<a href="https://www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/">www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/</a> 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.





#### 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.



#### **LUNCHBOX!**

The lunches this year!

Tuesday will be (Edo) and Thursday will be (Subway). New this year will be Taco Time on Fridays!

The first day of Lunchbox orders coming to the school will be September 19th!!

Our Lunchbox by SchoolCash Online ordering calendar is open September 5th. Log in with your SchoolCash Online account to place your order. Ordering closes the Sunday before the following week. If you have any questions, please contact the team at <a href="mailto:info@lunchboxorders.com">info@lunchboxorders.com</a>.

# ÉCOLE VICKERS CANTEEN

#### DRINKS:

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• Chocolate milk.....\$1.50

• Large apple/orange/fruit juice.....\$1.50

• Juice box.....\$1.50



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.

