

OCTOBER 2023

ÉCOLE VICKERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER

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EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- October 6th** - PLC Day (No Classes)
- October 9th** - Thanksgiving (No Classes)
- October 24th** - School photo retake
- October 25th** - Boston Pizza Hot Lunch
- October 25th** - Halloween Dance (6:00pm-8:00pm) Large Gym

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UP COMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

- November 10th** - No Classes
- November 13th** - Remembrance Day Observed (No Classes)
- November 16th** - Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30-8:30)

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PRINCIPAL CORNER

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Hello Vickers Families! Where did September go? The students have been settling into their new classroom routines and getting to know their teachers and even some new students that have joined our school. Being connected to EDSBY is vital to keep communication between home and school – if you are still having trouble with getting connected to EDSBY, please call the school.

We are “levelling up” in so many ways this school year. This is our 4th year working on our math goal and we have a good understanding of the high impact strategies that improve student outcomes. We also are focusing on our citizenship goal and using the 7 Grandfather Teachings as our foundation. In addition, teachers were recently trained in a program called UFLI, a foundational literacy program developed after decades of reading research. It is going to be an amazing year where we see learning grow exponentially!

VICKERS VOICES

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Staying safe online – Holly Cochrane- School Social Worker/Counselor



I think we all would agree that we live in an age where a lot of what we do on a daily basis involves going online and using social media for one reason or another- whether it's to complete tasks at school or work, share important information, connect with friends and family, the list could go on and on. In many ways this has impacted our lives very positively, and we can do so many more things quickly and efficiently thanks to technology advancing. A personal example of this, is seeing how it has opened a whole new world to my almost 90-year-old grandmother! She has recently discovered how amazing facetime calls can be and how she can stay connected with loved ones in this way.

Although the advantages of being online are endless, we also know the flip side of this, and that there is a huge online world out there right at our fingertips, which can be a very scary, and unsafe place. This is especially true when it comes to our children and youth, and their ability to navigate safely through it. Many apps and platforms out there are geared towards older teens and young adults, and yet we see more and more young people using them when they maybe aren't quite ready. We know that kids are spending a lot of time on devices, and for reasons unrelated to school work, and this can add up to a lot of time where kids may be exposed to many confusing, hurtful and sometimes harmful things. We can also see that time on devices will have a direct impact on student's mental health, and their overall wellbeing.

As parents and guardians, we then have a big role to play in keeping our kids safe while they are online. In some recent discussions with a city police officer, he strongly encouraging parents to educate themselves on what's out there, and take the time to download and check out the apps their kids are using. He also spoke about not adding people/allowing people to

follow you, who you do not actually know in real life, as we don't always know who is behind the screen, and what their intentions may be. But most importantly, he advised to sit down with your children on a regular basis and engage in meaningful conversations with them about how they are using their device, and how to use it safely. It is my hope that these resources below will be good tools to help you do this important work.

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

<https://www.cybertip.ca/en/>

<https://mediasmarts.ca/>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/> (also a page on Facebook)

SPIRIT WEEK

OCT. 30 - NOV. 3

OCT 30 **SPORTS DAY**
Show your team spirit with your favourite jersey, hat, etc.

OCT 31 **COSTUME OR BLACK & ORANGE DAY**
School appropriate costumes with no props or masks please!

NOV 1 **PAJAMA DAY**
Wear your pj's and have a cozy day!

NOV 2 **MISMATCH DAY**
How crazy can you dress?? From different colours to styles to different socks and shoes!

NOV 3 **FAVOURITE COLOUR DAY**
Do you have a favourite colour? If so, can you wear it from head to toe??

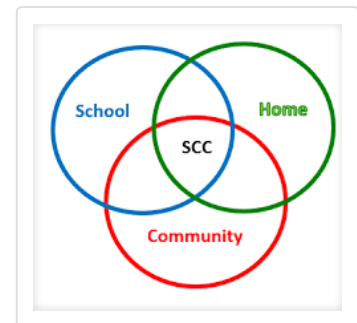
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LET'S SHOW OUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND HAVE A FUN WEEK!



SCC NEWS

The School Community Council is having a Safety Supply Fall Fundraiser. We have partnered with Canadian Safety Supplies to bring quality products to you and your family. Why did we choose this company?



*Canadian Safety Supplies offers quality products made and assembled right here in Canada.

*First Aid items and safety kits are an essential item in every home and business.

*Practical and useful items make great purchases and gifts.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will be going to school improvement initiatives.

Order forms were given to each student in the school. This is not intended to be door-to-door, just family and friends, please! All forms and money need to be returned by Wednesday, October 18th.

We have some exciting incentives!

Any student who sells at least 3 items gets their name in special draws!

1st draw - Bluetooth speaker

2nd draw - Ear buds

3rd draw - LED lights

Top Class in K-4 and 5-8 will each receive a movie afternoon complete with snacks.

#1 Top Seller in the school gets to be "Principal for a Day" which includes a special lunch.

#2 Top Seller gets a \$50 gift card.

Note: this will not be available on School Cash Online (KEV)

TAKE ME OUTSIDE

Take Me Outside is a non-profit, charitable organization committed to raising awareness and facilitating action on nature connection and outdoor learning in schools across Canada. We believe in a future in which spending time outside playing, exploring and learning is a regular and significant part of every learner's day.

We work collaboratively with other organizations, school boards and individuals to encourage children and youth to spend more time outside through various projects and initiatives.

Some of the students at Vickers will be enjoying take me outside Wednesday October 18th.



Hot Lunch Wednesday, October 25th

Vickers will be having a hot lunch from Boston Pizza on October 25th! More information will be provided on school cash online. Go to <https://srsd119.schoolcashionline.com> and click register if you haven't already.



Halloween Dance Wednesday October 25th

The bewitching season of Halloween has arrived, and students at École Vickers School eagerly embrace the spirit of the holiday at



this year's annual Halloween Dance **Wednesday, October 25th from 6pm-8pm. (\$5.00 for each Family)**

Presence of adults with your children ensures that the dance remains safe and well-organized. Parents actively engaged with the children, encouraging them to dance, play games.

There will be glow sticks to buy and also a canteen! Halloween Photo Booth and guess the pumpkin size will be there for the families.

We encourage all families to come out and join the fun!!

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON!

Cross Country Season Nears Its Exciting Finale!

We're nearing the finish line of an incredible Cross Country season here at Vickers, and what an amazing journey it has been! Our young athletes have shown determination, perseverance, and sportsmanship throughout the season. The end of the season is soon upon us—the Extravaganza Final Race! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 3rd, because we're heading to Spruce Home for an exhilarating event. It promises to be a fantastic day filled with spirited competition, cheering fans, and of course, lots of fun! Our runners have been training tirelessly, and this final race will be the culmination of all their hard work. We encourage all parents, family members, and friends to come out and support our young athletes as they give their all on the course.

Volleyball Season in Full Swing!

In addition to the excitement on the cross country trails, our volleyball season is in full swing. The enthusiasm among our students is contagious, and we're thrilled to see so many of them taking part. Even our Grade 5 students have also jumped into the action with lunchtime volleyball practices. It's wonderful to see our younger students getting a head start in the sport and building their skills while having a blast with their friends. As always, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated coaches, supportive parents, and, most importantly, our incredible student-athletes who continue to make Vickers Elementary School proud.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to enjoy the excitement of volleyball season. Let's continue to celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork that defines our school's athletic programs.

Go Vickers Vikings!

Sincerely,

Mr. Whitrow

Thank You for the New Score Clock!

Dear SCC and Vickers School Community.

We extend our gratitude for your outstanding fundraising efforts during last year's Walkathon. Thanks to your dedication, we now have a fantastic new score clock in our school. Attached is a photo of the impressive clock, which will benefit our school community for years to come. Your support has made a significant impact, and we can't thank you enough for enhancing our school experience.

Reed Whitrow



SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS

Seven Grandfathers Teachings

The Creator gave seven Grandfathers, who were very powerful spirits, the responsibility to watch over the people. The Grandfathers saw that people were living a hard life. They sent their helper to spend time amongst the people and find a person who could be taught how to live in harmony with Creation. Their helper went to the four directions to find a person worthy enough to bring to the Grandfathers.

To cherish knowledge is to know Wisdom; To know Love is to know peace;

To honour all of Creation is to have Respect;

Bravery is to face the foe with integrity; Honesty in facing a situation is to be brave; Humility is to know your self as a sacred part

of Creation; Truth is to know all of these things. The October's teachings is RESPECT.





PRINCE ALBERT

GOLF AND CURLING CENTRE

Junior Curling Program

Juniors – ages 11 – 19 – Mondays & / or Wednesdays 4:30 – 5:30 pm

League includes league play & instruction

League runs October 23 to March 6

Cost - \$80 – Sliders & brooms are supplied

For more information, contact Pat Bibby 306-961-5353

or the PAG&CC office 306-765-5201

Junior League – ages 14 – 21 – previous curling experience preferred

Wednesdays 7:00 pm - \$100 - October 18 to December 20

Registration is available online at pagcc.ca – curling – registration

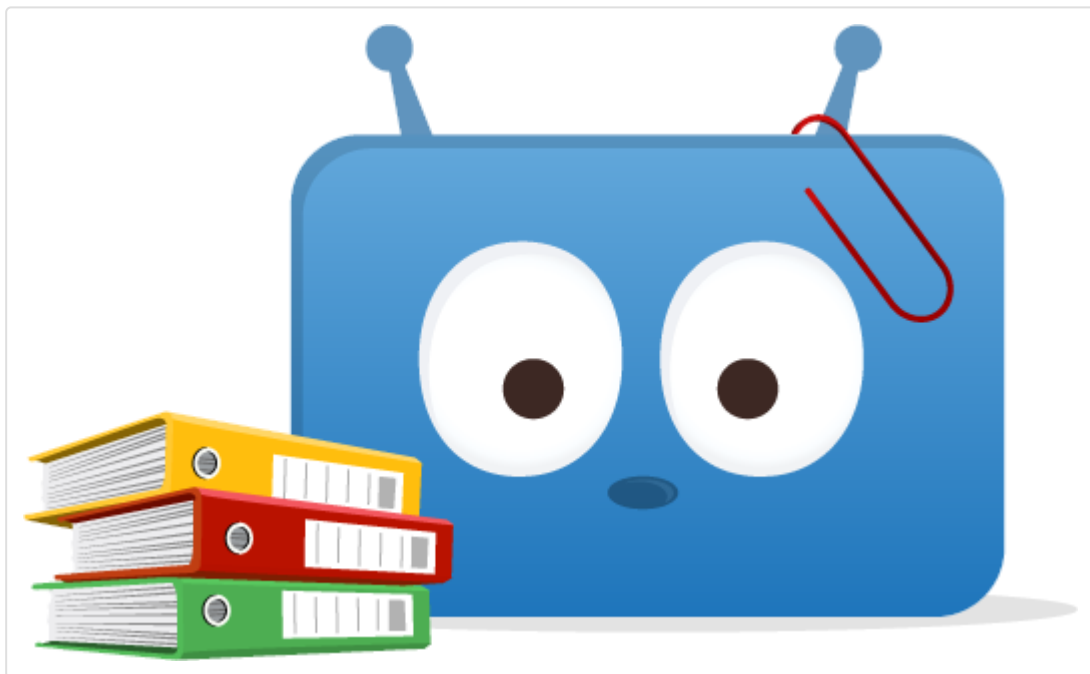
Or at the curling office.



VICKERS SCHOOL CLOTHING

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





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The Prince Albert Barveenok Ukrainian Dancers

The Prince Albert Barveenok Ukrainian Dancers are accepting registrations for new dancers. We have Ukrainian dance classes for age 4- Adult. No dance experience is necessary. All classes are on Wednesday evenings. Dancers do not have to be of Ukrainian heritage to participate. Costumes are provided. Registration fees are modest. www.pabarveenok.com. contact us at info@pabarveenok.com

Thank You,
Kayleigh Skomorowski
President



FIND MORE INFO AND REGISTER

www.pabarveenok.com

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SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Make online payments with
SchoolCashOnline

- Field Trips
- Sports Events
- Activity Fees



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School Cash Simplified

Registration for School Cash Online is now Available!! Please Visit

www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/ 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

school educational experiences, activities, presentations
and/or speakers.

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



NUTRITION PROGRAM 2023-24

The Nutrition Program will be running once again this year and starting on Tuesday, October 3rd. We want to send a big thank you to the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) for approving funding for Ecole Vickers Public School.



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

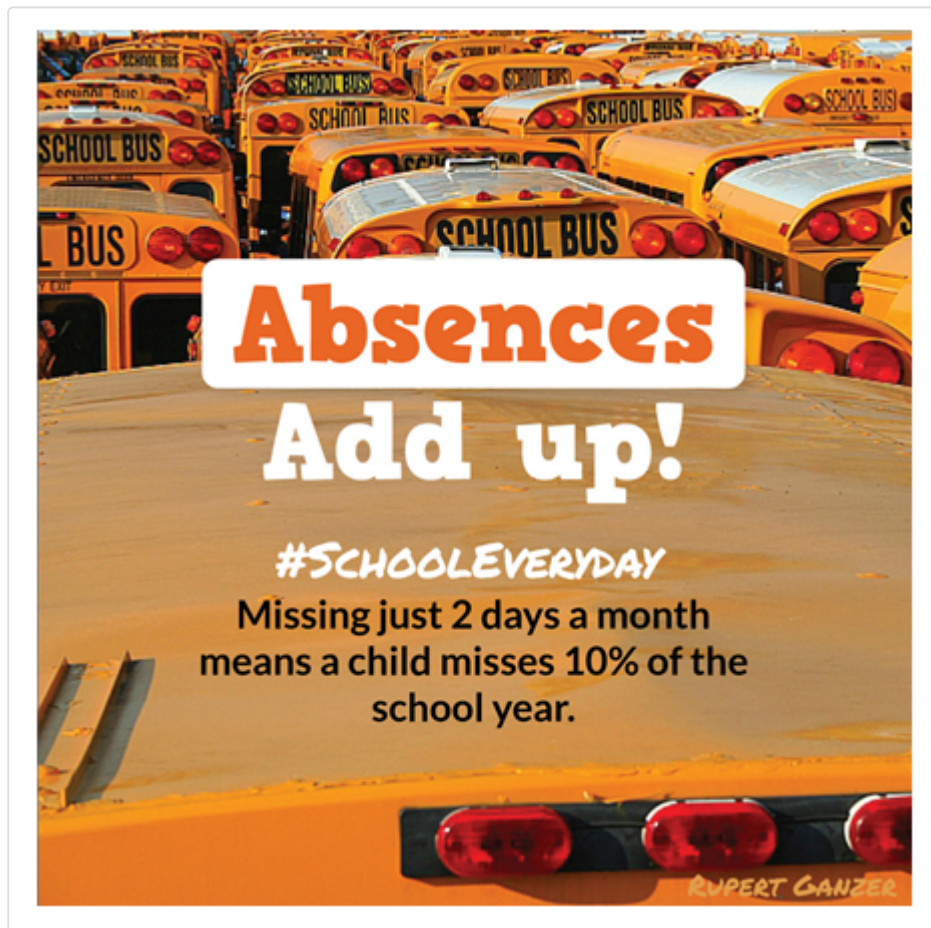
Our staff parking lots are a “no drop off zone” as they are out of bounds for students.

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!

Our Lunchbox by SchoolCash Online ordering calendar is open. 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 info@lunchboxorders.com.

These are your available chooses on the designated days.

Tuesday - (Edo)

Thursday- (Subway)

Friday- (Taco Time)

Make your orders today!

ÉCOLE VICKERS CANTEEN

DRINKS:

- Flavored water.....\$1.50
- Chocolate milk.....\$1.50
- Large apple/orange/fruit juice.....\$2.00
- 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).....\$2.00

- 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.**

