



February 2024

ÉCOLE VICKERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY

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EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

- February 2nd** - Report cards go out
- February 5th -9th**- French-Second-Language Education Week
- February 12 - 16th**- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- February 28th** - Pink Shirt Day
- February 19th** - *Family Day (No Classes)*
- February 20th - 23rd** - *School Break (No classes)*

| 2024 FEBRUARY | | | | | | |
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UP COMING EVENTS IN MARCH

March 7th - Parent Teacher conference (3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

March 15th - (No Classes)

March 29th - GOOD FRIDAY (No Classes)

March 2024

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PRINCIPAL CORNER WITH MRS. GREEN

At our January PLC Day, our teachers had a chance to look at our math data at the mid-year point and then discussed all the “must-do’s” that we are committed to. Some of these are outdoor learning; using Math Up as a resource; using the UFLI science of reading program; and having morning meetings to just name a few.



So, what does Vickers mid-year data look like? It looks really good! We are very pleased to say that at the midway point in the school year, **85% of Vickers students are exceeding or meeting the goal! That's +4% from this time last year. . .**

Way to go!

VICKERS VOICES

At École Vickers Public School, we take immense pride in offering a dynamic and immersive French immersion program that goes beyond language acquisition, fostering a love for learning and celebrating cultural diversity. Here's an overview of myths and advantages of French immersion programming:



Myth #1: Only for the Gifted or Fluent Speakers

One prevalent myth suggests that French immersion is exclusively for gifted students or those with prior French language exposure. In reality, French immersion programs are designed for students with diverse backgrounds and abilities. These programs start from the basics, welcoming learners of all levels into an inclusive environment.

Advantage #1: Inclusive Learning Environment

French immersion fosters an inclusive and supportive learning environment. Students collaborate, learn from one another, and celebrate diversity, creating a sense of community that extends beyond language acquisition.

Myth #2: Academic Struggles in Other Subjects

Some believe that focusing on a second language may negatively impact a student's performance in other subjects. Research consistently shows the opposite. Students in French immersion often

demonstrate enhanced cognitive abilities, improved problem-solving skills, and increased creativity, benefiting their overall academic performance.

Advantage #2: Cognitive Benefits

French immersion is not just about language; it's a holistic approach that stimulates cognitive development. The skills acquired in a bilingual setting extend to various areas, providing students with a solid foundation for success across subjects.

Join us at École Vickers Public School, where every "bonjour" is a step toward unlocking the bilingual brilliance within each child.

Bienvenue à École Vickers! Welcome to the journey of bilingual excellence!

V.P. M. J Vogt



SPORTS UPDATE

We're thrilled to share some exciting updates from our Vickers sports scene!

Firstly, a huge congratulations to Mr. Brown's team for clinching the gold at the Carlton 3 on 3 tournament! All participating teams displayed admirable effort and sportsmanship, making us proud with their competitive spirit.



Our Grade 5 basketball team has hit the court with enthusiasm, showcasing excellent teamwork and skills during their first after-school game. Let's continue to support and cheer them on as they progress through the season!

As playoffs approach for our Grade 6-8 teams, we extend our best wishes to all our teams. May they bring their best to the competitions ahead and make us proud with their achievements. Lastly, as badminton season approaches, stay tuned for sign-up opportunities! It's a fantastic chance for our students to get involved and showcase their talents on the court.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our athletes and sports programs at Ecole Vickers Elementary School!

Mr. Whitrow

FIREBIRD NORTH SISTEMA MUSIC PROJECT

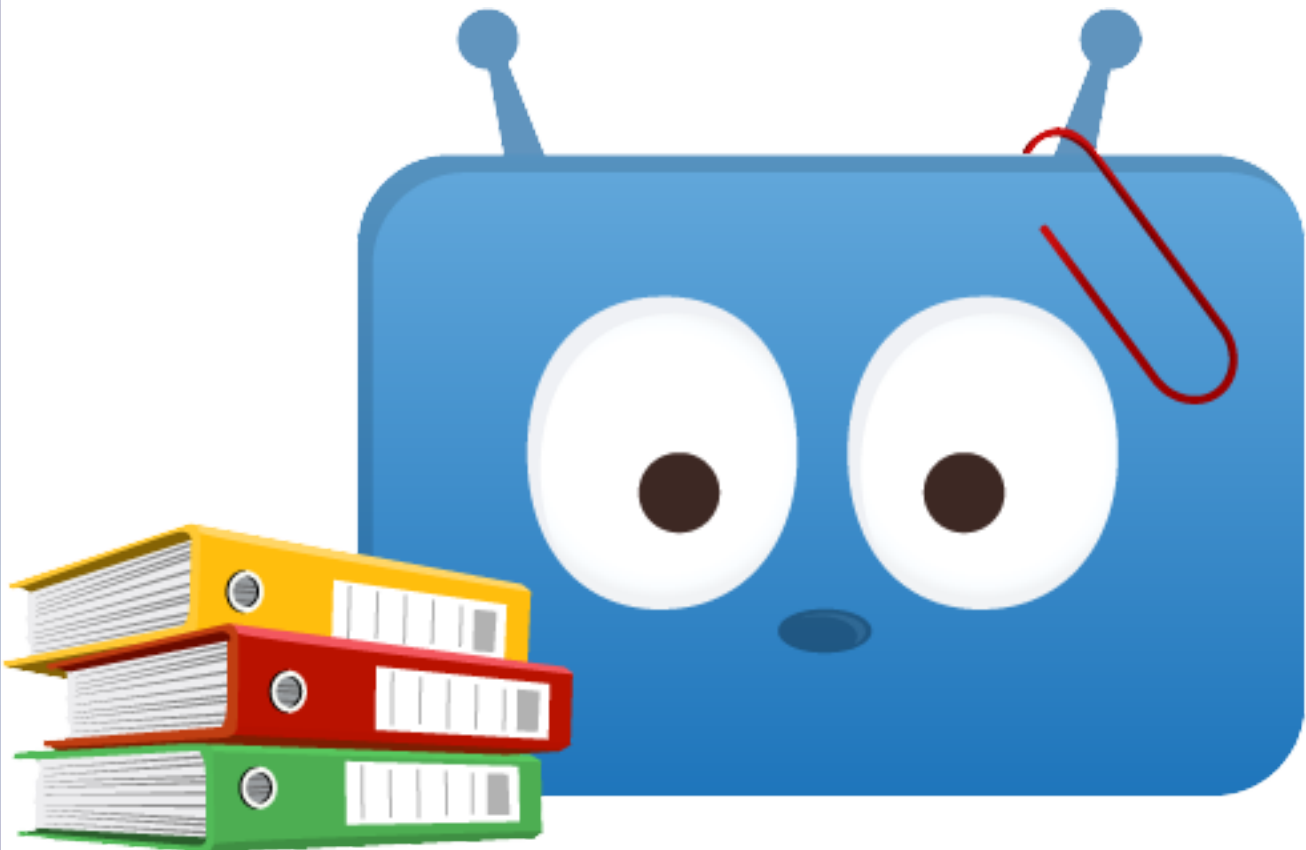
Firebird North Sistema Music Project is creating positive social change in Prince Albert by building a community of youngsters engaged in music and movement. Firebird North provides daily after-school orchestra, dance, yoga, and choral instruction within a community-building framework. All aspects of this program are free to participants.



We are accepting new participants at this time. For more information go to our website: firebirdnorth.com or contact Abe at 306-941-7046 or Kathleen at 306-961-7683.

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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CROSSWALK SAFETY

While schools often incorporate road safety education into their curriculum, the impact may vary. Strengthening road safety education and reinforcing these concepts at home can play a pivotal role in equipping children with the necessary knowledge to navigate crosswalks safely.



Let's work together to instill the habit of using crosswalks in our children. By doing so, we contribute to creating a community where everyone can move about confidently, knowing that safety is a shared priority.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the safety and well-being of our community's youngest members.



**TRY
KINDERGARTEN
DAY**

March 7

"Try Our Kindergarten Day" is an invitation for parents, guardians, and prospective students born in 2019. Come and experience our play-based, language rich learning environment in either French Immersion or English.

**CALL TO BOOK YOUR TIME
306-922-6446**

OPTIONS
9:00 - 10:15 AM
10:30 - 11:45 AM

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Students born in 2019 are eligible for Kindergarten in the 2024-25 school year. École Vickers Public School offers rich play based kindergarten programs in French Immersion and English. Register online at <https://vk.srsd119.ca/> or call 306-922-6446 for more information



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

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FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE EDUCATION WEEK

The Honorable Jeremy Cockrill, Minister of Education, has officially proclaimed February 5th- 9th FSL Education Week in recognition of the importance of French language in enhancing education in Saskatchewan. This year's theme is *From a Safe Distance, Celebrate French... Here, There & Everywhere!* We have planned a few fun activities to recognize one of the different learning opportunities offered at École Vickers School.





PINK SHIRT DAY FEBRUARY 28TH

We invite students and staff to wear pink on February 28th to show their support against bullying. Pink Shirt Day started in 2007, when a grade nine student in Nova Scotia was bullied by classmates for wearing a pink shirt to school. Taking notice, two students rallied their peers to send a message to the bullies. The next day, the halls were filled with students in pink t-shirts.

Pink Shirt Day started because those two boys chose to do something about bullying rather than stand by and watch it happen. Now the movement is worldwide, educating and inspiring others to stand together and take action against violence and bullying.



**BULLYING
STOPS
HERE!**

School
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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.

ALWAYS
BELIEVE IN
YOURSELF

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Newsletter Prize Winner

Happy to announce the winner of the Family Activity Night Basket is Katelin Parenteau! Enjoy tickets to the Raider Game and gift card for your family to enjoy.



MUSIC AT VICKERS

The sound of music is alive and well in the Band room here at Vickers! We have an astounding 4 bands, 1 choir, 1 northern spirit flute ensemble, 4 quartets, 1 trio, 5 duets, and 43 instrumental solos registered for this year's PA Music Festival! WOW! Thank you to the students who have been practicing diligently to prepare for Festival.



Here are some important dates to note in the music department:

February 29 – Choir @ Music Festival (1:15-3:00PM) – Messiah Lutheran Church
March 4-5 – Instrumental @ Music Festival (AM & PM sessions both days - solos, duets, trios, quartets, and Gr. 4 northern spirit flute) – Messiah Lutheran Church
March 14 – Band @ Music Festival (Gr. 5-8 – 12:30-3:00PM) – Vickers (held in the big gym - parents welcome!)
March 15 – Grade 5-8 evening trip to Saskatoon to see U of S Wind Ensemble concert (optional)
March 24 – Choir day trip to Saskatoon to see U of S Greystone Singers & University Chorus concert (optional)
May 8-9 – Grade 5 Band trip to Camp Kinasao
May 15-16 – Choir trip to Moose Jaw for Moose Jaw Band & Choral Festival
June 10-11 – Grade 7 Band trip to Regina
June 11-12 – Grade 6 Band trip to Saskatoon
TBA – Grade 8 Band trip (planning process is in the works)

The Vickers Band Parents Association provides opportunities for parents to work bingos at Carnival Bingo to defray the cost of their child(ren)'s band and/or choir trips. For every worker provided, a \$50 credit is applied to the student's account for their trip. If parents of any Grade 4-8 students in band/choir would like to work any of the following dates for this school year, please let Ms. Lohneis know. Parents of Grade 4 students who are not in choir can also work a bingo to have the credit applied to their student's account for next year when they are in band! All bingos are at Carnival Bingo from 10pm-2am.

February 9th, 2024

March 8th, 2024

April 12th, 2024

May 10th, 2024

June 14th, 2024 (money earned on this date will be applied to next year's trips)

Thank you to everyone for their excellent support of our talented and hardworking young musicians in the Vickers music department!

Mrs. Lohneis



LUNCHBOX

by SchoolCashOnline

NEW TO LUNCHBOX

Wanted to announce the new addition to the Lunchbox menu! starting February 1st **Opa** will be a choice to have at school for Thursday. Log in to your SchoolCash Online account and locate "Lunchbox by SchoolCash Online" to get started.

Lunchbox program has been a very positive and convenient service.



These are your available choices on the designated days!

Tuesday - Edo

Thursday - Opa

Friday - Taco Time

ÉCOLE VICKERS CANTEEN

DRINKS:

- Flavored water.....\$1.50
- 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.**



Lindsay Laughren

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