



VINELAND

October 2011 Newsletter

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011

REMINDERS!



Please note that the playground is unsupervised by VPS staff prior to 8:05 a.m. Supervision is available after school only until 3:15p.m.

Please remember to phone in your **child's absence/late arrival** to the office. For your convenience, we do have voicemail, so you may leave a message at any time.

Signing students in and out of school— Students must sign out at the office when being picked up early from school and sign in when dropped off late. Please remember, that we are only ensuring the safety of all our students.

After school arrangements must be arranged at home and a note from both parents must be given to your child's teacher as the school requires this in writing. Unfortunately for those students that take the bus, First Student cannot allow for special pick ups or drop offs due to their safety policies. Please remember that these are all to ensure the safety of each student.

Please write in your child's agenda if you have any special arrangements, this will help teachers and avoid disruptions to the classroom.

Pizza days are every Tuesday and Friday, **milk** is available every nutrition break. A sheet of 20 pizza tickets can be purchased for \$20 and a sheet of 25 milk tickets can also be purchased for \$20, both in the office.

Emergency contacts and student information— If you have any changes regarding your child's emergency contacts, phone numbers, change in drop off or pick up location for bussing etc. please send these changes in writing to the office as it is crucial that our records are accurate and up to date.

Bell Times:

8:25 Student Entry
8:30 Assembly Start
10:20—10:40 1st Nutrition Break
10:40—11:00 1st Fitness Break
12:40—1:00 2nd Nutrition Break
1:00-1:20 2nd Fitness Break
3:00 Dismissal



Morning Kindergarten Bell Times:

8:25—8:50 Outdoor play
8:50-9:00 Entry
11:00 Dismissal

Afternoon Kindergarten Bell Times:

12:25—12:35 Entry
2:30- 2:50 Outdoor play
2:50—3:00 Dismissal

ARTfest

October 8-10...Please come out and support our 22nd Annual Vineland Thanksgiving ARTfest! Enjoy the wide variety of creative merchandise for all ages.

The proceeds raised from ARTfest go a very long way to ensuring that Vineland students have the best opportunities available to them, ensuring success for all.





MEET THE TEACHER BBQ

Thank you to all parent volunteers for this years BBQ. Please note that those who sent in tomatoes etc. to please pick up your containers in the staffroom.

A NOTE FROM MADAME

Just a friendly reminder to students in Gr. 5 Scott, 6 Farrar & 7/8 Wittig to bring in a French/English dictionary to French class.
Merci beaucoup de Mme Hedemann

LICE



We are very fortunate to have a group of mothers who take time out to check for lice. This is done a couple of times throughout the year for every classroom. If you are interested and would like to volunteer to help please do so by contacting the office.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Just a reminder that we will be having our annual pumpkin carving contest! There are 4 categories; primary, junior, intermediate and parents. Please bring your carved pumpkins in to the school on Thursday October 27th as they will be judged on Friday October the 28th. Pumpkins must be picked up by 3:00 p.m. on Friday or they will make their way to pumpkin heaven!



Hallowe'en Parade



The Primary (Grades 1-3) students are looking forward once again to their annual Hallowe'en Parade on Monday October 31st, 2011 from approximately 1:45 - 2:35 pm. The route will include the Vineland Mennonite Home and surrounding neighbourhood. Please watch for an additional note, with further details from your child's homeroom teacher, that will be sent home with your children closer to Hallowe'en.

MILK BAGS

Please note that we are no longer collecting milk bags. We thank all those who have contributed and help support a great campaign!





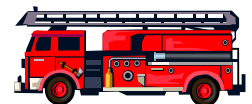
Dear Vineland Families,

On Sunday, September 17, 2011, VPS's **Me to We** group hosted a garage sale to raise money for the "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" campaign. Their sole purpose is to help the grandmothers in Africa who lost their children to AIDS and are now struggling to raise their many orphaned grandchildren. Did you know that an estimated 1.1 million children under the age of 15 have lost a mother/father, or both parents to AIDS. The Grandmothers of Heritage Village in Vineland are trying to improve the lives of both children and grandmothers in Africa. To help these families in 2007-2008, SLF provided grandmothers, orphaned children and mothers suffering from AIDS with 486 goats and pigs for generating income. Thanks to the VPS community this September, **Me to We** raised \$1000.00. We ask that our families continue to contribute to this worthy cause through Project Share; World Vision; or Operation Christmas Child.

Thank you so much for your part in making Vineland School special. Till next month. . .

Hannah Moran

Lincoln Fire Rescue & Emergency Services Great Canadian Fire Drill!



On Thursday, October 13, 2011 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. the Office of the Fire Marshall of Ontario and Lincoln Fire Rescue challenges every principal, custodian, volunteer, teacher and student to participate in the world's largest school fire drill. This province wide fire drill is being organized to increase public safety awareness and to encourage children to practice home escape plans.

Lincoln Fire Rescue & Emergency Services is asking our school to be involved in this very important safety mission. Firefighters will arrive at Vineland Public School with a fire truck sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to conduct the fire drill.



HALLOWE'EN COSTUMES AT SCHOOL:



We appreciate the creativity and detail that goes in to many Hallowe'en costumes.

For the school hallowe'en events, please note that no "toy" or "replica" weapons of any kind are permitted. This includes knives, swords, guns or any other item which suggests violence or violent behaviour.

Items brought to school will be confiscated and held at the office until a parent comes to pick them up. **QUESTIONS:** Call Mr. Gretsing any time (905) 562-5211.

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DEVELOPING IN YOUR CHILD THE SKILLS & HABITS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS

Helping children develop positive work habits is an important part of their learning. The six learning skills listed on the new progress reports and report cards are a key part of your child's success in school and in their work pursuits after school.

In the classroom, teachers work with your child by explicitly teaching these learning skills. Throughout the school year, they provide opportunities to deepen your child's understanding of each skill, guide your child in setting goals for personal growth, and provide feedback about successes and next steps your child might take.

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD DEVELOP THESE CRUCIAL LEARNING SKILLS AND WORK HABITS?

RESPONSIBILITY

Students are responsible for fulfilling commitments, completing assignments on time and managing their own behaviour.

Help your child learn to plan ahead by asking questions such as, "What do you need to pack for school tomorrow?"

ORGANIZATION

Students develop and follow a plan and process for completing work and achieving goals. Students complete tasks by identifying, gathering, evaluating and using information, technology, and resources.

Track your child's assignments and activities on a wall calendar. Children benefit from visual reminders.

INDEPENDENT WORK

Students develop independence by following instructions, monitoring progress, assessing and revising plans. Class time is used effectively to complete tasks and meet goals with minimal supervision.

Involve your child in making age-appropriate decisions, such as healthy food choices for their lunches and picking out their own clothes.

COLLABORATION

Students share information and fulfill various roles within a group to achieve goals. The group works together to solve problems while respecting the ideas and opinions of the other group members.

Play interactive games to practise sharing and taking turns.

INITIATIVE

Students seek new ideas and opportunities for learning. The student willingly takes risks and demonstrates a positive attitude while respecting the rights of self and others.

Promote your child's interests and support them by providing them with related experiences such as a nature walk or a trip to the library.

SELF-REGULATION

Students set and monitor individual goals based on strengths, needs and interests. Appropriate learning opportunities are identified and the student perseveres to achieve these goals.

Encourage your child to set goals of personal interest. Help them to make a plan to achieve their goal such as earning/saving enough money to purchase a desired item.



HELP REDUCE LOST & FOUND!

**Make sure your child's belongings are labeled clearly!
Check our Lost & Found on a regular basis! Our lost and
found is located down the stairs across from the girls and
boys changeroom.**



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MILK PROGRAM

The Milk Program is in full swing. Tickets are available from Mrs. Reid in the office. (25 tickets for \$20.00)

PIZZA DAYS

Pizza days happen every Tuesday and Friday. Pizza tickets are available from the office.(20 tickets for \$20.00)

NEW ON OUR WEBSITE....

On our homepage under "What's New" you may order your child's hot lunch from **THE LUNCH LADY!**

