

Victoria Public School

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Principal's Message

Welcome to November! We have been very fortunate to have such wonderful weather this Fall season. But with the cooler days approaching it is important that students are dressed appropriately for the weather. A warmer coat, hat, mitts are necessary for outside play. Students are encouraged to have indoor and outdoor shoes at school.

A new staff member started at Victoria Public School in October. Welcome Mrs. Stone who is teaching Physical Education to the Intermediate students.

Victoria School celebrated Halloween day on Friday October 30th. It was great to see so many students dress up in costumes and all staff participating also. We started the day with Halloween music and then a few jokes to get everyone in the spirit of Halloween. Our Early Years staff engaged the younger students with a performance of the "Paper Bag Princess". All students were involved in Halloween activities in their classrooms. It was a fun day for all.

Progress Reports will be going home on November 13th. Please take the time to review the progress report with your child. It is an opportunity to celebrate success and also discuss areas of improvement. There will not be Parent-Teacher interviews this month due to Covid 19. If you wish to discuss the progress of your child(ren) with teachers, please arrange for a telephone conference with your teacher and a mutual time will be arranged.

Thanks to the many parents who are following the home screening protocol for Covid 19 symptoms. These guidelines are put forward by the Public Health Department. It is very important that we continue to keep children at home if they have any of the symptoms presented on the screening form. Staff at Victoria School appreciate your support as we work together to keep everyone safe.

[Updated Covid-19 Decision Tool for Parents](#) (pdf file)

Autumn is a beautiful time of year and therefore take the time to enjoy the outdoors!

Mrs. J. Schreff
Principal



Jenny Schreff, Principal

Renee Kellerman, Administrative Assistant

Marion Moynihan, Superintendent

S. Polhill, Trustee

L.A. Pizzolato, Trustee



CHECKOUT OUR WEBSITE

We have had great success in building our email database for quick distribution of information through our "NEWSFLASH."

If you routinely check for online newsletters, calendar events, etc. it will help in staying informed. We edit our website often.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 11—Remembrance Day

Nov 13—Report Cards Home

Please keep us informed of changes to a student's address and contact phone numbers.



Dress for all Weather Conditions

After working hard in class, students need a break. Keep recess and outdoor learning fun and safe by dressing for the weather.

Wear:

- ◇ weatherproof coat/consider snow pants
- ◇ Proper Boots/Shoes/extra socks
- ◇ Mittens or gloves
- ◇ A hat and neck warmer



Check the weather forecast the night before and plan ahead.

ANONYMOUS REPORTING

Victoria Public School is committed to providing a safe school environment for all members of our school community. As part of our Safe Schools strategy we have established an online reporting mechanism that allows students or parents to report concerns regarding a child, friend, classmate or student. These concerns may be regarding bullying, health issues, guidance or other concerns. Reports and concerns will be reviewed regularly by the administration and are received anonymously unless the reporter requests a reply.

Reports can be through our website or <https://forms.tvdsb.ca/Anonymous-Reporting>

SAFE ARRIVALS

Parents are asked to call **SchoolMessenger** for all student absences or late arrivals by phone, using the SchoolMessenger App or through the internet.

Phone # - 1-844-305-3756.

Web www.tvdsb.ca/schoolmessenger

This line is available 24 hours a day.

As part of the Thames Valley District School Board's "Safe Arrivals" procedure, contact must be made for all absences. It is imperative that the phone numbers on file for each student are up-to-date. If no message is received by the school by 9:00 a.m., phone calls will be made to your home/mobile or to your emergency numbers to verify a student's absence

School Council/Home & School

School Council election results from October 5, 2020:

Amy Trembley-Prevost, School Council Chair
Stephanie Legdon, Secretary
Susan Pierson, Community Representative
Monica Sass, Teacher Representative
Members: Carrie Wakem, Rebeca Morrison
School council will be meeting a limited number of times in 2020-21 school year. Meeting dates: January 11, March 1, and June 7

Home and School Association election results from October 5:

President: Carrie Wakem
Vice-President: Rebeca Morrison
2nd Vice-President: Amy Trembley-Prevost
Secretary: Stephanie Legdon
Treasurer: Shanda Mitchell-Barlow
Members: Susan Pierson, Jenny Schreff

Meeting dates for 2020-21 for HSA:

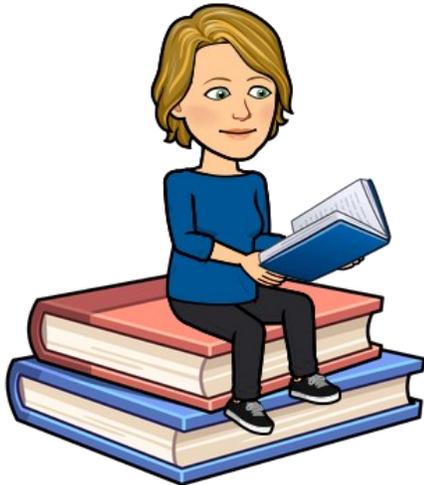
Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 12, May 3 and June 7.

All meetings will be held on a virtual platform. Please contact the school office to get the link. All are welcome to attend meetings. No need to be a member. If you would like to become a member, please contact HSA at victoriaparents@mail.com

All events, programs and fundraising is currently on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Victoria HSA and School Council are looking for new recruits. This year our primary goal is to support our teachers and staff with funding of equipment and supplies that support the school community. Please consider joining us by reaching out to victoriaparents@mail.com.





FROM THE LIBRARY...

The Victoria P. S. Library is open for business... but, like everything else it is not exactly "business as usual".

Here are some of the changes that we have made to help keep everyone safe and healthy as we enjoy our amazing collection of reading material:

- Hands are sanitized upon entry to the Library.
- Everyone wears a mask.
- Everyone keeps a safe distance from others and only comes to the Library within their designated cohort.
- Primary students must choose their books from a selection that is displayed for them on the tables.
- Tables and chairs are cleaned after every use.
- Junior and Intermediate students have been taught how to use the "Reserve" feature of the Insignia Library program. Students can use this feature from home, too!
- When books are returned they are quarantined for at least **36 hours** before being checked back in and made available for circulation.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week November 15–21, 2020

HEALTHY TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS!

Tip #3 - Take a Breath of Fresh Air!

Help children learn how to keep calm and reset when dealing with stressful situations:

- Get outdoors and enjoy nature
- Promote movement-run, dance, play
- Try reading, colouring or listening to music
- Cook and eat as a family
- Practice slow deep breathing together
- Get to bed early and at the same time each night!

Relaxation is important for the mind and body!

