

Merry Christmas



We Wish You a Merry Christmas! . . . December is always an exciting month filled with activities and good cheer! Please join us on Tuesday, December 19th at 1:45 pm or 6:30 pm for our

Christmas Concert. At VK, we encourage our students to realize that presents don't always come wrapped up in boxes and bows - they can come in the form of goodwill and random acts of kindness. Being kind, doing a good deed, helping out without being asked, and treating others with kindness are presents you can give others every day. On behalf of the staff at VK Greer PS, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas, a safe and happy holiday, and all the very best in the New Year!

Erika Skala Black
Principal

Dates to Remember:

December 1st	Santa's Bazaar 4:30-7:30 pm
December 8 th	'Festive' Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
December 19 th	Christmas Concert 1:45 & 6:30 pm
December 20/21/22	Carolling
December 22 nd	North Pole Spirit Day
Dec 23-Jan 7 th	Christmas Holidays!
January 8 th	Back to School!



BOOK FAIR! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to VKG! On November 30th and December 1st you can buy great new books and activities for kids. Books make great **STOCKING STUFFERS!** Profits from this

fair will help us purchase new books to fill our library! The book fair will be open till 5:30 pm on Thursday, November 30th and till 7:30 pm on Friday, December 1st, during Santa's Bazaar.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

Fri Dec 8 - 'Festive' Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Fri Dec 22 - 'North Pole' Day

Dress up to show your unique personality and creativity!



Join us for Carolling in the Gym!

Wednesday, December 20th at 2:30 pm

Thursday, December 21th at 2:30 pm

Friday, December 22th at 9 am

Santa's Bazaar

Fri. Dec. 1st, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

This popular VKG School Council annual event features a low-cost shopping opportunity for children. Children can shop on their own or with the help of elves! There is also free gift-wrapping, a Chili Dinner Café for the whole family, a Silent Auction, Raffle, and a Book Fair!

Proceeds will go towards these School Council Wish List items: graduation, class trips, playground equipment, music program.



Holiday Math!

Holidays are a great time to learn how math relates to the real world.

Math is everywhere! Help your child understand how we use math in our everyday lives by taking advantage of the many great opportunities to practice math naturally!

Below are a few ideas to get you started:

- ✓ Baking Christmas treats and cooking your favourite meals may involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding, multiplying
- ✓ Restaurants and shopping can involve money, number identification, estimating, adding, subtracting, division
- ✓ Parties can involve matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, and estimation of food.
- ✓ Trips can involve time, distance, budgeting, speed, evaluating various routes, license plate games (e.g. adding or multiplying the numbers on the plate)

These ideas all demonstrate how much math is involved in our daily lives and will support your child in his or her basic computation and problem-solving skills in natural, fun, and real ways!





Viper Vision!

Check this out to get a look at what is happening at VKG!

<https://youtu.be/w2xsot7BKHQ>

You will love it!

Dress for the Weather!

The winter months are upon us so I would like to take a moment to remind everyone to come to school prepared for the weather. We regularly go outside for recess and some physical education classes in the winter months. The only time we would stay inside is when the temperature (with or without the windchill) reaches -21°C or below. **Students are required to wear shoes indoors. Please ensure that they have a pair of shoes at school.**



TLAC 2018

TLAC is an arts camp for grade 7-12 students that will take place May 20-25, 2018 at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. TLAC offers specialized instruction for music, drama, musical theatre, dance, and visual art within an exciting camp experience. Early Bird registrations are due December 22, 2017 for a \$50 savings. The deadline for all registrations is January 19, 2018. Registrations are available online at <http://tldsb.ca/tlac> or in the school office.

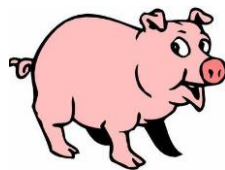


Winter Activity Program

Once again our VKG staff has kindly organized a winter activity program for our students in grades 1-8. The activities are planned to encourage active participation in sports or

hobbies which students might pursue in the years to come. They also encourage social connections and collaboration across the grades, not to mention, adding some fun into our long winter months! Our grade ones will be participating in a combination active outdoor activity and our students in grades 2-8 have a selection of indoor and outdoor activities to choose from. More information will follow.

Parent volunteers are always appreciated - please let us know if you are able to help out with our winter activity program.



Piggy Piggy!

A huge thank you to Ally Bryant for loaning us two of her pigs, 'Applesauce' and 'Porkchop'! Our students and staff thoroughly

enjoyed visiting them daily and seeing how they weeded our garden! Life on the farm at VK is pretty special!

Battle of the Books!

Junior and intermediate students are encouraged to form teams of 3-4 members and submit their team name to Mrs. Thompson. The big 'Book Reveal' will take place on Friday, December 8th and all participants will have an opportunity to read 10 books before the battles begin in March! Read On!!

Viper Basketball

The VK Vipers basketball teams had an awesome season on and off the court! The girls' team spirit was contagious and their perseverance and skill improvements were well-recognized. Our boys continued to work hard as a team and also demonstrated grit and exceptional team play. Kudos to all the players!

Lady Vipers: Jenna Gill, Ayla Lafrenere, Jayden Heath, Natalie Atherton, Abby Takacs-Tinsley, Madison Flaxman, Madison Dafoe, Madison Marshall, Sydney Brinklow, Tori Howe, Tori Jones

Viper Boys: Daniel Clarke, Gray Patey, Bryer Sutton, Kaleb Thrush, Sam Richter, Josh Sheridan, Nathan Stanley, Baron Seifried, Owen Perry, Cole Anderson Heath Buitenhuis, Owen Evans, Michael Perlock, Caleb Duguid, Tanner Paddle.

A huge thank you to our basketball coaches, Ms. Asmussen and Mr. Kirkpatrick, for all of their extra time and efforts. You are both awesome!

We are in search of...

knitting needles, wool, and volunteers to help with a knitting club!



We are also in desperate need of a bass guitar and a drum set! Please spread the word - thank you!

