

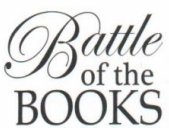
Be a Math Role Model!

Children learn by imitating the people around them. Imitating a parent's positive attitude about education helps children develop healthy academic skills. Here are some suggestions on how you can foster a positive math mindset in your child's thinking and support their learning at home.

- Talk out loud as you do everyday tasks. Talking out loud allows children to hear how you think and helps them develop important skills for "thinking things out" and solving problems.
- Do informal math together. On snowy or rainy days, family evenings or vacation time, play math games such as Dino Math Tracks, Dominoes or Connect Four. Show your child that math is fun!
- Screen time can be for learning, too! There are great online educational web-based games, such as Mathies, Mathfrog, and Calculation Nation that encourage mathematical skills.
- Watch educational television programs like *The Prime Radicals* on TVO or *Cyberchase* on PBS. These programs also have websites with activities to do together, including game apps, math crafts, and songs.
- Grocery stores are a great source for math lessons. For example, you can talk aloud about how to weigh fruit on a scale or how to estimate the total cost of groceries as you fill your cart.

Supporting your child's understanding of math in everyday life is very important! We are all your child's teachers!

Erika Black
Principal



BOB Battles Have Begun!

Encourage your young reader to read their Battle Books!

Please Refrain From Early Pick-Ups

Unless it is for an appointment, please refrain from picking up your child before the 3:10 pm bell. Students leaving early miss the end of the day announcements, agenda time, and plans for the following day. Help to set your child up for success by having them attend the full day at school!

Heads Up!

The **Grade 3 and 6 EQAO** assessment dates are May 22nd to May 31st. Please refrain from making any appointments for your child during this time.

Graduation is fast approaching for our grade 8's. Please mark **Tuesday, June 26th** on your calendar for our grade 8 graduation ceremony.



The Emperor's New Clothes!

Rehearsals are underway as over 50 students from Grades 2 thru 8 prepare this year's musical, *The Emperor's New Clothes*. This humorous fairy tale production is based on the story written by Hans Christian Andersen. You and your family will enjoy watching the antics of the conniving shysters Guido and Luigi as they convince an entire royal court that their exquisite cloth is fit for a king. Show dates are Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 pm, Wednesday, May 16, 7:00 pm, and Thursday, May 17 in the afternoon (time to be announced).

Talent Show

VKG students will have an opportunity to shine this spring in our 'VKG Has Talent', talent show! In lieu of our Spring Gala, parents are invited to join us on Thursday, June 7th at 6:30 pm to watch the show, see our art work, and enjoy some Viper Spirit! Encourage your child to practise their chosen activity! Tryouts will take place in April.

Spirit Days!

- Pajama Day on Thursday, March 8th!
- Clash Day on Friday, March 23rd. Dress up in a clashing outfit!

Three Cheers to a Busy VKG!

The staff at VKG is to be commended for all their extra efforts in creating experiences outside of the classroom, during recess, and before/after school which enhance your child's education!



Since Christmas, a number of activities have been hosted by our amazing staff. Three cheers to Ms. Asmussen, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Kirkpatrick and Ms. Valliere and for coaching our volleyball teams; Mrs. Thompson for hosting the Battle of the Books; Mrs. Patillo for hosting a Reading Club; Mrs. Pitts for her ongoing instrumental conducting; Mr. Kirkpatrick for conducting Operation Shred our very own rock band; Mrs. Peat, Mrs. Kujala and Ms. Humphrey for directing "Emperor's New Clothes" practices; Ms. Wilkinson for starting up a primary choir; Mrs. Kujala and Mrs. Pitts for over-seeing and supporting Student Parliament initiatives; Ms. Valliere for heading up our grades 1-8 Winter Elective Committee and all the staff and parent volunteers for their expertise in our elective program. All of our staff contribute to our students' lives outside of the classroom and we thank them for that!



Thank you as well to Mrs. Cyr and Mr. Boyes for keeping our sidewalks clear and our 'home away from home' clean and tidy and to Mrs. Poulos for her expertise in the office!

Dates to Remember:

March 8 th	PJ Spirit Day
March 9 th	Board Holiday
March 12-16 th	March Break
March 22 nd , 29 th	Swim to Survive grade 3
March 23 rd	'Clash' Spirit Day
March 30-April 2 nd	Easter Weekend
April 4 th	Grad Photo Day
April 10 th	School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
April 20 th	PA Day

Keep up to date on Twitter and follow VKGreer! Our school website <http://vkg.tdsb.on.ca/> also has a new Google calendar listing upcoming events!



School Council Updates

Next Meeting: Tues. April 10th at 6:30 pm in the library. All parents/guardians are welcome!
Questions? Email ykchairone@gmail.com



Welcome to Kindergarten Evening at VK Greer

Our 'Welcome to Kindergarten' evening will take place on Thursday, May 31st from 6-7:00 pm. Our new students will have the opportunity to see their future classrooms and participate in some fun hands-on activities. Parents will receive information regarding VKG routines, as well as additional tips for preparing their child for September. If you have yet to register your child for kindergarten, please call VK Greer PS now.



Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten?

If you have a child entering kindergarten for the first time this fall, you will want to attend a *Ready for Kindergarten* event near you this spring. You are welcome to attend any of the three open houses, regardless of where you live or which school you have registered at for the fall.

- Apr 3 Muskoka Beechgrove PS in Gravenhurst
- Apr 18 St. Mary's School in Huntsville
- May 3 Monsignor Michael O'Leary in Bracebridge

At *Ready for Kindergarten* your child will have the opportunity to have their hearing and vision tested, as well as undergo screening for developmental milestones. You can learn about how to pack healthy lunches, sample healthy snacks, speak to a dental hygienist, learn about immunizations, talk to someone about library and recreation programs, and even go with your child on their first school bus ride. The event runs from 4 pm until 7 pm. For more information, contact Brenda Boothby 705-645-2412 Ext. 467 or email brenda.boothby@muskoka.on.ca