

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 18th 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.

I would like to express my gratitude for all of your support over the last four and a half years! I feel honoured to have worked with the exceptional VK staff who continue to put our students first. I am very proud of all our students as they continue to develop into life-long learners and contributing members of our society. Lastly, I would like to thank our very supportive School Council and all of our community partners. VKG is truly a 'home away from home'. After 30 years in education, it is time for me to spend more time with family. I am retiring at the end of this month and I wish you all the best in the years ahead.

I am very pleased to announce that Ms. Trudi MacKinnon will be the new Principal at VK starting in January. Ms. MacKinnon comes to us from Huntsville Public School. She has a wealth of experience in special education and we welcome her to the Viper Team!

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

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

Friday Dec 7 - 'Festive' Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
Dec. 17th - Red, White Green Day, **Dec. 18th** - Festive Christmas Hat Day, **Dec. 19th** - North Pole Day,
Dec. 20th - PJ Day! **Dress up to show your unique personality and creativity!**

Dates to Remember:

December 3rd Grade 7/8s to the Food Bank
 December 7th 'Festive' Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
 December 18th Christmas Concert 1:45 & 6:30 pm
 December 17/19/20 Carolling
 December 17-20th Spirit Days!
 Dec 21-Jan 6th Christmas Holidays!
 January 7th Back to School!



Join us for Carolling in the Gym!

Monday, December 17th at 9:00 am
 Wednesday, December 19th at 2:30 pm
 Thursday, December 20th at 9:00 am



BOOK FAIR! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to VKG on December 13th! 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 Dec. 13th & 14th 8:00 pm on Dec. 18th, the night of the Christmas Concert and 5 pm on Wed. Dec. 19th. Thank you Mrs. Thompson!



Hats off and Welcome to...

Ms. MacDonald, our new Secretary at VK. Ms. MacDonald has fit in wonderfully and is working hard to learn all of the student's names as well as our routines and computer systems. If you are in the school, please drop by the office to introduce yourself!

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 7th and all participants will have an opportunity to read 10 books before the battles begin in March! Read On!!

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!



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.**



We are in search of...

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

We knit to keep ourselves from unravelling!



Arrowhead Nordic Ski Club has great programs for kids! Arrowheadnordic.ca

TLAC 2019

TLAC 2019 Student Registration Forms are now available online!

What is TLAC? TLAC is an arts camp for Grade 7 through 12 students that will take place on May 19 to 24, 2019 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 20, 2018 for a \$50 savings. The deadline for all registrations is January 18, 2019. Registrations are available online or in your school office. Visit <http://tldsb.ca/tlac> for a link to the online registration. For more information, contact Wendy Browne at 1(888)526-5552 x22104 or email at TLAC@tldsb.on.ca. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to register early!



Winter Fun at VKG

It looks like it is going to be a snowy winter! We are fortunate to have the playgrounds and trails to encourage physical activity throughout the winter and to promote a healthy lifestyle in Muskoka! Through the TLDSB Program Enhancement program, we have been able to purchase 20 new junior sized snowshoes! Mr. Marshall will soon be grooming the trails and we are looking forward to getting our students out cross-country skiing! If you have any equipment that you would like to donate, please give Mr. Marshall a call at extension 75116.

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! Boys: Daniel Clarke, Sam Richter, Tanner Heath, Xander Kahler, Will Vanderhorn, Dom Veitch, Carter Legault, William Kitchen, Josh Sheridan, Curtis Annis, Cole Anderson & Owen Evans. Girls: Hannah Russell, Keara Peace-Hall, Natalie Atherton, Hope O'Rourke, Ariana Smith, Jadyne Heath, Madison Flaxman, Kianna Bailey, Olivia Joiner, Ella Brown, Kara Smith & Jessie Davis. A huge thank you to our basketball coaches, Ms. Asmussen and Monsieur Barrett, for all of their extra time and efforts. You are both awesome!