

VERMILION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



Being the Best We Can Be



Virtue of The Month Perseverance

School Council

Tuesday November 23, 2021 7:00-8:00 pm (Virtual)

- Digital Citizenship
- Tour VES new website



School Photo Retake Day

Thursday, November 18th (morning only)

Dress Up & Toonie Day November 3rd

Wear a Jersey or Ball Cap







Bring \$2 to support the Ice Plant

Stay Connected with VES on our website, Facebook, or email the principal by clicking on the following buttons







November already... how quickly the school year is going! There are some changes at Vermilion Elementary School. We are excited to announce that Mrs. Adrienne Joa will be the Acting Assistant Principal at Vermilion Elementary School for the remainder of the school year! Mrs. Joa currently teaches grade 6 at VES. Congratulations, Mrs. Joa! We are so fortunate to have you take on this new role at VES! Mrs. Joa will be working with our new teacher to ensure a smooth transition for our students. Stay tuned for more information.

Parent Teacher Interviews are being held on November 3rd and 4th from 4:30-7:30 pm. Interviews this year will be held by phone or google meet. You can expect teachers to call you from numbers other than the school number due to a high volume of phone use. Thank you all for making time to meet with your child's teacher. We know it takes a village to educate children, and when parents are actively involved in the school process, we can see the biggest impact. If you are unable to make these days work, please reach out to your child's teacher to find a suitable time to talk.

The week of November 8th-12th is a week of no school for our students. On November 8th and 9th, teachers will be attending professional learning sessions. November 10th and 12th are days in lieu for staff meetings and parent teacher interviews. November 11th is Remembrance Day. We hope you enjoy your week together and have some quality family time!

A big thank you to parents for keeping us informed of absences and illnesses. Please continue to use the AHS Covid Daily Checklist each day to determine if your child should attend school. This screen is updated as the list of symptoms changes from AHS. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe. Together we are stronger!

We had our School Council AGM on October 26th. Parents had the opportunity to meet and welcome our board members, Jim King and Darla Yonkman. A big thank you to those who volunteered to take on the executive positions:

Chair - Danielle Eriksen

Co-chair - Rochelle Horne

Secretary - Jerri-Lyn Visser

Treasurer - Darcie Maier

At our November meeting, Mr. Beecroft will show us the new VES website and we will have a presentation on Digital Citizenship. Please come and join us!

Mrs. Sheila Doherty,

Acting Principal/Inclusive Learning Coordinator

Vermilion Elementary School Mission Statement:

Within a safe and nurturing community, we at Vermilion Elementary School, will foster personal and academic excellence, while treating each other with dignity and respect. As a team, we will be the best we can be.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers/Visitors Entering the School

All visitors to the school must wear a mask, use proper hand hygiene upon entering, and complete the BTPS daily screening app. Visitors, students or staff who feel ill or have symptoms of COVID-19 cannot enter the school.

As you enter the building through the main entrance ONLY, you will follow the visitor protocol outlined here.

- Complete the BTPS COVID-19 app on the ipad provided or use your own device to complete the app. To open the app, scan the QR code with your device camera.
- Sanitize your hands with the provided sanitizer.
- Sanitize the IPAD after use with the provided wipes.
- Wear a mask at all times in the school.
- Please maintain physical distance of 2m from others where possible.
- Please follow the directional arrows for travel within the school.

All visitors, including those coming for Vermilion Play Development and Before/After School Care, MUST use the front entrance to enter the building and must follow the visitor instructions in the front entrance. Visitors will exit the building using the closest exit.



Parents and visitors are able to park on 49 Avenue, as well as south of the crosswalk on 44 Street. Please ensure that you are not parking in front of the school in the bus loading/unloading zone from 8:00-9:30 am and from 2:30-4:00 pm. We ask that parents & visitors also refrain from parking in the staff parking lot as this is reserved for staff members and for safety reasons students may not be dropped off or picked up in the parking lot.



Parents and caregivers must access their children daily for symptoms of cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. Anyone showing symptoms listed on the Alberta Health Daily Checklist must remain home.

If your child is going to be absent/late, even if buses are not running please let your child's teacher know or call the office to notify us. If you have not contacted the school office or teacher to inform us if your child will be absent/late, we will call you to ensure your child is safe.



KINDERGARTEN FUNDRAISER

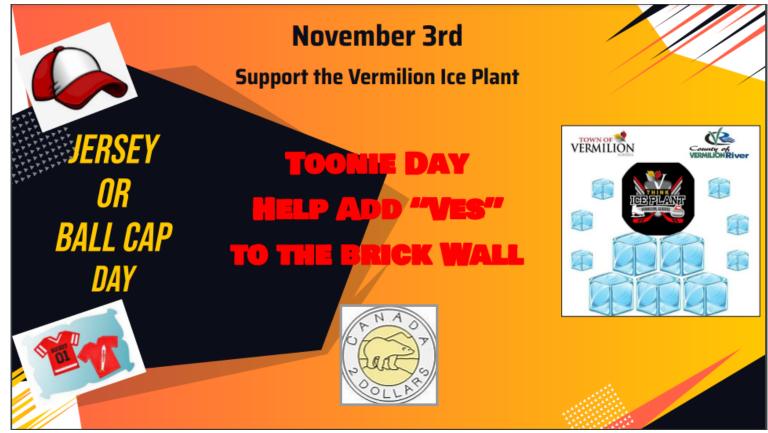


Back by popular demand! The Kindergarten classes will once again be selling Mom's Pantry Products to raise money for classroom learning resources and materials. The fundraiser will run from Nov. 3-17th. To see a catalogue of food items available for purchase and to place an order online, visit https://momspantry.ca/ and click "shop now"! At checkout, BE SURE to choose Fundraiser Group Pick Up", Order # 341089, Group Passcode # 15924 or enter the group name as "Vermilion Elementary School". Paper forms are also available at the office. The product list has something for everyone from ready to bake items, gourmet soups, smoothies, pastries and more! Thank you for your support!



DRESS UP & TOONIE DAY







COMING SOON

We will be having our Scholastic book fair from November 15-29. We will be hosting this as a virtual event. The fundraiser proceeds will go towards new books for our Learning Commons. Scholastic will have complete details for us soon and we will send more information home to families.





DATES & THEMES

To help you remember, dress up days are on Assembly days. There are a few other seasonal days included below. Have fun and get involved!

November 3	Jerseys	Sports Wear
December 7	Plaid Day	Christmas Sweater
January 5	Dress to Impress	Career Wear
February 8	All in one colour	Rainbow of colours
March 2	Superhero	Super hero
April 5	Mustache or beard	Crazy socks
May 4	Star Wars	Aliens
June 7	Beach wear	Inside out or backwards



VES SPIRITWEAR

Every Friday is Wear VES Spirit Wear or School Colours

Looking for VES Spiritwear clothing to wear to show your school pride? Visit the official Vermilion Elementary School shop online at ves.entripyshops.com to place an order. Choose from a variety of products and brands that you can customize with our VES logo! Everything from t-shirts, hoodies, polos, jackets, shorts, pants, hats, toques, and bags. Orders will be shipped directly to you and 10% of sales is donated back to the school!



\$25.00



\$13.00

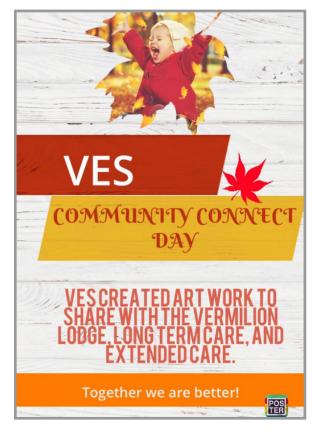








COMMUNITY CONNECT







VIBE NEWS

The month of October has been a great one! VIBE has been busy within VES visiting students from Kindergarten to grade 5 every week. Our Kindergarten students, as well as our grade 2's have been introduced to the Superflex programs and are learning about new members of the 'thinkables' or 'unthinkables' team each week. Both grade 1 classes and the grade 4 class have been participating in the Building Mental Wellness program where we have been learning about the brain and our emotions. The grade 2/3 class has been testing out a brand new program to VIBE called Strong Kids, Strong Minds. Our grade 3 class is working through the Friendship program and strengthening their relationship skills. The grade 4/5 class has also been learning about the brain through the MindUp program. Last but certainly not least our grade 5's have been taking part in a program called 'Hey Warrior'. This program teaches in depth about our amygdala, which is our very own personal warrior that is always working to keep us safe. There has been a lot of learning packed into the first two months of our school year, and as always I encourage you to speak with your child about what they have been learning with VIBE.

Talk to your kids about alcohol

While the legal age to consume alcohol is 18, the average age adolescents in Alberta have their first drink of alcohol that is more than a sip, is 13. This is important because the earlier in life a person starts to drink, the greater the risk of drinking problems in the future.

You can have a positive impact by having open conversations with your child, setting healthy boundaries and clear expectations.

Refusal Skills

Practice strategies with your child so they feel comfortable saying no when they are offered alcohol or other substances:

"No thanks, I don't want to". Teach them to repeat as many times as needed when being pressured; simply repeat in a friendly, neutral manner.

"Sorry, I have to leave". This may be the best way to get out of a tricky situation. Let your children know they can always say no to something that makes them uncomfortable. This will relieve them of a lot of the pressure.

MORE RESOURCES

Alcohol and Health Talk to Your Children About Alcohol (albertahealthservices.ca)

Parent Information Series | Alberta Health Services

Teen Health (alberta.ca)

You are the role model

Children tend to mimic the behavior of those they love and admire, especially that of their parents.

Peer pressure is a factor in adolescent drinking but often youth drink for the same reason as adults including sociability, relaxation, and fun.

People may also drink alcohol to avoid problems, relieve anxiety or stress, or to get drunk. Talk with your children about other strategies to manage difficult times or strong emotions.

How to have a conversation about alcohol

Be brief and neutral when explaining the facts about alcohol to your child; discuss the pros and cons. Explain the difference between drinking in moderation and alcohol misuse.

Encourage questions and expect that you'll be asked about your own drinking and experiences. Listen with full attention so your kids will talk.

Try to understand your child's point of view and avoid lecturing to keep the conversation going.

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:

1-877-303-2642











- Volunteer Opportunities: We are looking for interested individuals who can help with the program this year. Specifically, we are looking for our Treasurer position.
- Vermilion Elementary School Lunch Society will be using an online platform to help
 manage orders, menus, and payments. This platform is reset each year so if you wish to
 order hot lunch you will need to set up your account. Follow the instructions below to get
 on the list. If you had an account last year, use the same email address as last year)
 Go to VES.hotlunches.net

Click on "Click here to register: (It's on the bottom right of screen)

Enter Access Code VEHL

Complete the rest of the registration form. (Including your email address will ensure you receive reminder emails about hot lunch order deadlines, and your child's hot lunch order for the upcoming week)

Click the "Register Now" button at the bottom

Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends **Vermilion Elementary School.** Once your child(ren) is registered, click on "Orders"

Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)

Payment

We are looking at ways to pay online including PayPal, Credit Card, Interact. You can either pay with a credit card as a PayPal guest (Visa, Mastercard, or Amex), or set up your own PayPal account.

The hot lunch online ordering system requires a small amount of setup time at the beginning as you must register each child you have attending our school prior to ordering hot lunch. Once the initial setup process is complete, your hot lunch orders for the remainder of the year should be quick and simple.

**Please Note: Should you experience any issues with your PayPal account, you must contact PayPal directly to solve the issue. **

Please direct feedback to Darcie Maier, (darcier1979@hotmail.com) or Brandon Tupper (Tupper.Brandon@gmail.com)

STUDENT SAFETY IS OUR GOAL!

- All students and drivers are required to wear a mask. Students will not be allowed on the bus without a mask.
- Seating Plans: There will be seating plans on the bus, however this year, the first one on the bus does not have to load at the back of the bus.
- Buses will be cleaned after each bus run.
- Food/Drinks are not permitted at this time.

BUS FEE PAYMENTS:

Parents and guardians can now pay their bus fees online. Go to your school website, Parents tab, Pay Fees. You will need your child's Alberta Student Number to make the payment. It can be found on the invoice. For assistance please email transportation@btps.ca. We also accept e-transfers. The email is vivian.locher@btps.ca, and in the message include: school name, child's name, bus route number and bussing service you are paying for (i.e. Vermilion Intown, Wainwright Intown, Yard Service, etc.).

PROPER WINTER ATTIRE:

Regardless of the temperature, students should always wear or carry with them appropriate winter attire when riding the school bus.

BUS DRIVER NOTIFICATION:

When the weather is cold it is very important that you let your bus driver know that you will or will not be on the bus so they can adjust their stop times so students are not waiting longer than necessary at their bus stop.

BUS STATUS APP:

Buffalo Trail Public Schools launched their new website www.btps.ca in October. With the new website comes the Bus Status App that allows parents to subscribe to their child(ren)'s school bus route. The division will use the Bus Status App to alert parents when a bus is delayed or cancelled. Bus drivers will continue to notify families of bus cancellations, but this will aid in the communication process to ensure no one gets missed. You can download the new Bus Status App by Box Clever on your smart phone or device.



Tap on "All Buses" to find and star the buses you want to received status notifications for. Then select the district in the lower right corner and select "Buffalo Trail Public Schools". To choose your bus route to get notifications and status alerts, select the bottom middle icon "All Buses" on the main page. Then you can search for you bus route number or driver's name to find your child's bus route. Click on your child's bus route and the star should turn white. You have now selected your bus route. When there is a change in that bus route's status you will be notified by an alert on the BUS STATUS APP. Please email transportation@btps.ca if you have any problems with the process.

Kids: dressed properly for winter, they won't want to come inside!

By Catherine Cameron October 21st, 2013



Cooler autumn days and piles of leaves remind us that before long, winter will be here. But don't make like a bear and hibernate with the cubs until spring -- you'll miss out on so many opportunities for active outdoor fun!

Winter provides the perfect playground for Canadians of all ages; just think back to when we were kids. There were forts to make, snowballs to roll, and backyard skating rinks awaiting. The key is learning to dress for it... so follow these tips, make sure everyone's dry and cozy, and start anticipating those magical first snowflakes of the season.

Dress in Layers

Dressing your child in layers allows warm air to get trapped between them, creating an insulation effect. I recommend a triple layer approach to keeping kids dry and comfortable.

1. Begin with a moisture-wicking under layer.

For active outdoor play in winter, I recommend a two piece top-and-bottom set that's easy to get on and off. Choose a quick-drying, moisture wicking fabric and avoid cotton since it absorbs perspiration and sticks to the skin. An itchy and sore heat rash (yes, they can happen in winter too) can be miserable.

Next up: an insulating middle layer. The middle layer should be a lightweight stretchy insulator such as a breathable fleece sweater or vest. A fleece top and bottom set works well.

3. The grand finale: a protective outer layer.

The outer layer keeps warm air in and wind and water out. Fabrics for a two piece snowsuit should be tightly woven to keep the inner layers of warm air next to the body. The outer layer should create a moisture barrier while allowing moisture to escape from inside. Look for wind resistant, water-repellent, and breathable.

Don't forget to protect feet, hands and heads too.

Hats: About 50% of our body heat is lost from our heads so a hat is essential. Select hats that are warm, lightweight, and that cover the ears.

Mittens: Mittens work better than gloves because hands stay warmer when warm air circulates around fingers. Look for water resistant or waterproof mittens with elasticized cuffs and buy extras: it's not uncommon for kids at play to need to change mittens every 30-60 minutes.

Boots and Socks: Choose water-resistant or waterproof boots that are roomy enough for winter socks and purchase socks that are a blend of polyester (to wick away perspiration) and wool (for warmth). Make sure boots aren't too tight and consider an extra pair for each child.

Scarf: I don't recommend scarves for kids. I think neck warmers are safer -but look for them in a soft, □non-itch□ type fabric.

Cold Weather Safety Tips:

- Dress kids in bright colors if they are playing or walking outdoors.
- 2 Avoid clothing with draw-strings at the neck or waist as they can get caught as kids play.
- D Use sunscreen on faces, ears, necks and any exposed skin.
- 2 When clothing gets wet, be sure to remove and replace with dry items.

A final note:

Many kids miss out on winter play because they don't have the winter wear they need to stay warm and dry. You can help by passing along outgrown snowsuits, boots, mittens and more to others.

Looking forward to the first snowflakes of the season!

Catherine Cameron Ambassador, Active Living

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- REBATE PROGRAM -

Operation Education brings Boston Pizza and local schools together.

From September I to December 31, 2021, visit your local Northern Alberta Boston Pizza* and help your school earn 5% cash back of the pre-tax total of your receipt.

Let staff, students and other families know to go to Boston Pizza, save their original receipts and submit them to your designated school representative by January 31, 2022.



valid for registered schools at participating NAB Boston Pizza locations. Only original receipts are accepted.



platforms

Shadow Puppet Theatre exploring online behaviour for Grades 3-9 and up.

Fish ventures from home, meeting many animals, as they run and hide from a monster no one has seen

WRITTEEN BYE

Join Elk, Moose, and Deer for warmth, whimsy and Stories on the ultimate Hooved Holiday: ALL

UNGULATES EVE

atch samples of our previous work

Check out our website (Theatreprospero.ca) and see our video highlight reel! Also conveniently copied here: https://www.theatreprospero.ca/highlights

Contact us at outreach@theatreprospero.ca or check out our website: theatreprospero.ca/forschools

Call us at















Tell us about your fun family activities & enter to WIN one of 3 prizes. Entry deadline is November 15. Prizes: 2 - \$25 GC to Booster Juice. I set of Children's Binoculars.

To enter: Post a picture & mini description on social media using #VermilionFamilyFun or send an email with a picture & mini description to VermilionWellnessCoalition@gmail.com



MONDAY

Take a 30 minute walk in nature together. Pause.

What can you see, feel, hear, smell, taste?

board, cards, play a game Play Together

- video, charades
 - build a puzzle
- Lego or Playdough new creation with plan and build a

devices and spend 30 Disconnect from all minutes reading together.

TUESDAY

angels; have a big joyful belly laugh while Go outside and create Do 20 Jumping Jacks! a family of snow you are doing it! No snow?

and organize together. items you no longer Donate gently used your home to clean Take a before and Choose a space in after picture. need.

turn up the music and have a dance party! Get your groove on genres for extra fun. Try different music

WEDNESDAY

Chalk the sidewalk or paint the snow with positive messages.



Remembrance A Day of

learned. Practice together!

On a night when the family is home - plan, prepare, and eat a

you one deep breathing

Ask your kids to teach technique they have Attend a Remembrance Day Service; in-person or online.

Express Gratitude: Drop off a thank you card at the local

THURSDAY



or playground.

Sanctuary

Take time to learn why we wear a poppy?

Share three things you are grateful for. Everyone can help out!

meal together.

vegetable or fruit at the grocery store? Look up

See an unfamiliar

Try a new food

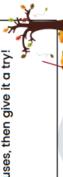
the taste, texture and

Check out Veterans Week Learning Resources at veterans.gc.ca legion.

Do a random act of

FRIDAY









Vermilion Lions Club 4929 50 Ave Vermilion, AB T9X 1A6



2021 SANTA ANONYMOUS REGISTRATION FORM Vermilion and Area, Minburn, Mannville, Clandonald, Islay

Vermilion and Area, Minburn, Mannville, Clandonald, Islay DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24h, 2021.

Due to Covid 19, gift cards only will be mailed to you by Dec 8th for you to purchase your food & presents for the children ages 11 and up. Children ages 0 to 10 will receive presents and the presents and food gift cards will be delivered December 18th.

Name:				
Street or Box Address:				
Town:	Postal	Code:		
Phone:	(If you do not l will not provid	have a phone	e, another co	ontact number is required.)
Is your family's income below \$35,000.00 your spouse's tax return)	?(Combine	ed income of	f both spous	es based on Line 150 of you and
First Name (and last if different) of every the household	member in	Male or Female	Age of children under 18	Name of School Child/Youth attends
We require a reference to be identified by the financial hardship and requires the assistance of the reference can be a staff member from Hur Counsellors, Village or Town Administrator of relative. The reference must know all member out then the application will not be considered	of Santa Anonym man Resources (so or Councillors, FC of the family, in	nous. A refere social services CSS, nurse, or necluding the c	nce must kno s), Children S RCMP mem children. If the	w which community you live in. ervices, School personnel, Clergy, ber. Your reference cannot be a e reference information is not filled
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Please note: Mail completed application to ad 4483. By signing this form you agree that the hardship and/or call the local schools to con	Vermilion Lions			
Applicant's Signature				

<u>VERMILION JUNIOR CURLING</u> <u>Monday Night Superleague</u> 2021-22

Monday Nights 6:45-8:30pm

Starting Nov 15, 2021

6 end games

at Vermilion Curling Rink

2 divisions (younger teams and older teams)

(Curlers can be in Grade 4 to Grade 12)

Teams from surrounding communities are welcome!

Entry fee \$200/team

Cash payout \$20.00 per win (for season games) (Prizes for playoffs)

Vermilion Junior Gurling Tuesday Aiter-School League

Grades 4-12 Tuesdays 3:45-5:30pm

Fee: \$80.00 (includes windup pizza party and curling photo)

November 9, 2021 – March 8, 2022

Vermilion Curling Rink

Junior Curling Meeting November 2, 2021 at 7pm upstairs at the Vermilion Curling Rink (back entrance)

Registration on (or before) November 2 at the Vermilion Curling Rink

(Registration forms can be requested from vermilioncurlingclub@gmail.com)

Come and learn the skills for the lifetime sport that rocks!

Curling equipment is available to borrow from the Junior Curling Program and will be assigned for the season on Nov 9, 2021

Contact Joanne |



Vermilion Elementary School

Being the Best We Can Be November 2021

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	Gr 1-6 Parent Teacher Interviews PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES School Assembly 9:30 am Dress Up Jersey or Sportswear Bring \$2 Support the Ice Plant	4 Gr 1-6 Parent Teacher Interviews PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	5 Remembrance Day Assembly WE DEMEMBED	6
7	8 School Based PL Day No School	9 ATA Professional Day No School	10 Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting) No School	11 Remembrance Day No School Remembrance Day Remembrance Day Lift to Visit	12 Day-in-Lieu (PTI's)	13
14	15 Scholastic Book Fair Begins (Virtual)	16	17 Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	18 Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES School Photo Retakes	19 Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	20
21	22	School Council Meeting (Virtual) 7:00-8:00 pm Get Involved	24	25	26	27
28	29 Scholastic Book Fair Ends	30	1	2	3	4