



VES News

September 2025



Upcoming Events

First day of school

-Sept 2



Assembly & Spirit Day

-Sept 65 - School Spirit Colors and VES Clothing

Family Picnic (11:45-12:45) & Terry Fox Run / Walk (1-1:50)

-Sept 12

School Photos KB & GR 1-3

-Sept 16

School Photos KA & GR 4-6

-Sept 17

School Demographic Forms, Tech Forms & Fair Artwork Permissions Slips due

- Sept 19

VES Orange Shirt Day Truth & Reconciliation Learning

-Sept 29

No School

-Sept 30 - Recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Welcome!

Welcome back to an exciting new school year at Vermilion Elementary! We've truly missed the lively atmosphere of our classrooms and the special energy our amazing students bring. Get ready to jump back into learning, fun activities, and creating unforgettable memories with friends. A warm welcome to both our new and returning students and families! We're looking forward to another fantastic year, filled with new adventures and challenges. VES is more than just a school; it's a school family. We're all here to support each other and make this our best year yet. Welcome back, everyone!

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New BTPS Locked Door Policy

For the safety of our students, BTPS has implemented a locked door policy for all schools. Our doors will be unlocked at 8:30 am when supervision begins and students are arriving, and will be locked at 8:48 am for the remainder of the day.

We welcome parents and guest to visit our school! After 8:48 am, we ask all visitors to our school to ring the doorbell (double doors on 44 Street) and wait to be let in by the office staff.

We thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in keeping our students safe.

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WELCOME BACK
VERMILION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Picnic AND Terry Fox Walk

We look forward to having time to engage with our VES families at our VES Family Picnic! Please join us for our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run that follows.



FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025



PICNIC TIME:

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

TERRY FOX WALK TIME:

1:00PM - 1:50 PM

- BRING YOUR PICNIC LUNCH OR PRE-ORDER LUNCH ON YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT THROUGH HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR!
- BRING BLANKETS OR LAWN CHAIRS
- MEET AT YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TO HEAD OUT TO THE PLAYGROUND OR HALLWAYS AS WEATHER DETERMINES



VES SCHOOL FAMILY



TERRY FOX WALK



More Info

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#parent engagement #citizenship

Hot Lunch

We are looking forward to Hot Lunch starting up! Welcome back to our cooks, Anne Seymour and Donna Niedzielski, and the volunteers who make our program possible.

Hot Lunch will be starting on Sept. 12th. This first month is a quick turn around and must be ordered by Sept. 4th. Also, check out the email regarding a special fundraiser opportunity to order a hot dog lunch through your child's account for the Family Picnic.

See the directions for registering your child's account are on the following pages.
Just a reminder to pay for any outstanding accounts. or be in touch with the committee regarding this.

If you are interested in volunteering on the board, in the kitchen on hot lunch days, or on hot dog fundraisers, please send the committee an email at veshotlunch@gmail.com.

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VES Spirit Wear!



We are excited about our partnership with *Rural Roots Florists & Design* to provide the option of buying VES spirit wear locally.

We have worked together to provide a brochure of basic options that you can pick up at VES or Rural Roots. However, they are able to provide many more style options if you would like to stop at the store.

For your convenience, you can also purchase spirit wear through this on-line company.

[VES Spirit Wear Clothing](#)

#welcoming and caring learning environment
#community partnership

Donations



Looking for a way to support VES?
Donations to our field trip fund, breakfast program, and hot lunch program are greatly appreciated.

School Photos!

KB & Gr 1-3 - Sept 16

KA & Gr 4-6 - Sept 17



School Council Meeting

TBA

All parents of VES are considered
School Council Members.
Come check it out!

This is a great opportunity for
effective engagement in your school
community!

#parent engagement



Parking

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 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.

Student Pick Up

Please arrange with your child to meet them at the office or at a designated place outside by their exit door or where you park. We ask that people not wait in the halls to ensure we maximize learning and lessen chaos at the end of the day. Please remember to write these plans in your child's agenda! If you are concerned that your child will forget to meet you as this is not your usual plan, please come to the office, and we will call down to the classroom as needed.

Peeking Ahead

Oct 3 - Assembly & Spirit Day /
Crazy Sock Day

Oct 13- Thanksgiving - No Classes

Oct 28 - Photo retakes

Oct 31 - Halloween Party!

Coming Soon!!

Noon Hour Activities

Cross Country Run Club
Volleyball Club



#health and wellness #fostering relationships #safe and caring school

Vermilion Elementary School

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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.

2025-26



To help you remember, dress up days are on Assembly days which is the first Friday of each month. There are also a few other seasonal days included on the following page.

Have fun! Get involved!

September 5	School Spirit Wear & Colours
October 3	Crazy Hair or Wacky Socks
November 6 (Th)	Jersey or Sports Wear
December 5	Grinch Day
January 9	Crazy Bling Day (necklaces, bracelets, belts, earrings, rings, chains)
February 6	Scientist or Artist
March 6	Mustache, Beard, or Hat
April 2 (Th)	Flannel or Flipflops
May 1	Anything But A Backpack
June 5	Sunglasses or Headbands

Other Dress Up Days!

September	12 - Family Picnic and Terry Fox - school colours 29- Orange Shirt Day
October	31-Halloween costumes
November 21	Pajama day
December 15-19	Last week of school - Xmas hats and sweaters. 19 - Pajama Day and Movie Day
January	29 - Literacy Day (TBA)
February	25- Pink Shirt Day
March	17 - Green Day
May	6 - Hats on for Mental Health

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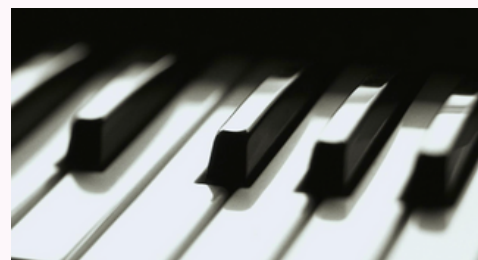
Register by phone or email
 780 581 3315 raptortkd@gmail.com
40 years TKD experience
 Instructor: Master Greg Haslehurst
 World Taekwondo 5th degree Black Belt

Age 4 & Up

Full Training Season is Sept - April
 Join at any time during the season
 @ the Vermilion Elementary School

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Piano Lessons

Are you interested in piano lessons for your child?

VES will be offering space for Corinne Theiss to come in and offer piano lessons during school hours. These will be 30 minute lessons once a week. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email Corinne at cortheiss@gmail.com.

Guitar Lessons

Are you interested in guitar lessons for your child?

VES will be offering space for Dennis Gerik to come in and offer guitar lessons during school hours. These will be 30 minute lessons once a week. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call Dennis at 780-853-0083 .

If you are interested in piano or guitar lessons for your child, and need financial assistance, please reach out to

Sheila Doherty for options.

sheila.doherty@btps.ca

780-853-5444



Vermilion Elementary School Lunch Society

The VES Lunch Society is excited to begin a new year of hot and nutritious lunches. Here are some instructions for using the meal ordering website, **same instructions for both new and returning families.** **Everyone needs to newly register each fall so that students can be efficiently placed in their new classroom.** It is called Hotlunches.net. Ordering online helps ensure accuracy and to make the process as easy for everyone as possible. Here's how to get started...

- Go to **VES.hotlunches.net**
- Click on "Click Here to Register" (It's on the bottom right of screen)
- Click on "parent" as user type
- Enter Access Code **VEHL**
- Complete the rest of the registration form, using your name, not your child's name. (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). As well, your email address will now be your username.
- Choose one of your children's teachers names from the drop down menu, then enter one child's name (don't use guest)
- Click the **"Register Now"** button at the bottom
- On the welcome screen click "Profile" then "add students" to enter your other student's details including home room. Do this for each student that you have that attends **Vermilion Elementary School.**
- Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)

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.

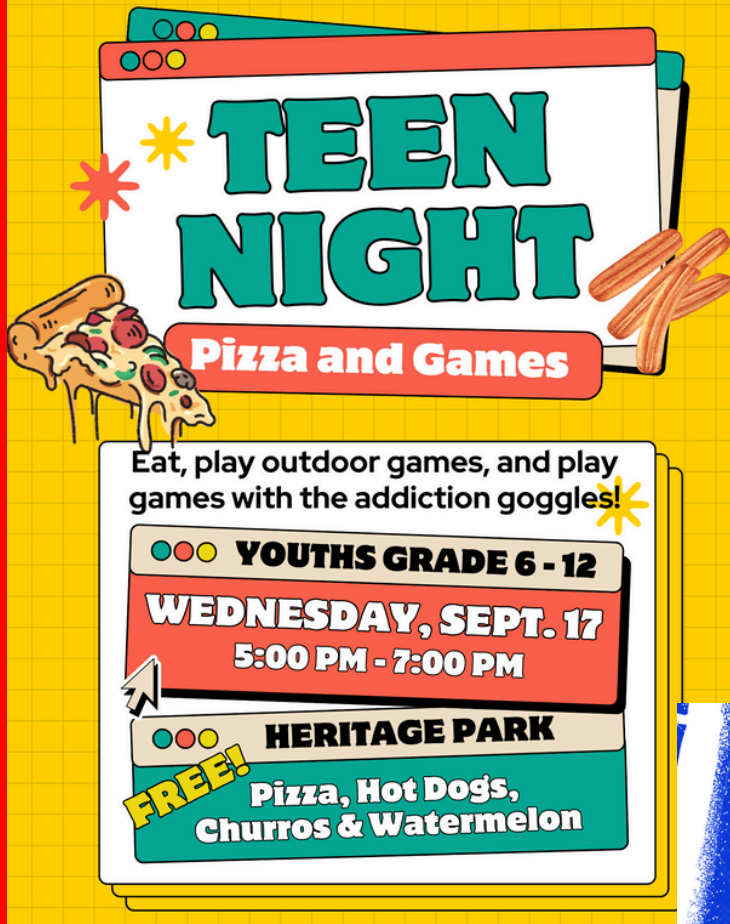
Payment: We are encouraging everyone to pay online or by etransfer. We will still accept cash/cheque inside a labelled envelope at the school. Cheques are only cashed once per month, typically between the 21st to the 26th. If you pay online there will be an additional 2.4% added to your payment to cover this convenience.

New to VES Hot Lunch? We are a registered charity, designed to ensure that all students can be fed despite their family's ability to pay because it's hard to learn while having a rumbling tummy. We do fundraising to help offset these costs. So if you're struggling, please just pay what you can. This is held in strict confidence.

Have a child in both Kindergarten and Kindercare? In this case, you will make 2 profiles for that child, for example, Johnny White KA and Johnny White KC.

Still need help? Our response rate is quite quick by emailing veshotlunch@gmail.com Alternatively, checking out our Facebook page (VES Hot Lunch) is also a good source of information. Following us on Facebook helps to stay in the loop with new menus and deadlines.

VERMILION ROTARY & THE VERMILION WELLNESS COALITION



TEEN NIGHT

Pizza and Games

Eat, play outdoor games, and play games with the addiction goggles!

YOUTHS GRADE 6 - 12

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

HERITAGE PARK

FREE! Pizza, Hot Dogs, Churros & Watermelon



Cornerstone Co-op & The Vermilion Wellness Coalition

VIBE GRAFFITI WALL

STUDENTS GRADES 3 TO 12

Join VIBE at the Skate Board Park starting at 3:30 until all the letters are done to help us spray paint the graffiti wall!

SEPT. 11, 2015

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FAIR



**Thursday, Sept 4/2025
5:30pm - 8:30pm
Vermilion Regional Centre**

**ALL AGES WELCOME!!
COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL THE YOUTH
AND ADULT GROUPS VERMILION HAS TO OFFER !!!!
For more information or to book a table contact
Pam at
780-581-7555 or email
pamelacannan1@gmail.com**