VDPS Weekly

Week of October 24, 2022

Upcoming Dates	
Oct 31-Nov. 4	Power of One exhibit
Oct. 31	Diamond Dance
Nov. 2	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm in the library Gr. 8s Visiting Alexander Mackenzie High School
Nov. 9	Photo Day - Individual photos only. Class photos will be taken in spring.
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day ceremony 11:30 am
Nov. 17 & 18	Parent Teacher Conferences. More details to follow.

Wishing all who a celebrating, a happy Diwali

Power of One Exhibit

We are proud to be hosting the *Power of One* exhibit from October 31 - November 4 through the Abraham Global Peace Initiative.

"The Power of One is the first exhibit in our Museum for Human Rights collection. Thought provoking, it is meant to inspire and empower all people to take action to make the world a better place.

The exhibit features notable figures like Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Anne Frank, Helen Keller, Mother Teresa and Malala Yousafzai - among others - who have each contributed to making the world a better place.

The exhibit forces its audience to ask: What would you do if you were in the same situation? What choices would you make? Would you risk your life to save others? Would you speak out? How can you help change the world for the better today?"

Halloween

Regular teaching and learning will make up most of the day on **Monday, October 31**. For students who wish to celebrate Halloween at school by dressing in costume, please keep these reminders in mind:

- No replica weapons of any kind are allowed.

- Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume.
- Students may wish to wear orange/black or autumn colours instead of costumes.
- No Halloween masks may be worn.
- Students will not be able to use washrooms to change into costumes, so they should wear something that is comfortable and appropriate for outdoor play during recess.
- Treats may not be shared.
- After Halloween, please remember to keep all snacks containing nuts at home.

We are planning a few special activities for the day. Stay tuned for more details.

School Council
The VDPS School Council is excited to partner with Art Cards by Kids for an exciting fundraising opportunity. Students create artwork in the classroom or at home, and transform their art into cards and other fun products. Parents can purchase their own child's cards with their art on the front and name and age on the back. Plaques, puzzles and ornaments are also available to order.

Deadline to submit artwork- **NOVEMBER 8th.**

How it works:

1. Create Artwork!
2. Collect artwork at School by November 8th
3. Template of card sent back with instructions to order
4. Cards ready in time for holidays or any celebrations!

Art Cards by Kids

KIDS CREATE ARTWORK AND TURN THEM INTO GREETING CARDS, ORNAMENTS, PLAQUES, OR PUZZLES!

Due: November 8th, 2022

What's On at VDPS

Clubs and sports are up and running at VDPS. The following clubs and sports are underway, with more to follow:

- Volleyball team
- Newspaper Club
- Art Club
- Student Government

Worth Repeating:
School Start-Up Forms
Please complete the School Start-Up forms as soon as possible. We require these forms for many aspects of school programming. They can be found here: **https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/**

Field Trips and Volunteering
We are excited to be able to plan field trips for students and volunteer opportunities for parents and guardians. If you would like to volunteer (ex. to distribute pizza, accompany your child's class on a field trip) you are required to have a current Volunteer Vulnerable Sector Check from YRP.