





April 2023 Newsletter

April has arrived and next week the kids will be on their Easter break! Reminder, the school is closed Friday April 7th and the week of April 10th. VRCP will also be closed during this time and opening again Monday April 17th when students return to school! We wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

Some news to share with everyone... I will be leaving VRCP. I have very much enjoyed my few years there. With my full-time job and taking on more roles this past season with that, I find myself not having the proper time and attention that is required. The staff have been amazing to work with, the board very supportive, and I thank them all for everything. Once a person is hired, you will all be informed who will be taking the supervisor position. Until then, please feel free to contact me with anything you may require.

The AGM has been set for Tuesday May 16th at 6:30pm. The location will be the library at Ecole Vickers School. Please use the front doors of the school.

The board is very excited to announce that VRCP now has a website! <u>www.vickersrcp.com</u> With that all registrations (including PLC) will now be done through the website. With it now being time for families to re-register for the 2023-24 school year, I ask that you please visit the website and click on the registration tab and follow the prompts. If you would like your child(ren) to keep their spots for next school year, you must have the registration submitted by April 30th. If you do not register by that date, your child(s) spot will be given up and become available for a family on the waiting list.

All monthly newsletters will also be found on the website moving forward.

Reminder, the last day the program will operate this school year is June 27th as per the admin of Ecole Vickers School. The program does not operate over the summer months.

REMINDERS

When you bring your child to the program, please use the entrance by the small gym, (this would be the double door entrance facing Olive Diefenbaker Drive). Our area is the small gym so please bring your child right in. When supervision begins outside (which is about 8:35am), the kids are sent outside and the program is done for the morning. Afterschool, the program starts approx. 3:10pm when school is out. The kids go to the small gym again. It might be a good idea to communicate that your child is to go to the program so teachers can help send them in the right direction. Afterschool, the program is closed at 5:30pm. Please be aware that there are late fees if children are not picked up by this time. This information is in the registration package.

Here are the procedures that we would like all families to follow for all drop offs and pickups:

1. When dropping off and picking up children, the door that we use is the door to the small gym. This double door is located by the staff parking lot on the west side of the building.

Parents are not to park in the staff parking lot to drop off or pick up kids between 7:00am – 8:00am, or before 4:30pm afterschool.

IF YOU ARE DROPPING OFF YOU CHILD **BEFORE 8:00 AM**, YOU MAY DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE IN TO THE STAFF PARKING LOT, PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN A STALL, AND PROCEED WITH THE STANDARD DROP OFF PROCEDURES. AFTERSCHOOL- IF YOU ARE PICKING YOUR CHILD UP **AFTER 4:30**, YOU MAY ENTER THE STAFF PARKING LOT, PARK YOUR VEHILCE IN A STALL, AND PROCEED WITH THE STANDARD PICK UP PROCEDURES. DROP OFFS AFTER 8:00AM WILL REQUIRE YOU TO PARK ON THE STREET AND WALK YOUR CHILD(REN) TO THE DOOR. PICK UPS BEFORE 4:30 WILL REQUIRE YOU TO PARK ON THE STREET AND WALK TO THE DOOR TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD.

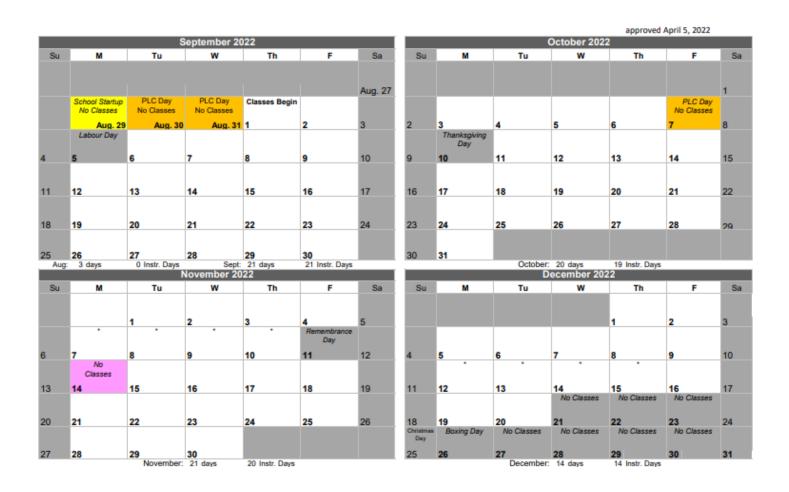
Standard procedure- When you are dropping off or picking up your child(ren), you MUST text or call the program phone to let us know you are there. The school typically keeps these doors locked and we do not want kids standing outside, so require parents/guardians to notify us that they are there and coming in. We would like the parent/guardian to walk the child to the door so they can hand over supervision of their child to the program worker. After school, you must text/call to say you are there to pick up you child(ren). A program worker will advise the child to get ready and take them to the door. Ensuring the safety of the child is priority and eyes are on them at all times, so parents/guardian must either come to the door to get them if parked on the street, or if after 4:30pm parked in the parking lot on closest to the double doors. We will not send the child out without the worker and the child actually seeing who is picking them up. The child will not be able to go outside alone and cross the parking lot without a parent as workers cannot leave the building to take kids out. The number to text or call **306-940-6601**; please program that number into your cell phones. Going into the new school year, parents and visitors are allowed into the school so you can bring your child in, but this may be something that changes as the school year gets going.

REMINDERS:

- 1. As the Saskatchewan Government has lifted restrictions, VRCP follows the guidelines and direction from the school division. With that, masks are not mandatory but please know that if a child or staff member chooses to wear one or not, those decisions are respected and supported.
- 2. When children enter the small gym, we will still ask them to sanitize their hands and place their backpacks and outdoor clothing in a basket. Those baskets are cleaned by the staff after every use
- 3. The PLC days which we are able to open VRCP are October 7th, January 30th, March 17th and March 20th. Parents/guardians can register their child(ren) to come and the cost is \$30/child. Forms will be sent out closer to the dates and your child must be registered at least one week in advance so we can staff accordingly. Payment must be made at time of registering as well.
- 4. The last day for the program this school year will be June 27th, 2023.
- 5. All toys that are played with are cleaned in the morning and again at the end of the day.

- 6. We will be providing a small snack afterschool. We do not have a full kitchen area so the majority of time these will be individually wrapped or single serve snacks such as granola bars, yogurt tubes, applesauce, fruit snacks, etc.
- 7. When everyone filled out the registration, they filled in the spots of the parents/guardians. Those are the names and numbers that are be programmed into the cell phone. When you are there for pick up/drop off and text the program phone, your name should show up on the screen. Those are the primary people that your child(ren) will be picked up by. If for some reason you need to have someone else pick up your child, you MUST notify the staff at the program. This is either by text, phone call, or a note your child brings. This communication is essentially giving your permission but must include the name of the person picking up the child(ren) and the relationship to the child. If permission and notification is not given by a parent/guardian, we cannot release the child and the parent/guardian will be contacted
- 8. As we are all aware of the guidelines Covid has brought to everyone's attention, we ask that if your child is sick with or presents any of the indicators that Sask Health has laid out for us, you refrain from sending the child(ren) to VRCP and to school.

Please review the registration package for all topics. If there are any questions, concerns, ideas, comments, praise, etc. that may arise, please feel free to contact me. The number you can contact me at is 306-960-3308, or email at <u>vickersrcp@gmail.com</u>.



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