Dear Vincent Massey Kindergarten Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of children attending Monday/Wednesday programming.

Let us take this opportunity to wish you a very warm welcome to Vincent Massey School! Following is some very important information that will ensure your child makes a smooth transition into Kindergarten.

Following is the staggered entry schedule scheduled for your child’s class. Your child will begin full alternating days starting Monday, September 9. Please note that the Friday is not an alternating schedule as it is broken by Statutory holidays and PD days. Please refer to the colour coded schedule for the dates.

**Wednesday, September 4 – Kindergarten Orientation for your child**
Children are encouraged to bring an adult.
9:00 – 9:40 children whose **first** names begin with A-F
10:00 – 10:40 children whose **first** names begin with G-J
11:00 – 11:40 children whose **first** names begin with K-R
1:00 – 1:40 children whose **first** names begin with S-Z

**Friday, September 6 – Kindergarten Orientation for your child**
Please bring a snack on this day
8:30 – 11:00 children whose first names begin with A-J only
12:15 – 2:45 - children whose first names begin with K-Z

**Monday, September 9**
8:20 – 2:45 all children (A-Z)

Please ensure your child has a **healthy snack**, and a **large backpack** that a binder will fit easily inside by this date, Monday, September 9. Your child also needs a pair of inside **shoes (suitable for the gym) that he/she can do up independently** (please do not send shoes with laces until your child can tie them). These shoes are to be left at school for the year in addition to the footwear your child wears to and from school. Please make sure **all** items are clearly labelled with your child’s name.
Friday, September 20 - School Based Professional Development:
None of the children in the district have school on this day. On the following
dates there is no school for Vincent Massey children due to either School Based
PD or District PD days. Please mark your calendars on October 25, November
22, December 13, February 7, March 20, April 24, and May 29.

Kindergarten/School Hours:
8:21 - 11:45 (recess from 10:00 - 10:15)
11:45 - 12:05 Lunch
12:05 - 12:30 Lunch Recess
2:45 Dismissal (second bell rings at 2:48)

Please label ALL of your child’s belongings with his or her name before school
starts. Many children have the same items and it is difficult to tell them apart.

If you have any questions, the administrative staff will be in the school during
the last week of August. You are welcome to contact me by e-mail at
joanne.schmaltz@sd76.ab.ca if you have questions sooner.

Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Jo-Anne Schmaltz
Kindergarten Teacher