Dear Vincent Massey Kindergarten Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

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 planned for your child’s class. Your child will begin full time days starting Monday, September 9.

**Tuesday, September 3 - Kindergarten Orientation for your child**
Children are encouraged to bring an adult.
8:45 – 9:45 children whose first name begins with A-D
10:00 – 11:00 children whose first name begins with E-J
11:15 – 12:15 children whose first name begins with K-Q
1:15 - 2:15 children whose first name begins with R-Z

**Thursday, September 5 - 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 only

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

Please ensure your child has a healthy snack, and a larger 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.

**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)
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 for September 20, October 25, November 22, December 13, February 7, March 20, April 24, and May 29.

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.

Our full time Kindergarten program at Vincent Massey will be taught by me on Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Fridays. Mrs. Nicole Duce is the Early Childhood Educator who will enhance our program on Mondays, Wednesdays and some Fridays. We are excited to work together to provide your child with a consistent Kindergarten experience.

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 stephanie.funk@sd76.ab.ca if you have questions sooner.

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

Enthusiastically,

Stephanie Funk
Kindergarten Teacher