



École Massey School

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Reflections from your Principal

The start of school is always a special time for educators, students and their families. This one however has been like no other, and many of us will remember September 2020 as both a challenging and rewarding time. Seeing students and staff back at École Massey goes to the top of my list of positives.



Our staggered start in the second week of September allowed us to prepare students and their families for the new guidelines put into place due to COVID-19. This slower re-entry back to classes eased some of the worries and answered some of the questions on how school would look for the start of the 2020-2021 year. Students have been amazing at following directions, remaining in their cohorts, observing social distancing and wearing their masks when needed.

Thank you to everyone working tirelessly, staff, families and students to continue our team efforts of learning and safety.

Terry Fox Campaign 2020



Our community's support of the Terry Fox Campaign has reached an overwhelming \$1900.00 so far. Students and staff walked throughout the neighbourhood in their cohorts to show they care about cancer research for all Canadians and worldwide. This year's campaign slogan #TryLikeTerry truly inspired our students. Thank you for making a difference Massey Mustangs!

[Massey Team Fundraising Page](#)

Stay Safe



Before school, check for symptoms. If not feeling well, stay home and call 811. Use the [SHA](#)

[online self-assessment tool](#). Please contact school if student will be away. Remember that students with any cold or flu-like symptoms should not return to school until they have been **symptom free for 48 hours**. See the [Safety Plan Infographic](#) and read the [Parent Handbook](#).

Orange Shirt Day


The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into to create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30

A special thank you to our staff for focusing their efforts on recognition of this day, teaching our students and fostering understanding for Orange Shirt Day 2020.

The Stars of École Massey School

Our display monitor works beautifully in our main entrance. A big thank you to our families for all the fundraising support throughout the years that made this purchase possible. Teachers provide the pictures they wish to promote and display and students are the stars of the show. These pictures are only used internally in our school to showcase the outstanding efforts of our Massey Mustangs!

OUR SCC ROCKS!



The Stride to School initiative has been a great success especially for our students who choose to ride their bikes. Thank you to the amazing members of our SCC for the quick purchase and assembly of 3 brand new bike racks in time for the start of school. The AGM for the School Community Council will take place on Oct. 13th at 7:00 p.m. with regular meeting occurring on the first Tuesday of each month. Stay-tuned and watch the school website and SCC Facebook page for more details. <https://www.facebook.com/parentsofcolemassey>

*Remember students not to ride your bikes in the staff parking lot or the playground area.

Picture Day(s)

Lifetouch will be taking individual school photos for our staff and students on the following days:

Wednesday, Oct. 7th for Kinder A – grade 3/4

Thursday, Oct. 8th for Kinder B, gr 4/5 to gr 7/8

Due to COVID restrictions, we will not have any class photos taken. We have not been given a date for our retakes as of yet but will advise our families

when one is set. ESchool personnel will make arrangements for photos for eLearning students.



Meet Our New Admin Assistant

We were very fortunate to welcome Mme Darlene Juhasz as our new Administrative Assistant at the end of August to start the new school year. Mme Juhasz (pronounced Youhawz) has been hard at work learning a new position as well as getting to know the students and staff. Bienvenue à École Massey Mme Juhasz. Please remember to call the school at **306 791-8504** or email massey@rbe.sk.ca if your child will be absent.

Goodbye and welcome

Mme Zahorski, one of our grade 6/7 teachers will be leaving École Massey for an extended maternity leave on October 09th to plan for the arrival of a new baby in the coming months. We are pleased that Mme Perreux Volke, our current Teacher Librarian/Specialist, will take over the classroom duties for the year. A warm welcome to Mme Shannon Davis who will then assume the role of Teacher Librarian/Specialist starting on October 13th, 2020. We wish Mme Zahorski and family all the best.

Upcoming dates:

Oct. 7 th	Picture day K to Gr 3/4
Oct. 8 th	Picture day Gr 4/5 to Gr 7/8
Oct. 12 th	Thanksgiving – no school
Oct. 26 th	Teacher Prof. Dev – no school
Nov 11 th	Remembrance Day – no school
Nov. 18 th	Conferences – Kinders - no school only
Nov. 19 th	Conferences – K-8 no school
Nov. 20 th	Teacher Prof. Dev – no school
Dec. 21 st	Start of winter holiday – no school
Jan. 4 th	Return to classes

Thank you to our families

We are so grateful to all our families for respecting the guidelines established for the safety of staff and students. Not entering the building, picking up children outside the playground area, responding quickly to calls from school and returning important documents in record time. We are a team and we are stronger together!

