

## CODE 3 AT VICKERY

If your child has come home talking about a Code 3 at the Vickery School, it simply means that we have a situation that requires teachers to lock their doors and keep students from being in the hall. We are continuing to work with behavior specialists to alleviate these issues. Please be assured that as an entire staff your child's safety always comes first.

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We have had a few parents share concerns about how we are delivering the breakfast program this year. As a staff we put this format in place at the end of last year so that we could still meet the needs of children having a good breakfast at the start of their day and so we could also have more academic time with students. I have planned for us as a staff to review what we are doing in October. Please be patient.

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## MORNING DROP OFF

In an attempt to get buses into school earlier, to create a traffic pattern, and to keep students safe, we are asking parents who transport and drop their children off at Vickery and Warsaw to enter School Street from the Somerset Avenue end. Buses will continue to enter School Street from the Hartland Avenue end. Parents who have children at just Vickery School and those who have children at both Vickery and Warsaw should drop off their children at the crosswalk in front of Vickery School. Your children who attend Vickery can then use the crosswalk to go into Vickery and your children who attend Warsaw can use the walkway by the flagpole and go across the Warsaw driveway to the Warsaw play area. Drivers can then proceed on School Street to Hartland Ave. Parents who have children at just Warsaw can use the one-way Warsaw driveway and drop their children off at the walkway leading to the play area. These drivers can then choose to exit the driveway onto School Street and go in either direction.

It is our intent and hope that this process will work effectively to accomplish the stated goals above. If you haven't checked out the district's new webpage visit us at [www.msad53.org](http://www.msad53.org). I would like to bring your attention to a great video about school bus safety that is located on our site.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3 – PTO Meeting – 5:30  
@ Vickery School

October 5 – Tooth Protectors @  
Manson Park

October 14 – Aomori Visit to  
Vickery

October 17-21 – Food Drive

October 26 – First Quarter Ends

October 27 – In-service

## CIPS UPDATE

We have begun putting together our plan for this year. Our overall goals will be in the area of Instruction and Assessment. In the area of Instruction we will continue to look at increasing our scores in math and literacy. Our Literacy Specialists, along with our Literacy Interventionist and Curriculum Coordinator, have designed our in-service days to revisit guided reading and literacy expectations. We will continue to have Data Days that allow staff to look at universal screening scores, create goals, and determine the best instructional practices for all students in both literacy and math. Staff will look at the assessments and determine the best way to remediate those students that are struggling.

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**PARENT TIPS**

The new year has begun and now is the time to create a routine at home for your child. Each child and parent should make a plan as to when homework will be completed and it becomes your routing. Each child should be bringing home a math homework sheet and a book or books to read. You know your child best and you know if doing the homework as soon as your child gets home works for them. For some children that go to day care or have a sporting event after school the best time might be right after dinner. Turn the TV off and create a special place to work. Planning to get up a little earlier and completing their homework in the morning prior to school, might work for you. Make a commitment with your child to be there to help him/her and then check over your child's work. Remember that it is your child's homework and should not be done by you. All homework should be slightly easy for your child to complete. If he/she is having difficulty, be sure to send a note or give a call to your child's teacher. They may need some extra help. Communication is important between home and school. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**STATE TESTING**

Our third and fourth graders begin the State Testing this week.

- Students will be tested on information they learned last year.
- Testing will occur in the morning on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Reading assessments will be the first week of testing.
- Math will be tested the second week.
- Students will have breakfast here at school and will have healthy snacks while they are taking the assessments.
- Students need to be rested. Prompt them to go to bed early.
- All students should arrive on time and be ready.

**FLU SHOTS**

We will have flu shots available for students at Vickery and Manson Park on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Vickery Students will have flu shots first thing in the morning and Manson Park students will have them at the end of the day. You will receive a sign up sheet in mid October.

**WALK/RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY**

September 13

- We had 48 students in grades 1-4 participate

September 20

- We had 42 students in grades 1-4 participate

September 27

- We had 45 students in grades 1-4 participate

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES GRANT**

I hope that your children have been sharing with you that they have been eating fruit for snack. We have had apples and pears for those that want or need a snack. This past week we gave them green beans for snack. We were pleased that many students tasted and liked this wonderful vegetable snack.

**PARENT TIP**

Create an easy to reach shelf in the fridge for healthy snacks to be located!

**CURRICULUM NIGHTS**

I want to thank all of the parents that came to our Curriculum Nights at both Manson Park and Vickery Schools. I also want to thank the staff for their hard work preparing the presentations. It was our hope that you left the evening with a better understanding of the grade level expectations.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANKS**

I want to thank Sebasticook Valley Family Doctors for their generous donation to the Vickery School. Over the summer they conducted a donation drive and from that drive we received, Kleenex, composition notebooks, markers, pens, pencils, crayons, glue, glue sticks etc. This donation was wonderful