



# Vincent Massey Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

VMES is pleased to offer a student leadership program that allows students to earn recognition for reaching their goals. Students are invited to participate in activities, demonstrate leadership and model good citizenship at school and in our community.

The VMES Leadership Program allows all students to have the opportunity to be recognized at 3 different levels- Bronze, Silver and Gold. Students will receive a dog tag and certificate when they reach the Bronze, Silver or Gold Level. All Leadership Awards will be presented during our monthly assemblies. Parents will be invited to attend and celebrate with us. A limited number of awards will be presented at each assembly but all will be awarded before the end of the school year. An application form for Bronze Level & Silver is attached. Students can pick up a Gold application at the office. You will notice that there is space in all categories to write in other activities not listed. **Please note: Students can earn the award from participating in events solely at school as all students will be offered activities throughout the school year. The school sections will be filled out by the teachers.** Activities can only be used once and must have taken place this school year. Once a student has reached Bronze, they can work towards their Silver award. Each level has an increase in expectations. Students can apply anytime throughout the school year. Students have as many years as they attend VMES to complete the entire program.

This program is modeled after the Duke of Edinburgh National Awards Program which promotes community and school leadership. Research shows that children who are connected to their school and community experience more success in school. This program has been approved by your Parent School Support Committee and Home & School Association. Please contact me with any concerns, comments or questions at 529-5196.

Sincerely,

Lesley O'Leary (Principal of VMES)