

# Dr. K. A. Clark Newsletter

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June 2016



*Staff who had returned to Fort McMurray met on June 10 in front of the school to reconnect. We look forward to being back with our students in September.*

**#DrClarkStrong**

Welcome  
**HOME!**

Welcome home to all our Dr. Clark staff, families and friends. We are Dr. Clark Strong and are looking forward to seeing everyone in the Fall.

FMPSD community information meetings for families of south-side schools will be held at Dr. Clark School on June 27 and August 22.

Unfortunately, due to continuing restoration work throughout the rest of the school, there will be no access beyond the gymnasium on June 27. Students and parents will not be able to collect personal belongings left at the school at this time.



# Community Meeting

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend the Fort McMurray Public School District Community Meeting to learn about the upcoming 2016 – 2017 School Year. The briefing will include updates on Programming, Staffing, Mental Health Supports, Facilities, and Transportation.

A question period will follow.

For residents of Sapræe Creek, Prairie Creek, Gregoire, Beacon Hill, Waterways, Downtown and Abasand

**Monday, June 27**  
**Monday, August 22**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Dr. K.A. Clark Elementary School  
Gymnasium  
8453 Franklin Avenue

For residents of Thickwood, Dickinsfield, Timberlea and Parsons Creek

**Monday, July 11th**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
École McTavish Junior High School  
Gymnasium  
352 Parsons Creek Drive

For residents of Thickwood, Dickinsfield, Timberlea and Parsons Creek

**Monday, August 15th**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
École McTavish Junior High School  
Gymnasium  
352 Parsons Creek Drive

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We will continue with the celebration of positive school citizenship and recognizing their connections to the Seven Sacred Teachings in 2016-17



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Check the school's website and social media pages for the welcome back assembly information and other events.  
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# Principal's Message

Mrs. Mitsopoulos

Dr. Clark School Students and Families,

It has been a difficult time for our community and for many of our families. Our hearts go out to those of you who are going through the devastating loss of your homes, severe damage to homes or a continued displacement from your neighbourhoods.

Although we have not had school for the past several weeks, I feel it is important to keep in contact with you on some updates for Dr. Clark School as we officially end our 2015/2016 school year. Staff have all been sent in many directions in past weeks, but we continue to plan ahead for next year.

Our school has been undergoing intense cleaning by a restoration company. They are scrubbing every inch of the school, including removing white boards/bulletin boards and cleaning behind them. Items that could be affected by smoke are cleaned or removed. I understand that they will begin the process of replacing all the ceiling tiles in the next few days. The school will be a clean, smoke-free, healthy environment when students return in September.

In September we will welcome Beacon Hill School students and staff to our building. This will be considered "a school within a school" as our former Junior High wing temporarily becomes Beacon Hill School. Although located within the Dr. Clark School building, they will be able to maintain their own school community as well as work alongside with our staff and students for some events and activities.

The staff of Dr. Clark miss our students and families dearly. The end of the school year is always a special time with our students and we wish we had the opportunity to have that time with the children this year. We hope to see you all back in September, but realize that may not be possible for some families. For those who are leaving us, we hope that you take with you fond memories of our school. We wish you all well.

Please subscribe to our FaceBook page. We will continue to post updates throughout the summer.

Best Wishes,

Merrie-Rae Mitsopoulos  
Principal, Dr. K.A. Clark School

*Watch for information updates on our new digital sign, Twitter (@Dr.ClarkSchool), Facebook ([Dr. Clark Public School](#)) or our school website.*



Find Dr. Clark School on FaceBook by scanning this QR Code:



Find Dr. Clark School on Twitter by scanning this QR Code:



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A report card will be provided to close the 2015/2016 school year. This report card will be modified due to the shortened school year. More information to come. Please watch our website, Twitter and FaceBook page for updates.



We have had questions regarding Spring Photos and Kindergarten photos. These have all been processed by LifeTouch and were held in their Edmonton office during the wildfire. We are making arrangements for these to be transported to Fort McMurray. When we receive the photos, we will provide opportunities for families to pick up them up.

If you will not be in Fort McMurray for available pick up times, we will hold all remaining photos and they will be at the school when our office opens in August.

More information on photo pick up times will be posted as it comes available.



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In the spring we sent home a survey to determine interest level for the establishment of a Before/After School Care within Dr. Clark.

We have attempted to move forward, but unfortunately the recent circumstances in our community has slowed down this process considerably. **5 hih Jg'hja YZ'h]g'j Yfmi b' ] YmiH Uik Y'k J''VY'UVY'hc' \ Uj Y'VYZ'fY#UZyf'gW cc`'W J'XWUFY'Uj U]UVY']b'ci f'gW cc`'Z'f' GYdH'a VYf'** Please continue to make other arrangements for your child's before and after school care, if needed.

Thank you to all who responded to the survey. We recognize that childcare is a need and there is definite interest for it in our school. We will continue to work to try to bring in a before/after school childcare program in the future.



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In April, we piloted a plan for new traffic flow through our front parking lot with the introduction of the “Stop and Drop” zone. This trial period was very successful and created a safer area for students to be dropped off and improved traffic flow. We will continue with this next year. Lines will be painted and signage will be posted to indicate this zone.



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We are in the process of gathering updated information regarding numbers of students returning to Dr. Clark in the Fall. We would appreciate families completing a Google Form using the link below. Completion of the form is intended to gather enrollment data to assist us with planning and staffing for 2016-17. If you have problems with the form or have questions, please email the Vice Principal directly at [bobbi.compton@fmprsd.ab.ca](mailto:bobbi.compton@fmprsd.ab.ca)

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- Sept. 6 *First Day for Students*

**2016-17 Enrollment Student Intent Form**

Family Name/Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child’s First Name (If last name differs please indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

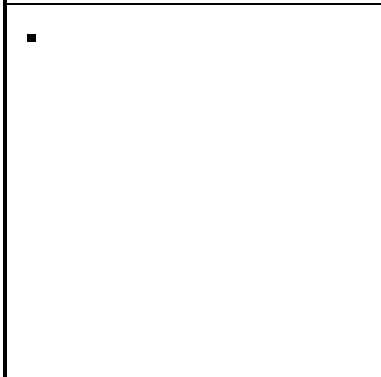
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Are you planning on returning to Dr. Clark School?

Yes     No     Unsure at this time



Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_

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*On behalf of the staff at Dr. Clark School, we look forward to seeing you September 2016.  
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### **Update on Retrieval of Personal Items from the School**

We are working on getting the school to a point where families can collect personal items left in lockers and classrooms. At this time a restoration team is scrubbing every inch of the building along with replacing ceiling tiles.

When we are able, personal items will be collected, bagged and organized for you to pick up. The process for pick-up will be posted on our FaceBook, Twitter and website when available.

Thanks to all for your patience as we work to ensure Dr. Clark is a clean, safe and healthy environment for staff and students.



# **Thank You First Responders**



Dr. Clark School sends a big thank you to all the firefighters, police officers and first responders who worked hard to save our city and keep us safe. Our hearts go out to those in our community who have lost their homes. Together we will rebuild. Together we will be stronger.



A big thank you for all who supported us. The outpouring of support extended from our province, country and around the world whether it was donating money, providing gas, flying us out of northern camps, discounts on clothing, evacuation centers, welcoming our students into your schools, etc. We thank you!

