

Dr. Clark Public School

WILL PROVIDE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL LEARNERS IN A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT, WHERE EVERYONE IS PROVIDED THE SKILLS TO BE A LEADER AND ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING.



Dear Dr. Clark Families,

As we enter our last month of the 2020/2021 school year, we want to thank our families for all the hard work and support you have put in this year. Normally this is a time when we celebrate students, but we think it is important to acknowledge the commitment of our families to ensure our students are getting the type of education they deserve. Through all the new safety protocols, health checklists, isolating, and moving from in-person to online learning and back again, we continue to **persevere**. We have been challenged in countless ways yet continue to succeed and grow as a learning community.

We would like to take this time to remind parents/guardians that if you haven't had an opportunity to register at Dr. Clark for the 2021/2022 school year to please do so as soon as possible. Having accurate registrations allows us to best prepare our classes and ensure adequate staffing for the building. With that being said, if you are not planning to return to Dr. Clark next year we would really appreciate knowing that as well. When we have a large influx of students in August it can sometimes be challenging to find the high-quality teachers we have come to know at Dr. Clark. If you need additional assistance with the registration process, please call the office at (780) 743-2444 and we can walk you through the steps.

While this year has been a rollercoaster of challenges, we continue to be elated by the students, staff, and families for their hard work and resiliency. For families who will not be joining us next year, we want to wish you all the best in future endeavors. For our grade 6 students who will be moving on to junior high, we know you will continue to do remarkable things and make Dr. Clark proud. Finally, for our returning students for 2021/2022 please make sure to get some rest over the summer. We want you all to come back fully energized and ready to continue to build on all the amazing things that are happening at Dr. Clark!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer,

Mark Dolmont, Angela Woods & Nazia Hiscock



School Hours

8:55 - First Bell
10:30-10:45 - 1st Recess
11:00-11:15 - 2nd Recess
12:15-12:35 - Lunch A Recess
Lunch B Eating
12:35-12:55 - Lunch A Eating
Lunch B Recess
3:30 - Dismissal

ECDP Hours

Morning Class:
8:55-11:50 Monday to Friday

Afternoon Class:
12:35-3:30 Monday to Friday

****To ensure the safety of all, students should not arrive at school before 8:40 and should leave school grounds immediately after dismissal.**

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Register at DC and become a DINO!

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR:

- ECDP students
- NEW to FMPSD
- K-12 students
- Previous FMPSD students who have left the division and are now returning

CURRENT FMPSD STUDENTS:

Simply complete a Student Demographics Confirmation by:

- Review/Update current student demographics on file
- Confirm school and specialized programs for the upcoming school year
- Upload out-of-date citizenship and/or guardianship documents
- Review current parent/guardian and emergency contact information
- Provide consents for FOIP & additional programming

Visit our school website drclark.fmpsdschools.ca to register!

Upcoming Dates in June

11 - DC Pride Day: Wear Rainbow Colors

20 - Father's Day

21 - National Indigenous Peoples' Day: Wear Orange Shirts and Moccasins

22 - Spirit Day: Wear your Dino Digs, Purple, Black or Green

23 - Last Day for ECDP and Full Day Kindergarten

23 - Spirit Day: Wear Tropical Attire

24 - Spirit Day: Dress for Success

24 - Last Day for Grade 1 - Grade 6

25 - Last Day for Staff

Botany Buddies

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has provided 100% of the funding needed for our sea can, greenhouse, garden beds, seeds and tools for our community garden. We would not have been able to accomplish so much in so little time without their support. The entire staff has come together for the success of the gardens led by the project management and grant writing team of Grade 5 teacher, Ms. Banks & ECDP teacher and Vice Principal, Ms. Hiscock.

Our generous community support from:

- Apple Schools Coordinator, Matthew Shewchuk
- FREE delivery of dirt and soil from Northern Top Soil & NC Transport
- Tipi pole delivery from Sonia Burke-Smith from Rainbow Warrior Creation Studio
- Veggies donated by Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre and support from Omisimaw Wellness and the McMurray Metis
- Seedlings from GrowMOAR
- Tools discount by Fort McMurray Home Hardware Building Centre
- Northern Lights Regional Health Centre & Willow Square Continuing Care for their continued support

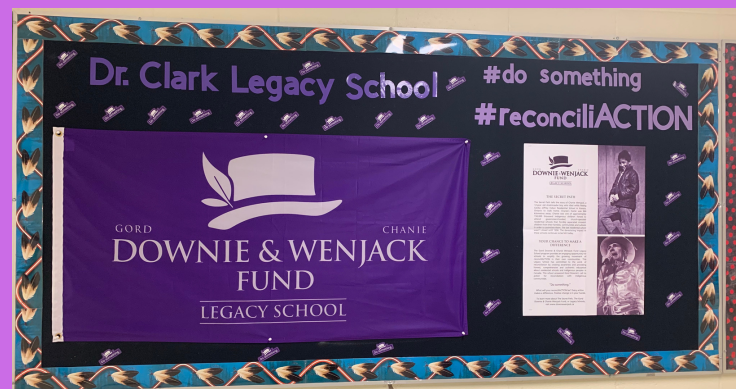
We are excited to have all of our students or "Botany Buddies" #back2class for hands-on experiences through our outdoor classroom and community garden!

THANK YOU FORT MCMURRAY!



Legacy School

Dr. Clark has officially become one of 16 Legacy Schools in the Fort McMurray Public School Division! What does that mean? Well, DC will be doing their part in truth and reconciliation to engage, empower and connect students and educators to further reconciliation through awareness, education and action (#reconciliACTION). To learn more visit the Downie Wenjack Foundation at <https://downiewenjack.ca/our-work/legacy-schools-programs/>.



WBRSF *Silver Medalist!*

Congratulations Alexis Lagatic in 4L - Ms. Houston's class for being our overall silver medalist in the Regional Science Fair!!! Thanks for representing Dr Clark and applying the scientific method to discover the BEST laundry detergent. We are so proud of you and your accomplishment at such a young age. Thank you to Ms. Munn, Ms. Greatrix and the administration for your support of our classroom, school-based and regional science fairs.



Rainbow Pride Day

We will be hosting a Rainbow Pride Day Celebration on **Friday, June 11th!** All students are invited to rock their favourite rainbow clothes to help celebrate and create awareness around the inclusion and acceptance of all people.



Spirit Days

Join us in celebrating Spirit Week at Dr. Clark School!

Monday, June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day - **Orange** Shirt Day

Tuesday, June 22 - Dino Digs: wear your **purple** and/or **green**!

Wednesday, June 23 - Tropical Day

Thursday, June 24 - Dress for Success



Jump Rope for Heart

Dr. Clark staff and students are pleased to announce that we have raised \$1062 for our Jump Rope for Heart

Campaign! Congratulations to our winners: Nolan Banks, Addy Banks, Ibaad Bajwa, and Agnes Dahl!



Playground Games

Ms. Hennigar & Ms. Kuseler have been working hard to prepare an inclusive outdoor education space for the students to move their bodies and explore.

Upgrades to the blacktop games are already bringing many smiles to their faces!





School Council

Due to the lack of casinos, we are seeking a short-term Fundraising Leader to help raise money this fall. Dr. Clark has amazing plans for next year and the school will need our help! Please contact the School Council President, Jennifer Dahl, at 780-881-2701 for more information.

Orange Shirt Day and Truth & Reconciliation

With the recent news of the discovery of the 215 children of Kamloops, BC, who did not return home from residential schools, Dr. Clark wore orange shirts to show our respects and planted heart gardens. We did this to remember the children who were lost and to stand in solidarity with their families.



Heart Gardens



VIRTUAL

in person

WAYS TO SHOW YOURSELF SOME LOVE

Trust your brave, wise voice within. She knows the way through.

Imagine what the most meaningful, joy-filled life would look like for you, then take one step towards that.

Do the basics: breathe, drink water, exercise, rest, laugh, cry, sing, talk, listen, hug.

Choose creating over consuming (unless you get to consume something with chocolate...then choose that.)



Define, check in with, and hold your boundaries.

Stop scrolling, unplug, and be present in this world in your own beautiful body and breath.

Practice self-compassion over seeking perfection, and self-forgiveness over self-judgment.

Give yourself permission to feel all the feelings. And pay attention to what your feelings are telling you that you need.

WholeHearted School Counseling

Mental Health

SELF COMPASSION IS TURNING UNDERSTANDING, ACCEPTANCE AND LOVE INWARD WHEN WE ARE GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME. IT IS SIMPLY BEING KIND TO OURSELVES.

NOW MORE THAN EVER WE NEED TO PRACTICE SELF LOVE. IT'S NOT AN EASY TASK SOME DAYS BUT YOU ARE WORTH IT. SLOW DOWN. STAY PRESENT. TRUST. BE GENTLE WITH YOURSELF.

HAVE YOU VISITED COUNSELLOR'S CORNER?

Healing Garden

THE PROCESS HAS BEGUN!

OUR STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO SQUEEZE IN A LITTLE PLANTING BEFORE ONLINE LEARNING BEGAN.

OUR WONDERFULLY TALENTED AND DEDICATED TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS TENDED TO THE SEEDLING. THEY DOCUMENTED THE GROWTH WHILE OUR STUDENTS WERE AWAY SO THAT THEY DIDN'T MISS A BEAT IN THE GROWING PROCESS.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS THE NISTAWOYOU FRIENDSHIP CENTER, OMISIMAW WELLNESS AND THE MCMURRAY METIS LOCAL 1935!



Ms. Dean, Ms. Elliott, Ms. King, Mr. Gidge & Ms. Hanes-Reid were excited to welcome our Grade 1 and Grade 2 students to an Arbor Day Driveby!



This time-honoured tradition of Grade Ones planting trees has been part of our school culture that our Grade 2s missed out on last year during Online Learning.

We are so excited to have our Dinos out and planting trees!!! Thanks to Ms. Dean for taking a lead on this for our students. Here at Dr. Clark, we love our students!