



# OCTOBER DINO NEWS

Dr. K. A. Clark Public School

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Respectfully acknowledging that we are situated on Treaty 8 territory,  
traditional lands of First Nations and Métis People.

Strongly  
committed to  
providing a safe,  
enjoyable learning  
environment that fosters  
within children an attitude  
of responsibility, respect  
and caring and leads to a  
desire to be lifelong  
learners.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Dino Families,

Welcome back to another amazing year at Dr. Clark. On behalf of your Admin team, I would like to begin by introducing Mrs. Abbi Easton who will be joining Mrs. Hiscock and I as our new Vice Principal. Mrs. Easton was previously the Vice Principal at Greely Road, in addition to being the Supervisor of Educational Technology at the Division office. We would like to welcome Mrs. Easton to the Dino family, and I know she will be a great addition to the team.

Families may have noticed the recent addition of a large red tent located near our outdoor learning gardens. We are incredibly grateful and want to say a huge thank you to McMurray Métis for providing us with this amazing space. This alternative learning space will provide our students with incredibly unique and culturally significant educational experiences.

We know that families may have some additional concerns given the ever-changing guidelines related to COVID and the ongoing pandemic. We want to take this time to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to keep our students safe. We are following the most recent AHS guidelines, and continue to promote frequent hand washing, respiratory etiquette, and ask that students stay home if they are not feeling well. Families are asked to please use the [AHS Daily Checklist](#) to ensure students are symptom-free and ready to learn. We need to continue to work together for the safety of everyone.

We are looking forward a great year here at Dr. Clark where we will learn, grow and have fun together. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out through either [dcinfo@fmprsd.ab.ca](mailto:dcinfo@fmprsd.ab.ca) or by calling the school at (780) 743-2444.

Take care,  
Mark Dolmont  
Principal



## REMINDERS

➤ All visitors to the school need to wear a mask. Please refer to the Alberta Health Daily Checklist [HERE](#)

➤ Please drop off lunches at the office before 12:30pm



➤ We are a PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE school

➤ To review student academic progress & attendance go to Parent Portal [HERE](#)

➤ Monitor your child's school bus [HERE](#)

## ABSENCES and LATES

Regular attendance is critical for school success. Both excused and unexcused absences negatively impact learning.

If your child is going to be absent or late please contact the school at 780-743-244 or via email at [dcinfo@fmprsd.ab.ca](mailto:dcinfo@fmprsd.ab.ca)



# SCHOOL COUNCIL'S MESSAGE

## Annual General Meeting of Dr. Clark School Council and Dr. Clark Fundraising Committee

Monday, October 25th from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm.

The annual financial report will be presented & positions will be open for nomination. All families will be able to attend via Zoom. The link will be shared via email on the day of the event.



## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE POSITIONS

**President:** Call and preside at all General Meetings of the Membership and Meetings of the Board as well as be aware of all business of the committee.

**Vice-President:** Assist the President in all Association duties and fulfill the responsibilities of the President as requested or needed.

**Secretary:** Keep accurate minutes of committee meetings, keep a register of members of the association, and send correspondence from the committee.

**Treasurer:** Receive all monies paid to the Association and be responsible for the deposit of funds in the financial institution selected by the Board. Also account for funds of the Association, and ensure funds are used within the limits set by AGLC

**Casino Coordinator:** Complete all necessary applications and forms for the casino, coordinate volunteers for the Casino, and be familiar with the licence date expiry and Use of Proceeds.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL POSITIONS

**Chair:** Call and preside at all meetings. **Co-Chair:** Assist the Chair in all duties.

**Secretary:** Keep accurate minutes of committee meetings.

**Members-At-Large:** To attend meetings, raise concerns, give advice, and share information within the school community.

**Newsletter Rep:** Prepare information for the monthly school newsletter that is emailed to all parents.

## UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 3-6: Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 4: Terry Fox Run

Oct. 7: Disney Day

Oct. 8: No School (PLF)

Oct 11: No School (Thanksgiving)



Oct. 28: Halloween Parade

Oct. 29: No School (PLF)

Nov 11 & 12: No School (Rem. Day)

Nov 17: Report Cards

Nov 30 & Dec 2: Parent-Teacher



## FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, INUIT

Each year on September 30th, people all across Canada wear orange shirts to remember First Nations, Métis and Inuit children who were forced to attend residential schools. Orange was picked because of residential school survivor Phyllis Westad whose story is available [HERE](#).

Earlier this year, the government of Canada decided to keep a promise they made to residential school Survivors like Phyllis and to show that they matter. September 30th was made into a new holiday, but not the kind of holiday where we celebrate. This new holiday is to show respect to residential school Survivors and their families and to make a promise that this will never happen again. It is called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We will use the day to learn more about residential schools. To listen with our ears, our minds and our hearts. To think about what we can do to make sure we respect each other and work together for a hopeful future for everyone.



Honouring  
NATIONAL DAY  
for **Truth** and  
**Reconciliation**



Truth and  
Reconciliation  
Commission of Canada

## LITERACY MOMENT

Did you know that all of our Dr. Clark students have access to the Reading Eggs or Reading Eggspress online. Reading Eggs helps beginning readers develop their literacy skills while Reading Eggspress helps older student build on their existing skills. Students can sign in with the info provided by their teacher [HERE](#).



## MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

How children cope with stress varies depending on their age and abilities. Too much stress might look like stomach aches, temper tantrums, worry or irritability. To help your child manage stress click on the following 2 activities:



[Deep Belly Breathing](#)  
[Snowstorm in a Bag](#)

## A LITTLE BIT OF FUN

What did one leaf say to another?  
Why do birds fly south in the fall?  
What type of vehicle should you  
use for a fall hayride?



What is the Autumn Equinox?  
What is the Harvest Moon?  
Why do leaves change color in the fall?

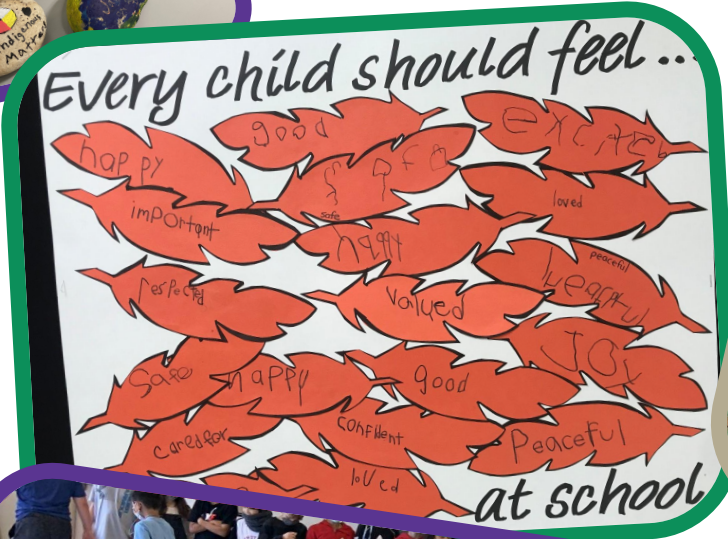
I'm falling for you - Because it's too far to walk - An autumn-mobile!

The official beginning of Fall - The full moon closest to the Autumn Equinox - As the leaves lose chlorophyll, their other pigments are exposed





# DINO SCRAPBOOK



Check us out on:

