

FEBRUARY DINO NEWS

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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.

During the month of February, we are going to be celebrating Black History Month. We are kicking it off with a virtual African drumming and dance workshop as well as a presentation by Inspiration Republic who reaffirm the message that Black History is Canadian History. Classes will also be participate in storytelling with a Black history focus as well as various in-class activities. We cannot express how important it is to celebrate the diversity within Canada.

The masks and test kits promised by the provincial government finally arrived of Thursday, January 27th. Staff worked extra hard to get everything packaged up and sent home to families the same day. Each student should have received a package of masks and a box of test kits. We were not provided any additional test kits, so if parents are in need they must reach out to <u>Alberta Health Services</u>. Families are reminded to please use the AHS daily checklists and keep your children home if they are sick.

We want to wish all of our Dinos a Happy Family Day (February, 21st). Please use this time to get out and spend time with those that are most important to us. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out through either dcinfo@fmpsd.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 <u>HERE</u>
- ➤ Please drop of lunches at the office before | I2:30pm
 - > We are a PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE school
- ➤ To review student academic progress & attendance go to Parent Portal <u>HERE</u>
- ➤ 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@fmpsd.ab.ca



SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



We are still in need of volunteers to fill casino slots on February 20th and 21st.

This is our biggest source of income so if you can help out please go to http://bit.ly/DCcasino to sign-up.

By supporting our fundraising committee you are supporting our students. Thank you!

The next School Council/Fundraising Committee Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, March 7th, 2022 @ 7:15pm. All are welcome!!

NUMERACY PUZZLE

Find the number that doesn't belong!
For example 9 doesn't belong because
it is the only single digit number.
43 doesn't belong because 6+19=25.
How many more can you find?

9 1625 43

PARKING LOT DOS & DON'TS

- **DO** Park in assigned parking spots only
- DO Use the sidewalks
- **DO** Drop students off at the front of the Kiss & Drop lane
- DO Follow directions of staff supervisors
- DO Give busses the right of way
- DO Watch for pedestrians
- **DO** Be courteous to other drivers

DON'T - Park/stop in unmarked spots

DON'T - Park in the Kiss & Drop lane

DON'T - Forget to be courteous



UPCOMING DATES

Feb 14: Valentine's Day

Feb 17: Dress Like a Teacher Day

Feb 18: PLF (No School)

Feb 21: Family Day (No School)

Feb 22: Twos-day



Feb 23: Pink Shirt Day

Feb 28-Mar 04: No School

Mar IO: Beach Day

Mar IO: DC Science Fair Mar II: PLF (No School)

FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, INUIT
Last month, students continued learning about
the grandfather teaching of the Turtle and Truth.
The Turtle was here when all life was created and
carries teachings related to the beginning of life on
it's back. Ms. Greatrix's grade 3 class shared their
Truths with all of us on their classroom bulletin board.
Full Circle Mentorship wrapped up this month and we
look forward to offering it in March again. During
extended winter break, our teachers and educational

LITERACY MOMENT

assistants completed the Reconciliation Education course as

we work collaboratively towards Truth and Reconciliation at Dr. Clark School.



HISTORY MONTH

This month why not celebrate the many contributions of Black individuals with a good book!!

- Check out the following titles (and many more) from the library:
 - <u>Viola Desmond Won't be</u>
 <u>Budged!</u>
 - Africville
 - o Hurry, Freedom
 - The Kids Book of Black
 Canadian History
- If you can't make it to the library, why not watch some read-alouds:
 - o http://bit.ly/BHMreadaloud

MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

Did you know that FMPSD has a Mental Health website to support students and families? On the website you can find:

- Mental Health Podcasts
- Community Resources
- Information and resources on topics such as:
 - bullying
 - o grief and loss
 - stress and anxiety
 - eating disorders
 - addiction
 - relationships
 - o and much more!



If you would like to explore or are looking for support go to: fmpsd.com/mentalhealth

A LITTLE BIT OF FUN

Why did the man get fired from the calendar factory?

What do you call two birds in love? What do you call a frog born on

February 29th?

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Why did the Valentine get arrested?

What do you call a very
small Valentine?

Some months have 30 days, some months have 31 days. How many have 28?

For stealing someone's heart - AvValentiny - All of them

DINO SCRAPBOOK

