



DECEMBER 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 an attitude of
responsibility, respect &
caring and leads to a
desire to be lifelong
learners.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Dino Families,

December is here and according to the calendar, it will be a busy month. Our holiday gift shop is Dec 6-8. Information will be sent home with details. We will have 2 Christmas concerts this year, Dec 14 ECDP to grade 2 and Dec 15 grades 3 to 6. Ski days are also in December, Dec 14 for grade 6 and Dec 16 for grades 4 and 5. Skiing is a part of the PE program and students are expected to attend. If cost is an issue, please let us know.

We would like to send a big thank you to our volleyball coaches and players who had a great season. They played very well, showed excellent sportsmanship and had successes along the way. Stay tuned for information on our next sport. We would also like to thank some of our community partners for their support and generosity: Home Hardware, Sobeys, Save on Foods, Superstore, Lions Club, RCMP, Pembina, Breakfast Club of Canada, Ever Active Schools and APPLE Schools.

Our school continues to grow. We are currently at 599 students. We welcome all our new families and are working to establish relationships with you all.

We hope everyone has a fantastic December and a restful break. Safe travels to all who will be traveling.

Your admin team,
Bobbi Compton, Principal
Robert Skulsky, Vice Principal
Abbi Easton, Vice Principal



REMINDERS

- Morning Bells: 1st > 8:55am, 2nd > 9:00am
- Recess: 10:15-10:35 AM
- Lunch/PM Recess: 12:10-12:50pm
- Dismissal: 3:30pm
- Please drop off lunches before 12:10pm
- 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](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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 780-743-2444 or via email at dc.absences@fmps.ab.ca Please indicate student first & last name as well as grade & teacher.



SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from our Winter Florals Fundraiser! Orders will be ready for pick up at the school on Thursday, December 1st from 3-7pm.



Volunteer at the Holiday Gift Shop!

There are spots available December 5 - 8th!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/IOCOC48ADAE2AA7FB6-christmas1>

Students will shop December 6-8. Supplies are limited, so students are only to purchase gifts for their immediate household members.



All parents are welcome at our December Dr. Clark School Council and Fundraising Committee Meeting Monday, December 19th from 7-8pm

WE ARE A LEADER IN ME SCHOOL

Work First, Then Play
Students who put first things first spend time on things that are most important. This means they say no to things they know they should not do. They set priorities, make schedules, and follow my plan. They are disciplined and organized.



Watch the Habit #3 story: A Place for Everything at youtu.be/5lYi5FRkbuc

CHECK THIS OUT



Are you looking for some fun activities to do over the holiday season?

- Check out the RMWB MAC Calendar [HERE](#)
- Outdoor skating rink info can be found [HERE](#)
- Vista Ridge tubing and skiing info can be found [HERE](#)

PARKING LOT DOs & DON'Ts

- DO - Park within parking stalls 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 bus lanes or through traffic areas
- DON'T - Park in the Kiss & Drop lane
- DON'T - Forget to be courteous



MENTAL HEALTH

Some Tips for Holiday Season Regulation:

1. Stick to routines
2. Schedule in downtime
3. Let your child vent
4. Physical activity
5. Give a heads up, reduce surprises
6. Don't feel you have to do everything
7. Stay calm





FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, INUIT

This month we will be learning the sacred teachings of the Sabe. The Sabe teaches us honesty. Honesty is speaking and acting truthfully. The Elders would say, "Never try to be someone else; live true to your spirit, be honest to yourself and accept who you are the way the Creator made you." To learn more about the sacred teachings of the Sabe go to <https://youtu.be/JBFilmd8NNU>

OUR STUDENTS USE THEIR W·I·T·S

Walk away
Ignore
Talk it out
Seek help

At Dr. Clark school we use the WITS program to promote kindness and prevent discrimination and bullying. The WITS program gives children aged 5 to 11 the tools to manage conflicts and empowers them to make safe, positive choices within their community.

Big thanks to RCMP Cst. Schramowsky & Cst. Robichaud and the Oil Barons for helping us launch our program this year!



LITERACY MOMENT

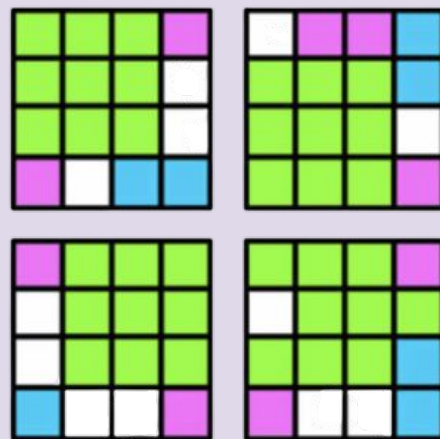
Over the holidays why not cuddle up with a mug of cocoa and a good book. The following books are all available at the library:

1. A Coyote Solstice Tale
2. The Snowy Day
3. Seven Spools of Thread
4. Hanukkah Lights
5. Every Month Is a New Year
6. The Twelve Days of Christmas in Canada
7. The Wish Tree
8. The Polar Express



NUMERACY FUN

Which one doesn't belong? How many different reasons can you come up with?

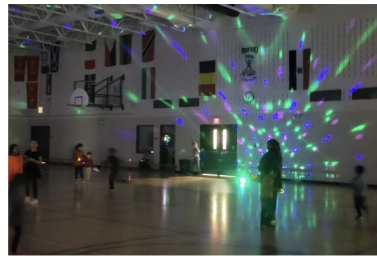
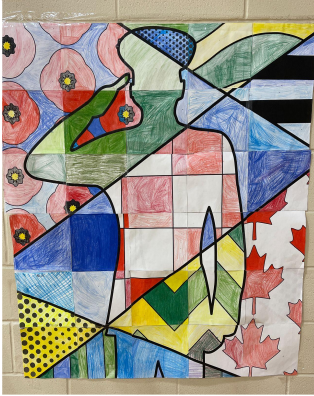


UPCOMING DATES

Dec 01: Report Cards
Dec 02: PLF (No School)
Dec 12: Gr. 6 & Skills Ski Day
Dec 14: Gr. 4 & 5 Ski Day
Dec 14: ECDP to Gr. 2 Concert



Dec 15: Gr. 3 to 6 Concert
Dec 19: Red, Green or Plaid Day
Dec 20: Ugly Sweater Day
Dec 21: Holiday Character Day
Dec 22: Holiday Comfort/PJ Day



Check us out on:

