



# JANUARY 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,

Happy New Year! A big welcome back to our staff, students and families. We hope everyone had a restful break. We can't wait to see everyone.

We are excited to welcome back Alien In-Line Skating later in January. This is an activity the students enjoy very much and we appreciate the support from the Dr. Clark Fundraising Council and School Council for making this fun, healthy event happen every year. More information will be sent out.

A reminder to all adults dropping off or picking up students to please be patient in our parking lot at the beginning and end of the day. We understand that it can be very cold outside and you want your child to be dropped off as close to the doors as possible but this is not always safe for other students so please only stop or park in the designated areas.

Further, at the end of the day we have about 300 students who take the bus. This means that they need to stand outside waiting as the busses pull up. If you are picking up your child and they are warm inside the car, we ask that you please allow the busses to pull into the bus loop and not block traffic. There have been times when (because of vehicles backing up, pulling in or out of the parking lot, etc) that traffic has blocked the busses. We know that people are anxious to get going, but if we could have a little empathy for those children waiting outside, that would be appreciated.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the school at 780 743 2444.

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](mailto:dc.absences@fmps.ab.ca) Please indicate student first & last name as well as grade & teacher.



# SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

## DR. CLARK FUNDRAISER

Shop at M&M Food Market  
between January 14-15 &  
10% of your purchase goes  
to Dr. Clark School!

M&M FOOD MARKET



Don't forget to say the magic words,  
"This is for the Dr. Clark Fundraiser."

213 Timberline Dr #8, Fort McMurray

Check out their flier



Thank you to everyone who purchased items from our Winter Florals Fundraiser, supported our Holiday Gift Shop and participated in the 50/50 draw at our holiday concert! Totals raised will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

All parents are welcome at our January  
Dr. Clark School Council  
and Fundraising Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 23rd from 7-8pm

## WE ARE A LEADER IN ME SCHOOL

Everyone Can Win!

You can balance courage for getting what you want with consideration for what others want. You can make deposits in others' Emotional Bank Accounts. When conflicts arise, you look for third alternatives.



Watch the Habit #4 story Sammy and the Pecan Pie at

<https://youtu.be/FJN9AF8Oq9E>

## MENTAL HEALTH

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is when a person becomes depressed in fall or winter, when days are shorter and it gets dark earlier. SAD is brought on by the brain's response to the seasonal changes in daylight. When the daylight hours grow longer again, the depression lifts. Go to [bit.ly/SADkids](https://bit.ly/SADkids) for some tips on how to deal with SAD.



## ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

Did you know the RMWB is hosting the Arctic Winter Games from January 29 to February 4! Check out <https://awg2023.org> to get involved!



## 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



## FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, INUIT

This month we will be learning the sacred teachings of the Turtle. The Turtle represents truth. To know truth is to know and understand all of the original laws as given by the Creator- and to remain faithful to them. It is said that in the beginning, when the Creator made man and gave him the seven sacred laws, the Grandmother Turtle was present to ensure that the laws would never be lost or forgotten. To learn more about the sacred teachings of the Turtle go to <https://youtu.be/88tHhIGn4ZM>



## SOCCER AT DR. CLARK

Dr. Clark students love soccer and we want to keep them safe on the soccer pitch. To do this we:

- Have 4 areas of play (Gr 1/2, Gr 3/4, Gr 5, and Gr 6).
- Encourage fair play.
- Allow no pushing, tripping, etc.
- Remind students that not all students are playing at the same skill level and to be mindful of that.
- Remind students to use their W.I.T.S.



Please support us by talking to your children about safe and fun soccer at school so we can continue to have soccer during recess.

## LITERACY MOMENT

January 27th is Family Literacy Day. This year's theme is *Celebrate your Heritage*.

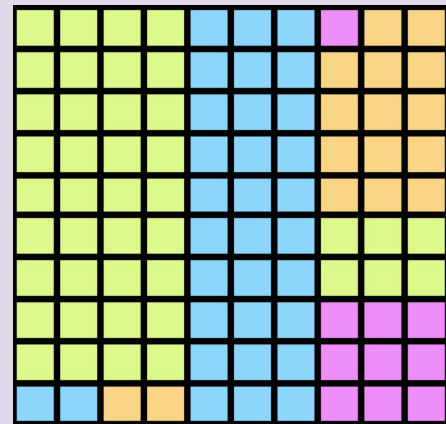
Why not:

- Research your family's place of origin
- Interview a family member
- Listen to traditional music
- Make a craft of traditional designs
- Cook a traditional recipe
- Explore a map
- Make a photo collage
- Read a story
- Explore the language



## NUMERACY FUN

If the diagram below represents 250, find the value of each color.



Each box equals 2.5 Green = 105 Blue = 80 Pink = 25 Orange = 40

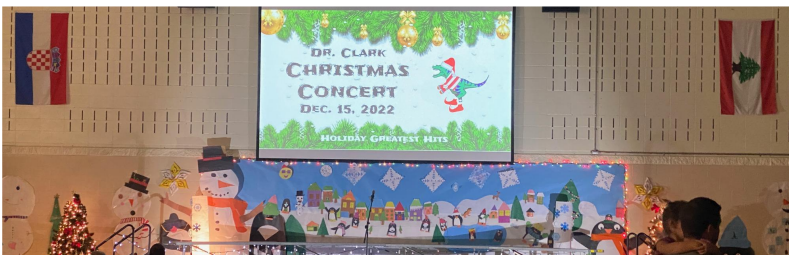
## IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 1 - Happy New Year!  
Jan 7 - Ukrainian Christmas  
Jan 9 - School Resumes  
Jan 18 - Dino Assembly  
Jan 20 - Multicultural Day



Jan 22 - Chinese New Year  
Jan 23 - School Council Meeting  
Jan 27 - PLF #7 (Staff Only)  
Feb 3 - Division PD Day (Staff Only)  
Feb 17 - PLF #8 (Staff Only)





Check us out on:

