



MARCH 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.

ADMINISTRATION'S MESSAGE

Hello Dino Families,

It's hard to believe that over half of the year is completed. With the longer days we are starting to feel like a little Spring is in the air.

Teacher's Convention for the teachers is always a time to reconnect with colleagues from other places and to get rejuvenated for the rest of the year. The PD offered this year was excellent and all of our staff will come back with new ideas and renewed energy.

Report cards will be coming out in March and parent teacher interviews will be on the 4th and 5th of April from 4:30 to 7:30. We hope to see many of our parents come out for these important conversations. Also in March is our Math Fair from 5:00-6:00 on the 9th for families to participate in math activities together (see more info on page 3).

Last month we acknowledged Pink Shirt Day. It was fantastic to see pink everywhere in the building and hearing conversations about kindness.

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



Alien Inline Skating was a great success. The students loved getting on skates during class and families who joined us for family skate night had a great time skating together!



Our next fundraiser will be the Growing Smiles Spring Flowers. Stay tuned for details!

All parents are welcome at our online March Dr. Clark School Council and Fundraising Committee Meeting Monday, March 20th from 7-8pm



WE ARE A LEADER IN ME SCHOOL



Habit 6 means to listen before you talk. When you synergize you value other

people's strengths and learn from them.

You get along well with others, even people who are different than you. You seek out other people's ideas to solve problems and work well in groups.

Watch the Habit #6 story Sophie and the Perfect Poem at

<https://youtu.be/a5coho6TP84>

AROUND the RMWB

Last month there was lots of fun to be had in the RMWB with the Arctic Winter Games and WinterPlay. To stay on top of family events around the RMWB go to <https://maccalendar.ca/> or follow the MAC Calendar on [Facebook](#)



MENTAL HEALTH

With children spending more time on the internet, the use of parent controls helps to ensure kids are not exposed to inappropriate content. To help you limit what content your children can see online,

which apps & programs they can access, & control time online check out the tip sheet at

<https://bit.ly/ParCtrl>



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 Beaver. The Beaver represents wisdom. Beavers use their teeth to cut trees & build dams; in doing this they have a positive impact on the nature around them, other Beavers, & themselves. The Beaver reminds us that we all have gifts & a purpose in this world & through this we find wisdom. To learn more about the sacred teachings of the Beaver go to <https://youtu.be/ae2WxW2952I>



DR. CLARK MATH FAIR

Join us on Thursday, March 9th for our Math Fair. Some fun activities include:

- Guessing Sticks
- Roll and Cover
- Shut the box
- Pop It
- Four in a Row
- Q-bits
- Hand Games
- Crib
- Dominoes
- Dice
- Jenga
- Lego
- Puzzles
- Add/Sub War
- Bumb
- Salute

and so much more!!



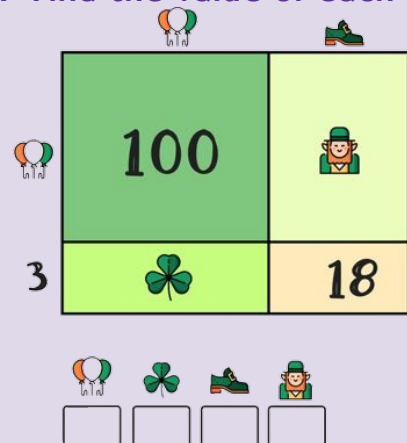
LITERACY MOMENT

Reading strategies to help young readers.

Lips the Fish • Get your lips ready. • Say the first sounds of a word.	Eagle Eye • Look at the pictures. • Find clues to help you figure out the word.	Stretchy Snake • Stretch the word slowly. • Put the sounds together to read the word.
Chunky Monkey • Look for a chunk you know. • Look for a word part you know.	Flippy Dolphin • Try a short vowel sound. • Try a long vowel sound. • Does it make sense?	Skippy Frog • Skip the word. • Keep reading. • Hop back and read again.
Tryin' Lion • Try it again.	Dotty Giraffe • Look at the punctuation. • Read with expression.	Helpful Hippo • Did you try everything? • Ask for help.

NUMERACY FUN

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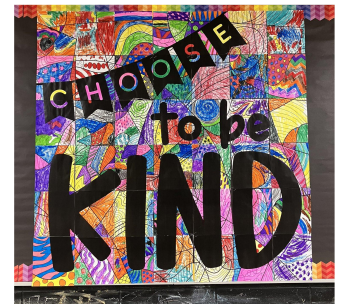
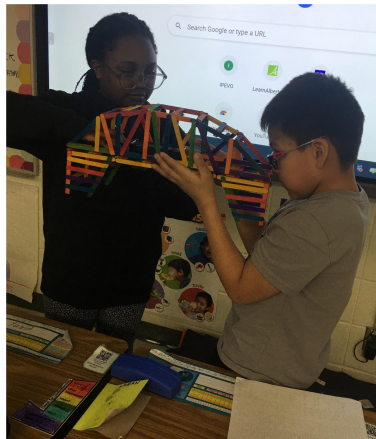
Balloons - 30, Shamrock - 60, Shoe - 10, Leprechaun - 60, Leprechaun - 60, Shamrock - 30

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 9 - Math Fair
 Mar 10 - PLF #9 (Staff Only)
 Mar 16 - Gr. 3 Tubing at Vista Ridge
 Mar 20 - School Council Meeting
 Mar 22 - Ramadan Begins



March 22/23 - ECDP Open House
 Mar 23 - Dress Like a Teacher Day
 Mar 24 - PLF #10 (Staff Only)
 Mar 29 - Dino Assembly
 Mar 30/31 - Kindergarten Open House



Check us out on:

