



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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Dino Families,

Welcome to all our new and returning families. We are so excited for the 2023-24 school year and we are looking forward to working together to do what is best for our students. It's going to be a dino-mite year!

We have a number of new staff members joining our Dr. Clark Family. We are so happy to have them join our team. It is going to be a busy and exciting year for all. Together we make a great team committed to serving the Dino community.

Our welcome back BBQ is scheduled for September 14 (5:00 - 6:30). All families are invited to join us in the gym and field areas. There will be seating available in the gym or bring a blanket for a family picnic. A reminder to use the community entrance/walk around to the back of the school. A form will be coming home with your child/children this week. Please complete and return only one from to help us plan. Our School Council is also looking for parent volunteers to help with the event.

The first school day of each month is **Dino-Tastic First Day of the Month!** Students and staff are encouraged to wear school clothing or our school colours, green or purple to celebrate being a Dr. Clark Dino.

We are looking forward to a great year!

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

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

REMINDERS

- Morning Bells: 1st > 8:55am, 2nd > 9:00am
- Recess: 10:15-10:35am
- Kindergarten/ECDP AM Dismissal: 11:45am
- Lunch/PM Recess: 12:10-12:50pm
- Kindergarten/ECDP AM Start: 12:45pm
- 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 dcinfo@fm-psd.ab.ca



SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The School Council and School Fundraising Committee are looking forward to another exciting year at Dr. K. A. Clark and with things returning to normal we are looking forward to more opportunities to participate in person. If you are interested in learning more about what our council/committee does, come to one of the meetings listed below or contact the president Jennifer Dahl at sjahlmail@gmail.com.



September 25, 2023
October 23, 2023
November 20, 2023

January 22, 2024
March 18, 2024
April 29, 2024
May 27, 2024



The Welcome Back BBQ is September 14th. We are always looking for help to set-up, serve food and take down. Please contact Jennifer Dahl at sjahlmail@gmail.com if you want to know more.

WE ARE A LEADER IN ME SCHOOL



7 SACRED TEACHINGS

Eagle - Love

True love is knowing the Creator. Love given to the Great Spirit is shown through caring for oneself, And it is understood that, if one can not love oneself, it is impossible to love anything else.



PARKING LOT DOs & DON'Ts

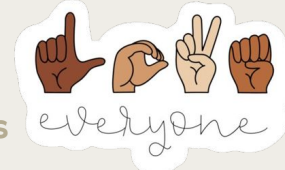
- DO - Park within parking stalls only
- DO - Use the sidewalks
- DO - Drop students off at the front of the Kiss & Drop lane
- DO - Follow directions of staff supervisors
- DO - Give busses the right of way
- DO - Watch for pedestrians
- DO - Be courteous to other drivers
- DON'T - Park/stop in bus lanes or through traffic areas
- DON'T - Park in the Kiss & Drop lane
- DON'T - Forget to be courteous



DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION



ALL are welcome and cared for at Dr. K. A. Clark school. We value ALL of our students, families and staff. We strive to create a safe and caring environment where ALL students can learn and feel represented.



OUR TEACHERS THIS YEAR

Principal: Bobbi Compton Vice-Principal: Abbi Easton Vice Principal: Robert Skulsky

ECDP-K: Selena Hagopian
 ECDP-L: Robin Wemyss
 KX: Kristy Fitzherbert
 KY: Jill Young
 IK: Shelley Dean
 IL: Miranda Matthews
 IM: Souha Athmani
 IN: Yvette Vermeer
 2K: Rod Gidge



2L: Christine Svensson
 2M: Taneille Haines-Reid
 3K: Tania Lavallee
 3L: Jill Woodfine
 3M: Sandy Dhillon
 4K: Kaylyn Johnston
 4L: Amenah Jomha
 4M: Chloe Paterson
 5K: Rashmi Tiwari



5L: Amell Jomha
 6K: Nnedi Azolike
 6L: Colleen Power
 SK/VIP-K: Tamara Lesage
 SK/VIP-L: Marsha Turpin
 Music: Dominique Blais
 PE: Alyssa Hennigar
 Counselor: Lisa Doiron
 LAC: Hilary Banks
 III: Kailee Ingram

We can't wait to introduce our amazing EAs and support staff in upcoming newsletters!

LITERACY MOMENT










This year at Dr. Clark we will be focussing on Phonological Awareness, Phonemic Awareness and Phonics to support our students in literacy. Some great websites to check out to learn more are:

- Keys to Literacy - bit.ly/3R5fd4e
- The 3 Big Ps - bit.ly/45ANc8M
- Phonological Awareness - bit.ly/3PISEqv
- Phonemic Awareness - bit.ly/3R7Hk2u
- Phonics - bit.ly/44uJM6g



NUMERACY FUN

In the multiplication chart below find the value of each icon.:

	2	
	1	
	3	9
	12	

volcano=1, statue=3, rocket=6, car=2, ferris wheel=18

UPCOMING DATES

- Sept 01: PLF (No School)
- Sept 04: Labour Day (No School)
- Sept 05: First Day for ECDP
- Sept 12: First Day of PEAK Soccer
- Sept 14: Welcome BBQ (5 to 6:30)
- Sept 15: PLF (No School)



- Sept 20: Spirit Day: What do you want to be when you grow up?
- Sept 21: Picture Day
- Sept 29: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (No School)
- Oct 2: Wear DC Dino Colours/Clothes