



OCTOBER 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,

It's been an exciting and busy September. We have loved seeing all 626 student faces in the classrooms, hallways and at the park!

September was a busy month welcoming everybody to a new school year and we enjoyed meeting all the families who joined us at the welcome BBQ put on by the Dr. Clark School Council and Fundraising Committee. We had a great time participating in the annual Terry Fox Run and holding our first Dino Assembly. Also, our Division 2 students have already started practicing for the upcoming volleyball season.

This month, we are looking forward to engaging in ReconciliACTION through our participation in the Walk for Wenjack in support of the Downie & Wenjack Fund. To learn more about the event go to walk-for-wenjack-2023.raisely.com.

Our staff will also continue their learning regarding diversity, equity and inclusion as we participate in professional development related to unconscious bias. Lastly, we will end the month with our famous Dr. Clark costume parade.

Our doors are always open. Do not hesitate to come by, email or call if you have any questions or concerns.

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



REMINDERS

- Morning Bells: 1st > 8:55am, 2nd > 9:00am
- Recess: 10:15-10:35am
- 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

Thank you to all our casino volunteers from last year. We just received word that as a result of your efforts we made \$37,693.03 to support our students and staff!!



Our next fundraising event is a pizza fundraiser with Papa John's Pizza. On Oct. 11th and Nov. 1st, get 15% off orders and another 15% will come back to the school. Use Promo Code DCI5 when ordering!

The next School Council/Fundraising Committee will be October 23rd at 6:00pm. The meeting takes place in person at the school but you can also attend via Google Meet. Please contact Jennifer Dahl at sidahlmail@gmail.com if you have questions.

To learn more about the DC School Council/Fundraising Committee go to <https://drclark.fmpsdschools.ca/parents/school-council-fundraising-committees>

CYBER SAFETY

Keeping kids safe in the online world.

Risks for online gaming:

- Online game chats can expose kids to inappropriate conversations or redirect them to inappropriate content on other sites.
- Some gaming apps use the device's GPS during gameplay, allowing the location of the user to be seen by other users.

What can we do to keep them safe?

- Know and explore the games your child wants to play online.
- Know your child's login and password information.
- Set up privacy settings if possible.
- Supervise kids when playing.



For more info go to protectkidsonline.ca



HEALTHY LUNCHES

Making healthy lunches day in and day out can be hard, especially when your child is a picky eater. For some tips/ideas go to bit.ly/AHShealthyhunch

7 SACRED TEACHINGS

Buffalo - Respect



Respect involves being considerate of others including nature and animals. In Indigenous culture, it is also very important to respect others, particularly Elders.

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



This month families in our school are celebrating...

Sukkot (Sept 29-Oct 6): A week-long Jewish holiday that celebrates the fall harvest.

Thanksgiving (Oct 9): Canadian holiday to give thanks and gather with family.

Navaratri (Oct 15-24): The annual Hindu festival observed in honour of the goddess Durga.

SUPPORT STAFF THIS YEAR

Head Secretary: Stephanie Pittman Secretary: Crystal Sali Secretary: Elaine Elliott

Wissal Abadi
Rodiat Aderinoye-Ajiboye
Doaa Al Quaiti
Nadjoua Ali
Angela Austin
Amanda Baker
Grace Balasa
Jemyrhies Bandi
Momtaz Bari



Myvel Bennett
Connie Benoit
Melanie Blagdon
Diandra Caruso
Loryn Coker
Renee Cormier
Cynthia De Guzman
Mary Joyce Delfinado
Candace Dubois



Sonya Dyke
Elaine Elliott
Colette Farahani
Ana Feliz
Betlehem Fisseha
Morrissa Fudge
Ali Harder
Sheila Hardy
Tammy Hayter

There are still many more to be introduced next month!

LITERACY MOMENT

Phonological Awareness

Listening

cat-car

Do these words sound the same?

Alliteration

hop-happy

Do these words begin with the same sound?

Rhyming

boy-toy

Do these two words rhyme?

Blending

c/a/t cat

Can you blend this word back together?

Syllables

wagon = 2

How many syllables are in this word?

Segmentation

hat h/a/t

Can you break this word apart by sounds?

NUMERACY FUN

$$\text{Nintendo Switch} \times \text{Game Boy} = 143$$

$$\text{Game Controller} - \text{Game Boy} = 7$$

$$12 \times \text{Nintendo Switch} = 132$$

$$19 = \text{Game Boy} + \text{Game Controller}$$

$$\text{Game Boy} = 22 - \text{Game Boy}$$

$$\text{Game Controller} \times \text{Game Controller} = ?$$

Answer=160

UPCOMING DATES

- Oct 2: Wear DC Dino Colours/Clothes
- Oct 6: Day in Lieu (No School)
- Oct 9: Thanksgiving (No School)
- Oct 11: Papa John's Fundraiser (DCI5)
- Oct 17-22: Secret Path Week
- Oct 20: PLF #3 (No School)



- Oct 23: School Council Meeting
- Oct 24: Picture Retakes
- Oct 25: Dino Assembly
- Oct 27: ATA Institute Day (No School)
- Oct 31: Halloween Parade
- Nov 1: Papa John's Fundraiser (DCI5)



Check us out on:

