



# NOVEMBER 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,

Can you believe it is November already? Last month, our school was buzzing with various activities and events that have not only impacted student learning but also fostered a sense of community among all members of our school family. We would especially like to thank everyone's support of the grade 6 Halloween fundraiser which raised \$615.00 for our grade 6 classes.

November marks the beginning of several exciting events and activities. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 7 & 8 from 4:30 to 7:30 and can be booked online at [drclark.fmpsdschools.ca/bookings](http://drclark.fmpsdschools.ca/bookings). Interviews provide an excellent opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress and learning goals. This month we will also be honouring soldiers with our Remembrance Day assembly on November 9th at 10:55 and celebrating the diversity in our schools by recognizing Día de Muertos, Diwali, Bandi Chhor Divas, Inuit Day, Rock your Mocs Day and Louis Riel week.

To finish up, please help support the school by shopping at M&M Meats this weekend (Nov 4 & 5). If you say "This is for Dr. Clark" you get 10% off and a portion of sales comes back to the school. You can also place an order with Papa John's Pizza on Nov 1 (code DCI5). Lastly, please remember that Dr. Clark is a nut-free school so please check ingredients before sending snacks for your child.



Have a great month!

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 [dc.absences@fmpsd.ab.ca](mailto:dc.absences@fmpsd.ab.ca)



# SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting last month, the 2023-2024 Executive was elected:  
Co-Chairs of School Council & P/VP of Fund. Committee: Hilary Banks & Kailee Ingram  
Secretary: Aruna Baker | Treasurer & Casino Cood: Megan Hamilton  
Fundraising Cood: OPEN | Sign-Up Genius Cood: Lindsay Van Leeuwen  
Advertising Reps: Hilary Banks, Kymani Baker, Kayden Baker  
Thank you for commitment!!



## FUNDRAISING

### Upcoming Fundraising:

Nov 1: Papa John's (code DC15)

Nov 4/5: M&M Meat Shop

Dec 12-14: Holiday Gift Shop

TBD: Growing Smiles Winter Plants

To learn more go to [bit.ly/DC-SC-FC](https://bit.ly/DC-SC-FC)

The next School Council/Fundraising Committee will be November 20th 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 [sidahmail@gmail.com](mailto:sidahmail@gmail.com) if you have questions.

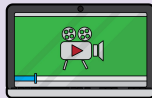


## CYBER SAFETY

Keeping kids safe in the online world.

### Risks for online gaming:

Watching videos online is very popular with children. The accessibility to information and entertainment is wonderful, but children can accidentally be exposed to inappropriate content as they select different videos to watch.



### What can we do to keep them safe?

- Preview any videos your child wants to watch.
- Assist your child in searching for videos they are interested in.
- Set limits on the amount of time your child spends watching videos, and make sure you enforce them.

For more info go to [protectkidsonline.ca](https://protectkidsonline.ca)

## 7 SACRED TEACHINGS

### Bear - Courage

Courage requires the mental and moral strength to overcome fears that prevent us from living our true spirit as human beings. It is a great challenge.



## 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



## HEALTHY LUNCHES

School Lunch Idea Websites:

50+ Ideas: <https://bit.ly/497rD21>

Bento Boxes: <https://bit.ly/40jPIW6>

Halal Ideas: <https://bit.ly/3FCksRK>

Picky Eater: <https://bit.ly/3FDVscM>



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION



This month families in our school are celebrating...

**Día de Muertos (Nov 2):** Mexican day of remembrance for friends & family who have died

**Diwali (Nov 11):** Hindu festival of lights celebrating the victory of light over darkness.

**Bandi Chhor Divas (Nov 11):** Sikhs commemorate the story of Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji

## SUPPORT STAFF THIS YEAR

Head Secretary: Stephanie Pittman

Secretary: Crystal Sali

Secretary: Elaine Elliott

Karyn Hobbs  
Amanda Hurley  
Maritza Hurley  
Cora Johnston  
Esther Katjijova  
Carla Landry  
Anita Marfo  
Vanessa Marshall  
Marion Mason



Gunjan Minhas  
Nancy Paparon  
Kim Perreault  
Adriana Clarke  
Wendy Pope  
Naveena Rani  
Amanda Reid  
Pam Sampson



Cristine Sanchez  
Priya Sharma  
Fatma Sheik Bana  
Melanie Shelley  
Valisha Singh  
Conching Villalon  
Kayla Wakeling  
Lisa Whelen  
Ayobami Yusuf

We are so privileged to have such a great staff!!

## LITERACY MOMENT

### Phonemic Awareness Skills

#### ISOLATING Sounds:

- What is the 1<sup>st</sup> sound in *cat*? (/k/)
- What is the last sound in *cat*? (/t/)
- What is the middle sound in *cat*? (/ə/)

#### DELETING Phonemes:

- Say *cat*: What word do we get when we take away the /k/? (*at*)
- Say *frog*: Take away the /r/. What is left? (*fog*)

#### BLENDING Phonemes:

- Blending onset and rime: s-at = sat
- Blending individual phonemes:  
/s/ /a/ /t/ = sat

#### SEGMENTING Phonemes:

- Segmenting onset and rime:  
*cat* = k - at
- Segmenting individual phonemes:  
*cat* = /k/ /a/ /t/

#### SUBSTITUTING Phonemes

- Say *cat*: What word do you get when we change the /k/ to /p/? (*pat*)
- Say *sled*: What word do you get when you change /l/ to /p/? (*sped*)

#### ADDING Phonemes:

- Say *at*: What word do we get when we add /s/ before *at*? (*sat*)
- Say *sick*: What word do you get when you add /l/ after /s/? (*slick*)

## NUMERACY FUN

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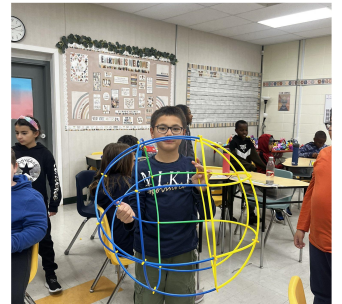
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## UPCOMING DATES

- Nov 1: Spirit Day - Wear Dino Colours
- Nov 1: Papa John's Fundraiser (DC15)
- Nov 3: PLF #4 (No School)
- Nov 4-5: M&M Meat Shop Fundraiser
- Nov 7: International Inuit Day
- Nov 7&8: Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov 9: Remembrance Day Assembly



- Nov 10: No School (Remembrance Day)
- Nov 13-17: Louis Riel Week
- Nov 15: Rock Your Mocs Day
- Nov 20: Parent Council Meeting
- Nov 23: Spirit Day - Jersey Day
- Nov 24: PLF #5 (No School)
- Nov 29: Dino Assembly



Check us out on:

