



DECEMBER 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

December is both a festive and busy month. Students and families in our school are celebrating holidays and observances such as Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and the Winter Solstice. Education is at the heart of what we do, and December provides a unique opportunity for our students to explore and learn about the various celebrations around the world in December.

Our holiday concerts this year are on Tuesday, December 12th for our ECDP to Grade 2 students and on Wednesday, December 13th for our Grade 3 to 6 students. These events are not only a celebration of the season but also a testament to the hard work and dedication our students and staff have put into creating memorable performances.

To add an extra dash of fun to the holiday season, we have planned special theme days for the last week we are in school this month. From festive sweater days to dressing like holiday characters, these themed days aim to create a joyful and spirited atmosphere within our school community. We encourage students, teachers, and staff to participate and embrace the joy of the season by dressing up and enjoying these lighthearted activities together.

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, we want to express our gratitude for the continued support from our parents, guardians, and the entire school community. Here's to a joyful and fulfilling December, and to many more exciting adventures in the new year ahead!

Wishing you and your loved ones a warm and wonderful holiday season.

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@fm-psd.ab.ca



SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from our Winter Florals Fundraiser! Orders will be ready for pick up at the school on Thursday, December 1st from 3-7pm.



Volunteer at the Holiday Gift Shop!

There are spots available December 5 - 8th!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/IOCOC48ADAE2AA7FB6-christmas1>

Students will shop December 6-8. Supplies are limited, so students are only to purchase gifts for their immediate household members.



All parents are welcome at our December Dr. Clark School Council and Fundraising Committee Meeting Monday, December 19th from 7-8pm

CYBER SAFETY

Keeping kids safe in the online world.

Risks for search engines:

Despite many safety features, children can still happen upon content that is inappropriate for them to see.



What can we do to keep them safe?

- Use filtering options available on many search engines to help moderate the search results that appear. While not 100 percent effective, it helps to avoid violent and adult content.
- Assist your child in searching for topics they are interested in. Supervise the online activities of children this age.

For more info go to protectkidsonline.ca

7 SACRED TEACHINGS

Sabe (Honesty)

The highest honour that could be bestowed upon an individual is saying: "There walks an honest person. They can be trusted."



7 HABITS FOR KIDS

Be Proactive:

- Be a responsible person
- Be in control of your actions, and moods
- Don't blame others for your faults
- Do good things, even when no one is around



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...

- Hanukkah** - The Jewish eight-day, wintertime "festival of lights"
- Christmas** - Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus.
- Kwanzaa** - Celebration of African family, community and culture.



EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING

Executive functioning - What is it?



- Executive function skills are controlled by the prefrontal cortex of the brain.
- Everyone has executive function strengths and weaknesses.
- When executive function skills are weak, individuals can struggle with emotional regulation, relationships and school.
- Executive function skills are learned. With practice and support, everyone can improve these skills.
- We are not born with these skills, they develop naturally through practice and mature in our mid-20s.

By helping our students with their executive functioning, we not only support student learning outcomes but also support their mental health

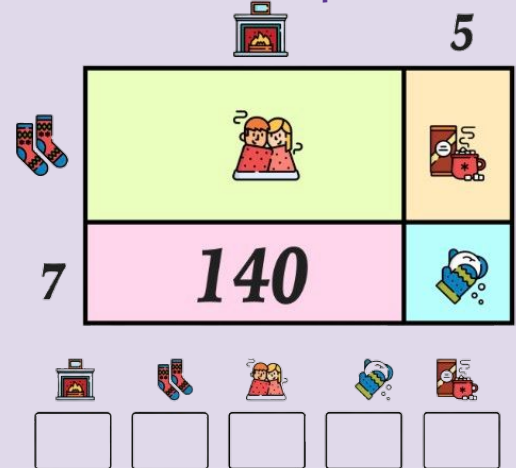
LITERACY MOMENT

Our School Division provides the online program Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress for all of our students. Reading eggs supports each child's learning by offering individual, one-on-one lessons. The online lessons allow your child to progress at their own rate, gradually building their reading confidence and rewarding them at every step of the way. All students can log in with their FMPSD Google account. Talk to your child's teacher if you would like to learn more about accessing the program at home.



NUMERACY FUN

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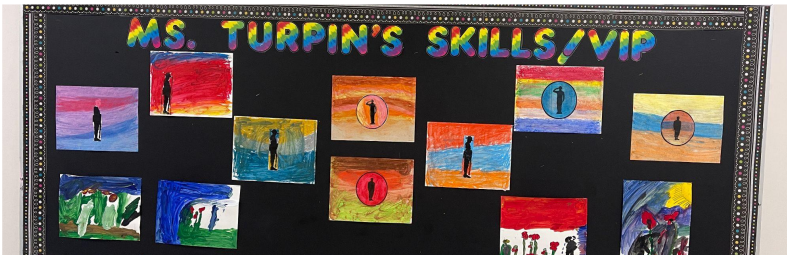
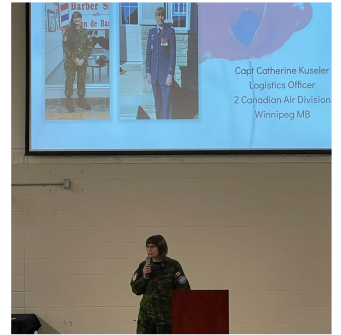
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UPCOMING DATES

- Dec 1: PLF #6 (No School)
- Dec 4: Wear Dino Clothes/Colours
- Dec 5-8: Student Holiday Shop
- Dec 6: Papa John's Fundraiser
- Dec 7: First Day of Hanukkah
- Dec 12: ECDP-Gr. 2 Holiday Concert
- Dec 13: Gr 3-6 Holiday Concert



- Dec 15: PLF #7 (No School)
- Dec 18: Plaid, Red or Green Day
- Dec 19: Ugly Sweater Day
- Dec 20: Dress Like a Holiday Character
- Dec 21: Holiday Comfort/PJ Day
- Dec 22-Jan 7: Holiday Break (No school)
- Dec 25: Christmas
- Dec 26: Kwanzaa



Check us out on:

