



FEBRUARY DINO NEWS

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Respectfully acknowledging that we are situated on Treaty 8 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis People.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a great start we have had to the 2024. Our students and staff are back into the swing of things and are engaged in lots of great learning. Last month the cold spell prevented our grade 4 and Skills/VIP classes from going skiing, but our grade 5 and 6 classes were able to get out and had a blast. We had a great time at our Literacy Night on January 25th and some of our students also presented to the board of trustees about how inclusive Dr. Clark school is.

Our school is committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse learning environment, and this month provides us with multiple opportunities to reflect on the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in education. We start the month celebrating World Hijab Day. A global event that encourages individuals of all faiths and backgrounds to experience the hijab and gain a better understanding of the Muslim culture. February is also Black History Month. Throughout the month, our teachers will incorporate special lessons, activities, and discussions to celebrate the accomplishments of African Canadians and deepen our



understanding of their impact on our society. We will also be celebrating Pink Shirt Day, an anti-bullying campaign that celebrates diversity and creates environments where all people can feel safe, valued and respected.

We are also looking forward to the Alien Inline program. Students will get the chance to test out their inline skating skills in the gym and there will be at least one family night, so stay tuned for details. The grade 3 classes are also having a Valentine's Day fundraiser and more details will come from classroom teachers.

Lastly, we end the month with Teachers Convention. While students have the week off, teachers engage in professional development at GETCA in Edmonton. It is a wonderful opportunity for teachers to learn more about their craft from a wide array of presenters.

We look forward to a great month!

Your admin team,

Principal Bobbi Compton

Vice-Principals Abbi Easton & Robert Skulsky



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

We had a wonderful turn out at our January School Council/Fundraising Committee Meeting. It was amazing to see so many new faces and people interested in supporting our school community. If you were unable to make it you can review meeting minutes at

drclark.fmpsdschools.ca/parents/school-council-fundraising-committees



The next Papa John's Pizza day is February 7th. Last month we raised \$77, let's see if we can raise \$100. When you order a regular priced item you get 15% off your order and another 15% will come back to the school. Use Promo Code DCI5 when ordering!

All parents are welcome at our next Dr. Clark School Council and Fundraising Committee Meeting on Monday, March 18th from 6-7pm either in person or online.

CYBER SAFETY

Keeping kids safe in the online world.

Phone & Tablet Apps



- Apps can be hidden on a device
- Many apps use location services or encourage users to share their location

- There could be in-app purchase options

What can we do to keep them safe?

- Explore the apps your child wants to download to determine if the app is age-appropriate.
- Review the app guidelines
- Assist your child in creating their login, password and profile information.
- Become familiar with parental controls on phones and tablets.

For more info go to protectkidsonline.ca

7 SACRED TEACHINGS

Wolf (Humility)

Humility is recognizing that no one individual knows everything; we are always learning. Pride is concerned with who is right. Humility is concerned with what is right.



7 HABITS FOR KIDS

Put First Things First

- Spend time on things that are most important.
- Say no to things you should not do.
- Set priorities
- Be disciplined and organized.



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





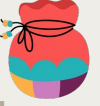
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

This month families in our school are celebrating...

Seollal - Korean Lunar New Year

Chinese New Year - Chinese New Year is a festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar.

Lhosar - The celebration of a new year or the beginning of a new era in Nepal



EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING - RESPONSE INHIBITION

The capacity to think before you act. The ability to resist the urge to say or do something allows us the time to evaluate a situation and how our behavior might affect it.

Challenges can look like:

- Calling out information
- Grabbing items from others
- Wanting to be first
- Blurting out when upset or frustrated
- Misinterpreting information and instructions
- Difficulty listening to instructions before beginning a task

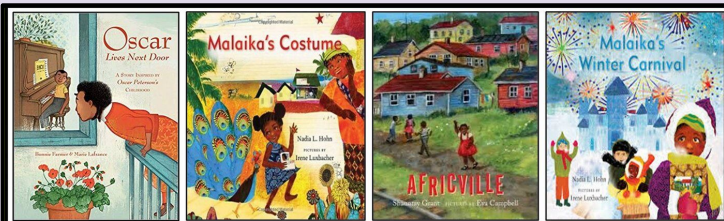


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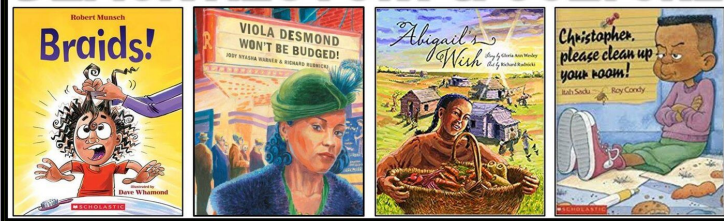
- Provide clear and concise instructions
- Close proximity to an adult
- Redirect in a calm manner
- Teach wait/stop
- Delayed gratification
- Model thought process
- Removal of environmental distractions
- Provide time with an adult to make connections
- Display classroom/home rules and review often



LITERACY MOMENT



PICTURE BOOKS ABOUT CANADIAN BLACK HISTORY & CULTURE



NUMERACY FUN

$$2 \times 2 \div 2 = 8$$

$$2 - 2 - 2 = 0$$

$$2 + 2 = 5$$

$$2 + 2 + 2 = ?$$

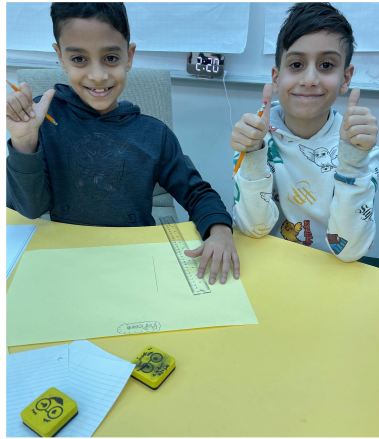
ANSWER = 7

UPCOMING DATES

- Feb 1 - Dress in Dino Colours
- Feb 1 - World Hijab Day
- Feb 2 - Division PD Day (No School)
- Feb 5 to 15 - Alien Inline
- Feb 7 - Papa John's Fundraiser
- Feb 15 - PLF #9 (No School)
- Feb 18 - Family Day (No school)



- Feb 21 - Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 22 - Beach Day
- Feb 23 - Dino Assembly
- Feb 26 to Mar 1 - Teachers Convention (No School)
- Mar 4 - Dress in Dino Colours
- Mar 7 & 8 - ECDP Open House
- Mar 13 - Papa John's Fundraiser
- Mar 15 - PLF #10 (No School)



Check us out on:

