



MARCH 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

As we step into the month of March, I hope this message finds you well. February was a busy month for students and teachers. The end of the month had teachers heading off to Teachers Convention, which provided them with invaluable opportunities for professional development and networking, ensuring they stay updated with the latest trends and methodologies in education. As students and families, we hope you enjoyed the break and are ready to dive back into learning and fun at school.

As we embrace the cultural diversity within our school community, March brings forth various celebrations and activities that foster inclusivity and joy. With the holy month of Ramadan approaching, we extend our warmest wishes to those observing this sacred time. For our Christian families, Lent continues, ending with Good Friday at the end of the month. With such important traditions surrounding these observances, it's an opportunity for all of us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of different traditions and beliefs.

Additionally, March boasts a mix of festivities, including St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of spring. We look forward to infusing our school with the spirit of these occasions through engaging activities and learning opportunities.

Lastly, we'd like to remind parents and guardians about the upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews scheduled at the end of the month. These meetings are instrumental in fostering open communication and collaboration between home and school. It's a chance for us to discuss your child's progress, address any concerns, and celebrate their achievements together.

Looking forward to an exciting March!

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@fmpsd.ab.ca



SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This past month our students had so much fun participating in the Alien Inline Skating program for 2 weeks. There were also 2 family nights where both students and parents got to skate. This awesome opportunity is fully funded by the fundraising done by the Dr. K. A. Clark Fundraising Committee. Thank you to everyone who supports and contributes!



The next Papa John's Pizza day is March 13th. 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.

Live Streaming



- Screenshots of videos can be captured & the videos themselves can be recorded using a separate program.
- Possibility to share too much information.
- Can lead to online bullying.

What can we do to keep them safe?

- Help youth set up privacy settings.
- Often youth live stream in the privacy of their rooms, at night either remove devices or remove wifi/data access.
- Be emotionally available & keep the lines of communication open to support youth with questions about live streaming.

For more info go to protectkidsonline.ca

7 SACRED TEACHINGS

Beaver (wisdom)

Wisdom is the ability to make decisions based on personal experience and knowledge. Building of a community is entirely dependent on gifts given to each member by the creator how these gifts are used.



7 HABITS FOR KIDS

Think Win-Win

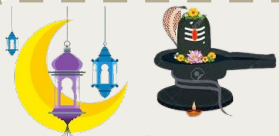
- Balance getting what you want with consideration for what others want.
- Make deposits in others' Emotional Bank Accounts.
- When conflicts arise, look for third alternatives.



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...

Ramadan-observed by Muslims as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, & community
Maha Shivaratri-Hindu festival marking overcoming darkness & ignorance in life & the world
Purim-Jewish holiday that celebrates the miraculous events told in the Book of Esther
Good Friday-Christian celebration commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING - WORKING MEMORY

The ability to hold information in mind and work with it when performing complex tasks & to draw on past learning or experience to apply to the present or the future.

Challenges can look like:

- Forgetting instructions that were given
- Difficulty remembering recently learned information
- Forgetting what you were doing while working on a task
- Difficulty following multi-step tasks and instructions
- Inconsistent performance
- Difficulty with planning and organizing

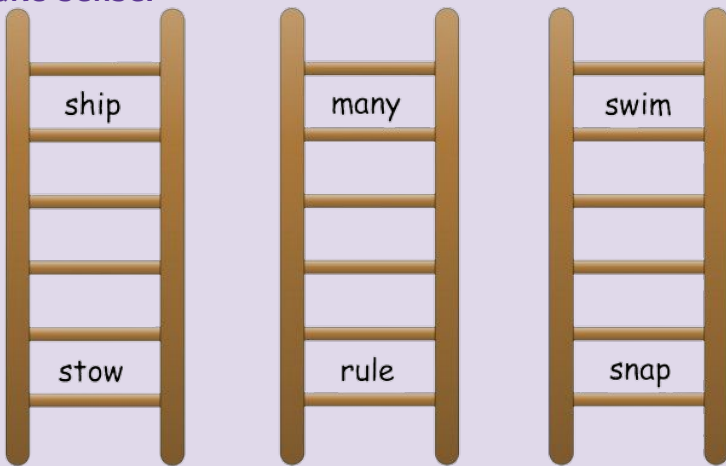


Strategies to Support Response Inhibition:

- Provide visuals when giving instruction
- Make connections between material being covered
- Repetition of information when working on a task
- Use an agenda, calendar and/or visual schedule
- Create to do lists
- Chunk information
- Colour code information to help differentiate
- Play games (e.g. puzzles, brainteasers, board games, card games etc.).

LITERACY MOMENT

Change one letter on each rung of the ladder to make a new word each time. Each new word must make sense.



NUMERACY FUN

$$\text{Clover} + \text{Clover} + \text{Flag} = 27$$

$$\text{Flag} \div \text{Clover} = 1$$

$$\text{Clover} + \text{Hat} + \text{Hat} = 25$$

$$\text{Accordian} = \text{Hat} + 1$$

$$\text{Clover} + \text{Flag} + \text{Hat} - \text{Accordian} = ?$$

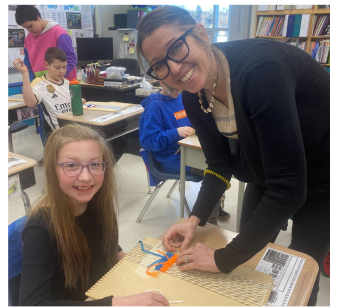
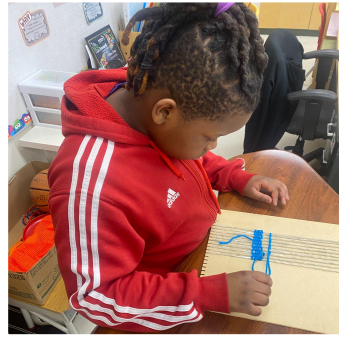
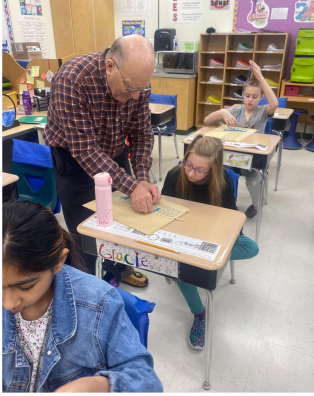
Answer = Clover=9 Irish Flag=9 Hat=8 Accordian=9 ?=17

UPCOMING DATES

- Mar 1 - Teachers Convention
- Mar 4 - Dress in Dino Wear/Colours
- Mar 7 & 8 - ECDP Open House
- Mar 13 - Papa John's Fundraiser
- Mar 15 - PLF #10 (No School)
- Mar 18 - School Council Meeting
- Mar 20 - Dress Like a Teacher Day



- Mar 21 & 22 - Kinder Open House
- Mar 22 - Report Cards Online
- Mar 25 - Grade 3 Tubing
- Mar 26 & 27 - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Mar 29 - Good Friday (No School)
- Apr 1 - Easter Monday (No School)
- Apr 2 - Dress in Dino Wear/Colours
- Apr 2 - World Autism Awareness Day
- Apr 10 - Papa John's Fundraiser



Check us out on:

