



MAY 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

Wow, it is already May! We had so much fun in April, especially with our Jump Rope for Heart activities. To date, we have raised \$1845 towards our \$2000 goal. The donations portal remains open until May 9 and can be accessed at bit.ly/dcjr24.

We've got lots of exciting updates and events to share with you, starting with our Multicultural Night on May 29th. This is a fantastic opportunity for our diverse community to come together and celebrate our unique cultures by sharing a meal together. To sign up to attend, go to bit.ly/DCm24. We are also looking forward to participating in Hats on for Mental Health on May 8th. We encourage all staff and students to wear a hat to raise awareness of the importance of mental health in schools.

This month is also full of various opportunities to engage in the reconciliation process. Throughout the month, we'll be focusing on initiatives such as Red Dress Day, the Moose Hide Campaign, and Bear Witness Day. This will provide valuable opportunities for our students to deepen their understanding and show solidarity with Indigenous communities.

As we welcome the warmer seasons, we want to ensure that our students are dressed comfortably and appropriately for school. We encourage students to wear clothing that allows them to move freely and comfortably throughout the day as well as protects them from the sun if they are outside. Clothing should be modest and respectful of others. Avoiding overly revealing or offensive attire helps maintain a positive learning environment for all students. Lastly, we celebrate diversity and encourage students to express themselves through their clothing choices. However, please ensure that attire respects cultural and religious sensitivities.

On a final note, current student demographic confirmation forms are now available online. This information is very important in our planning for next year. Please go to www.fmpsdschools.ca/registration/confirm2425 for instructions on how to complete the form.

Have a great month!

Your admin team

Bobbi Compton (Principal)

Abbi Easton & Robert Skulsky (Vice-Principals)



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

If you made it to Parent Teacher Interviews in March, you may have seen School Council with a table set up to share information regarding parking issues at Dr. Clark School. If you have some suggestions/concerns or would like to be part of the parking committee please email dr.clarkparentsforparking@gmail.com.



The next Papa John's Pizza day is May 8th. 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 DC15 when ordering! Also, stay tuned for information on our next big fundraiser, spring flowers!

All parents are welcome at our last Dr. Clark School Council and Fundraising Committee Meeting for 2023/24 on Monday, May 27th from 6-7pm either in person or online.

CYBER SAFETY

Keeping kids safe in the online world.

Video-Sharing



Tik Tok

- Many video-sharing sites do not provide the option to set parental controls or restrict what content children can view.

- Children can engage in behaviour that may be recorded and misused.

What can we do to keep them safe?

- Assist your child in searching for videos of topics they are interested in.
- Set limits on the amount of time your child spends watching videos, and make sure you enforce them.
- Model how you make careful decisions about what you record and share online.

For more info go to protectkidsonline.ca

RED DRESS DAY

Red Dress Day, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People, is observed on May 5th. The day honours and brings awareness to the thousands of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people who have been subject to disproportionate violence in Canada



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



7 HABITS FOR KIDS

Together is Better

- Value other people's strengths and learn from them.
- Get along well with others, even people who are different than me.
- Work well in groups and solve problems together.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION



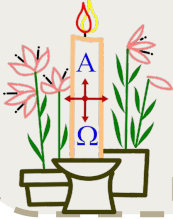
This month families in our School are celebrating...

Pascha - Observed by Orthodox Christians to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Cinco de Mayo - A day to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage.

Wesak - Buddhist festival honouring the birth, enlightenment, and death of the Buddha.

Feast of Corpus Christi - festival of the Roman Catholic Church in honor of the real presence of the body of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.



EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING - TIME MANAGEMENT

The capacity to estimate how much time one has, how to allocate it, and how to stay within time limits and deadlines. It also involves a sense that time is important.

Challenges can look like:

- Forgetting familiar routines
- Difficulty completing tasks on time
- Not completing homework on time
- Difficulty recognizing how long a task will take
- Overbooking
- Difficulty with prioritizing



Strategies to Support Response Inhibition:

- Reference time when giving instruction
- Provide time reminders throughout the day
- Practice estimating how long a task will take
- Use visual timers and provide a schedule
- Display an analog clock with labels and reference it often.
- Play games that involve time management

LITERACY MOMENT

May is Asian Pacific Heritage Month. Why not check some of the following books available at the Wood Buffalo Regional Library with your child to learn more:

- Red Kite, Blue Kite by Ji-li Jiang
- The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi
- New Clothes for New Year's Day by Grace Lin
- Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China by Ai-Ling Louie
- Bee-Bim Bop! by Linda Sue Park
- The Green Frogs by Yumi Heo
- My Name Is Yoon by Helen Recorvits
- The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story by Tina Cho



NUMERACY FUN

Find the weight of each object on the scales.



Answer: Water Bottle=8.5oz, Cactus=72.5oz, Smore=2.1oz

UPCOMING DATES

- May 1: Dress in Dino Wear/Colours
- May 2: Jump Rope Celebration
- May 3: PLF #12 (No School)
- May 6: Red Dress Day
- May 8: Hats off for Mental Health
- May 8: Papa John's Fundraiser
- May 10: Bear Witness Day



- May 16: Moose Hide Campaign Day
- May 17-20: May Long Weekend (No School)
- May 22: Hat and Sunglasses Day
- May 27: School Council Meeting
- May 29: Dino Assembly
- May 29: DC Multicultural Night
- June 3: Dress in Dino Wear/Colours



Check us out on:

