



SEPTEMBER 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

Hello Dino Families,

Welcome to all our new and returning families. We are so excited for the 2024-25 school year and we are looking forward to working together to do what is best for our students. All are welcome and cared for at Dr. K. A. Clark school. We value all of our students, families and staff. We strive to create a safe and caring environment where all students can learn and feel represented.

We have a number of new staff members joining our Dr. Clark Family. We are so happy to have them join our team. It is going to be a busy and exciting year for all. Together we make a great team committed to serving the Dino community.

Our welcome back BBQ is scheduled for September 19 (5:00 - 6:30). All families are invited to join us in the gym and field areas. There will be limited seating available in the gym. Alternatively, bring a blanket for a family picnic. A reminder to use the community entrance - walk around to the back of the school. A form will be coming home with your child/children this week. Please complete and return only one form from each family to help us plan. Our School Council is also looking for parent volunteers to help with the event.

We ask all families to review the Dr. K. A. Clark Handbook for Parents & Families found on our website at drclark.fm-psdschools.ca/about/school-handbook. On the same website you can also find calendars, school clothing information, programming information and lots more!

We are looking forward to working together as a school community. We know it's going to be a dino-mite year!

Your admin team,
Bobbi Compton, Principal
Robert Skulsky, Vice Principal
Abbi Easton, Vice Principal

welcome
BACK TO
SCHOOL

REMINDERS

- Morning Bells: 1st > 8:55am, 2nd > 9:00am
- Recess: 10:15-10:30am
- Kindergarten/ECDP AM Dismissal: 11:50am
- Lunch/PM Recess: 12:10-12:50pm
- Kindergarten/ECDP PM Start: 12:45pm
- Dismissal: 3:35pm
- 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 dcinfo@fm-psd.ab.ca



SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The School Council and School Fundraising Committee are looking forward to another exciting year at Dr. K. A. Clark and with things returning to normal we are looking forward to more opportunities to participate in person. If you are interested in learning more about what our council/committee does, come to one of the meetings listed below or email us at DC.schoolcouncil@fmps.ab.ca



September 23, 2024
 October 28, 2024
 November 25, 2024

January 27, 2025
 March 17, 2025
 April 28, 2025
 May 26, 2025



The Welcome Back BBQ is September 19th. We are always looking for help to set-up, serve food and take down. Please contact one of our Chairs at the email above if you would like to know more or to volunteer your time.

WE ARE BECOMING A REGULATED CLASSROOM SCHOOL

Research shows that students need to have a regulated nervous system in order to learn. Through professional development this year our staff will learn how to self and co-regulate in the classroom using The Regulated Classroom framework in order to support our students.

CO-REGULATION

for the visual learner



FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, INUIT

We value the knowledge and experiences of the Indigenous Peoples in our Region and we engage in the Calls to Action in the spirit of reconciliation.



PARKING LOT DO's & DON'T's

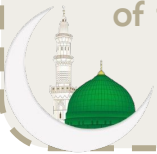
- DO - Park within parking stalls only
- DO - Use the sidewalks
- DO - Drop students off at the front of the Kiss & Drop lane
- DO - Follow directions of staff supervisors
- DO - Give busses the right of way
- DO - Watch for pedestrians
- DO - Be courteous to other drivers
- DON'T - Park/stop in bus 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...



National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) - Recognition of the legacy of the Canadian Indian residential school system

Enkutatash - A celebration of the New Year in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Eid Milad un Nabi - Marks the birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammad

OUR TEACHERS THIS YEAR

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| Principal: Bobbi Compton | Vice-Principal: Abbi Easton | Vice Principal: Robert Skulsky |
| ECDP-K: Kayla Wakeling | 2M: Teagan Jameus | 6K: Nnedi Azolike |
| ECDP/K-L: Robin Wemyss | 3K: Tania Burke | 6L: Sherry Su |
| KX: Dominique Blais | 3L: Jill Woodfine | SK/VIP-K: Tamara Lesage |
| KY: Jill Young | 2/3M: Sandy Dhillon | SK/VIP-L: Meagan Kwiatkowski |
| IK: Shelley Dean | 4K: Kaylyn Johnston | Music: Monique Bentley |
| IL: Miranda Matthews | 4L: Amenah Jomha | PE: Kristy Fitzherbert |
| IM: Katelyn Elliott | 4M: Chloe Paterson | Counselor: Lisa Doiron |
| IN: Yvette Vermeer | 5K: Rashmi Tiwari | LAC: Hilary Banks |
| 2K: Rod Gidge | 5L: Amell Jomh | LAC/FNMI: Marsha Turpin |
| 2L: Christine Svensson | 5M: Melisa McIntosh | III: Kailee Ingram |



We can't wait to introduce our amazing EAs and support staff in upcoming newsletters!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Based on the direction of the Alberta Government We have a new Student Personal Devices (Cell phones, smart watches, wearable devices, etc.) policy at Dr. Clark School. This year, students are not permitted to use cell phones, smart watches, wearable devices, or other personal technology devices during school hours (8:55 to 3:55) For more info go to bit.ly/3AH3ORY



A LITTLE BIT OF FUN



UPCOMING DATES

- Sept 03: First Day for K & Gr. 1
- Sept 04: First Day for Gr. 2 to 6
- Sept 09: First Day for ECDP
- Sept 12: Papa John Fundraiser
- Sept 19: Welcome BBQ
- Sept 20: PLF #1 (No School)



- Sept 23: School Council Meeting 6pm
- Sept 26: What Do You Want to be When You Grow Up Day
- Sept 27: Orange Shirt Day
- Sept 30: National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (No School)