



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

As we wind down another year, the holiday season brings a sense of wonder and excitement to our school community. December is a time for celebration, reflection, and gratitude. We're thrilled to share in the diverse cultural celebrations of our students, including Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and the Winter Solstice. These festivities offer a unique opportunity for our young learners to explore different traditions and customs from around the world.

Our annual holiday concerts, scheduled for December 3rd and 4th, promise to be a delightful showcase of our students' talents and creativity. The hard work and dedication of our students and staff have truly brought these performances to life. We invite you to join us for these festive events and experience the magic firsthand.

To add to the holiday cheer, we've planned a week of fun-filled theme days, from December 16th to 19th. We encourage everyone to participate and embrace the spirit of the season by dressing up and spreading joy.

As we look forward to the new year, we want to express our sincere gratitude for the unwavering support of our parents, guardians, and the entire school community. Your partnership has been instrumental in creating a positive and enriching learning environment for our students.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous and peaceful holiday season.
May the new year bring happiness, health, and prosperity to all.



Bobbi Compton (Principal)
Abbi Easton (Vice-Principal)
Robert Skulsky (Vice-Principal)



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 dc.absences@fmprsd.ab.ca



SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

At our holiday concert this year there will be a raffle for a beautiful quilt and a decorative sign. We will also be selling tickets by donation to the "Best Seat in the House". All proceeds will go to the Dr. Clark Fundraising Committee and the Music Program.



Our DFS Fundraiser and our Growing Smiles Fundraiser made appx. \$900. Thank you for your support! The money raised goes directly back in to classrooms to support student learning and regulation.

All parents are welcome at our meetings & you can join in person or online. The next School Council/Fundraising Committee meeting is on Monday, January 27th at 6:00pm. We hope you can join us! To read the minutes of prior meetings go to bit.ly/DC-SC-FC



REGULATED CLASSROOM

When we are calm and at ease because we feel safe, both physically and emotionally, we experience what is called **felt safety**. When we experience felt safety, our bodies are in a regulated state and are ready to learn!

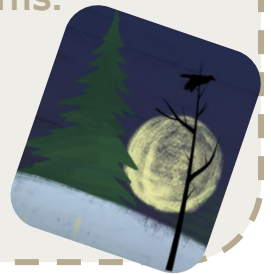
Felt Safety

IN A CLASSROOM MAKES STUDENTS & STAFF FEEL:



FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS,

In Indigenous **INUIT**, the Winter Solstice is a time to honour the natural cycles and patterns. This year the Winter Solstice is on Dec 21st. Learn More at bit.ly/3OpWzRJ



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



Last month Alberta held Bullying Prevention week. They provided information for families at www.alberta.ca/bullying-prevention

BULLYING
Awareness
&
Prevention
WEEK

NOVEMBER 20TH - 24TH

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.



WINTER BREAK FUN



Winter break is all about spending time with family and friends. Here are some ideas of fun things you can do together:



- Build snowmen or snow sculptures
- Make ice candles (bit.ly/3VbHrvq)
- Go sledding/tubing
- Check out the outdoor ice rinks (bit.ly/4956d65)
- Go swimming as a family
- Go skiing or snowboarding at Vista Ridge
- Play board games
- Go to the library
- Try cross-country skiing (www.ptarmigannordic.org)
- Check out the 3 on 3 Hockey Challenge at MIP
- Walk in the trails
- Do puzzles
- Bake cookies
- Build an igloo or a quinzee
- Make paper snowflakes
- Have a family movie marathon
- Go to The Craze at MIP



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

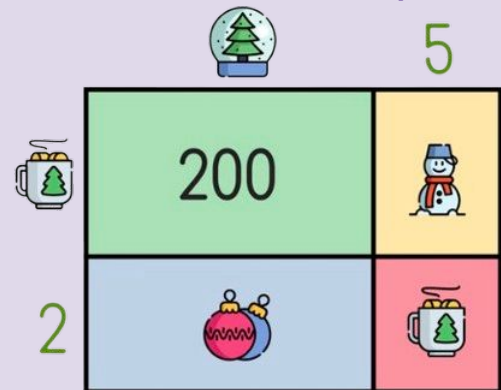
CUPE 2545 the local union for our support staff continues to engage in job action in support of its members. Currently, they are engaged in a rolling strike, meaning everyday different schools are on strike.

Please continue to monitor email regularly as FMPSD communicates via email which schools will be on strike on a given day once they are given notice by CUPE. Please contact the school if you need more info or have any questions.



A LITTLE BIT OF FUN

What does each winter image need to be to make the total inside the boxes add up to 300?



Hot Cocoa=10, Snow Globe=10, Snowman=50

UPCOMING DATES

Dec 2: Dino Spirit Day

Dec 3: ECDP- Gr. 2 Winter Concert 6pm

Dec 4: Gr. 2-6 Winter Concert 6pm

Dec 6: PLF #5 (No School)

Dec 11: Gr. 4 & 6 Ski Day

Dec 12: Gr. 5 & Sk/VIP Ski Day



Dec 16: Plaid, Red, Green and Holiday Socks Day

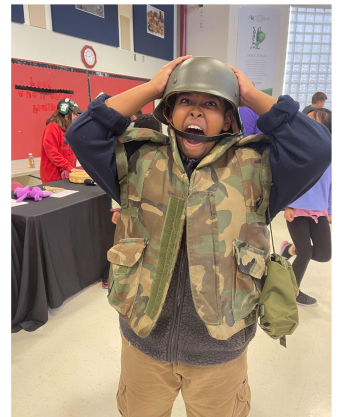
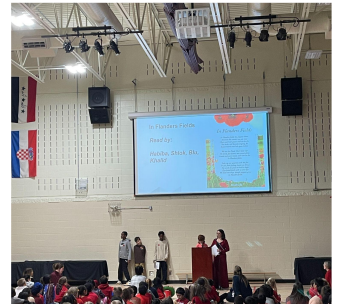
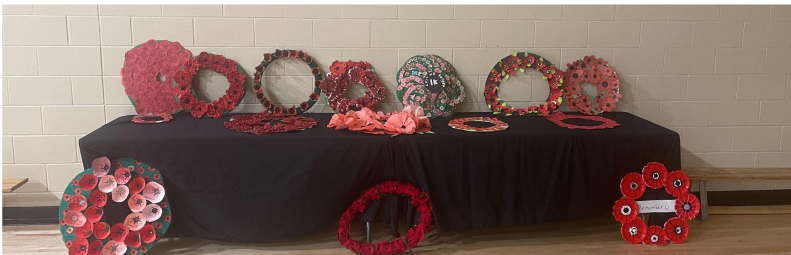
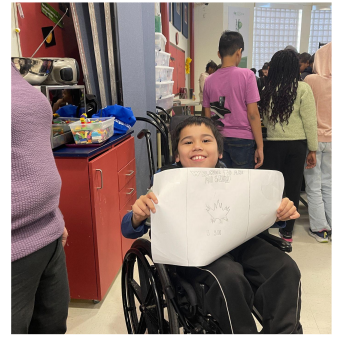
Dec 17: Ugly Sweater or Fancy Holiday Wear Day

Dec 18: Holiday Character or Winter in July Day

Dec 19: Holiday PJ and Headwear Day

Dec 20: PLF #6 (No School)

Dec 21-Jan 5: Winter Holiday Break (No School)



Check us out on:





COFFEE, CONNECTIONS & CONVERSATIONS

**DR. CLARK SCHOOL
LAC & FNMI TEAM INVITES YOU FOR A**



FNMI Parents,

Join us for a coffee and a conversation about FNMI activities at Dr. Clark School this year. We would love to connect with with you on the many ways we can celebrate the teachings and values of the Indigenous cultures within our school.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

9AM TO 10AM

DR. CLARK SCHOOL

Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP