



FEBRUARY 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.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we move into February, we want to acknowledge the ongoing situation with our support staff strike. We deeply miss our Educational Assistants, secretaries, custodians, and librarian, as well as our students who have had to stay home as a result of the strike. We understand the challenges this situation presents for families, and we appreciate your patience and understanding. We hope for a swift and positive resolution.

On a brighter note, we're thrilled to welcome Alien Inline to our school from February 3rd to 13th! This exciting program promises to be a lot of fun for our students, and we look forward to seeing them participate and enjoy this fun experience.

February is Black History Month! It's a time to celebrate the amazing contributions and rich history of Black Canadians. We'll be learning about important figures and stories, recognizing the diverse cultures within Black communities, and celebrating the impact Black Canadians have had on our country.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the last week of February, which is Teachers Convention. Our teachers will be travelling to Edmonton to participate in the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention Association (GETCA) professional development sessions. This is a valuable time for our educators to learn new strategies and enhance their skills to better serve our students. There will be no school for students during this week.



We wish you all a wonderful February!

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@fm-psd.ab.ca



SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We are looking for parents/guardians who would like to play a larger role in the School Council and Fundraising Committee. If you would be interested and would like to learn more please email dr.clarkfcsc@gmail.com.



This month's Papa John's Pizza fundraiser day is February 13th. When ordering, use the code DC15 to get 15% off. The fundraising committee is brainstorming other fundraising opportunities, if you have any ideas please email them at dr.clarkfcsc@gmail.com.

All parents are welcome at our meetings & you can join in person or online. The next School Council/Fundraising Committee meeting is on Monday, March 17th 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

Connectors are one of the four core practices in The Regulated Classroom framework. Connector practices are focused on building authentic connections, cultivating joy, and contributing to the experience of relational safety in the classroom.



FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, INUIT

February 17th is Louis Riel Day. This day is celebrated across Métis homelands as a way of honouring Riel's legacy of leading the Métis through the Northwest Resistance, while also celebrating Métis culture and traditions.



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



DID YOU KNOW....

February 1st is World Hijab Day. This day is celebrated globally as a way to learn more about the cultural and religious significance of the Hijab and and to challenge the prejudice and misconceptions.





DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

This month families in our School are celebrating...

Losar - The Buddhist celebration of the New Year.

Ramadan - February 28 marks the beginning of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and the holy month of fasting

Maha Shivaratri - A Hindu festival celebrated in honour of the deity Shiv



EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING - ORGANIZATION

The ability to design and maintain systems for keeping track of information or

Challenges can look like:

- Difficulty keeping track of items and/or information
- Messy workspace (e.g. desk)
- Messy living space (e.g. bedroom)
- Difficulty remembering important dates
- Forgetting materials for class
- Misplacing classwork and/or other items
- Difficulty with transitioning between classes and/or tasks
- Difficulty with time management



Strategies to Support Response Inhibition:

- Model organization
- Use colour coding/labelling systems
- Calendar with important events listed
- Use a homework log to keep track of important information
- Weekly reset/organize of backpack/binders
- Clean desks and lockers weekly
- Use graphic organizers
- Create to-do lists/checklists
- Clean up after tasks

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 full strike, meaning all Dr. Clark's support staff, including educational assistants, secretaries, librarians and

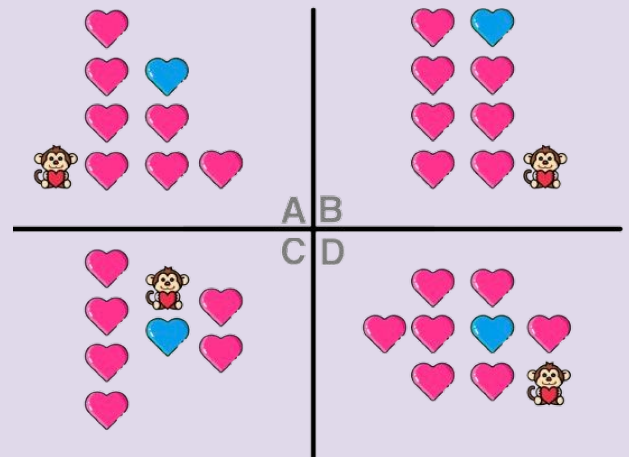
custodians, are striking and not at work. Please continue to monitor email regularly as FMPSD communicates updates via email. Please contact the school if you have any questions.



A LITTLE BIT OF FUN

Which one do you think does not belong?

Explain your thinking.



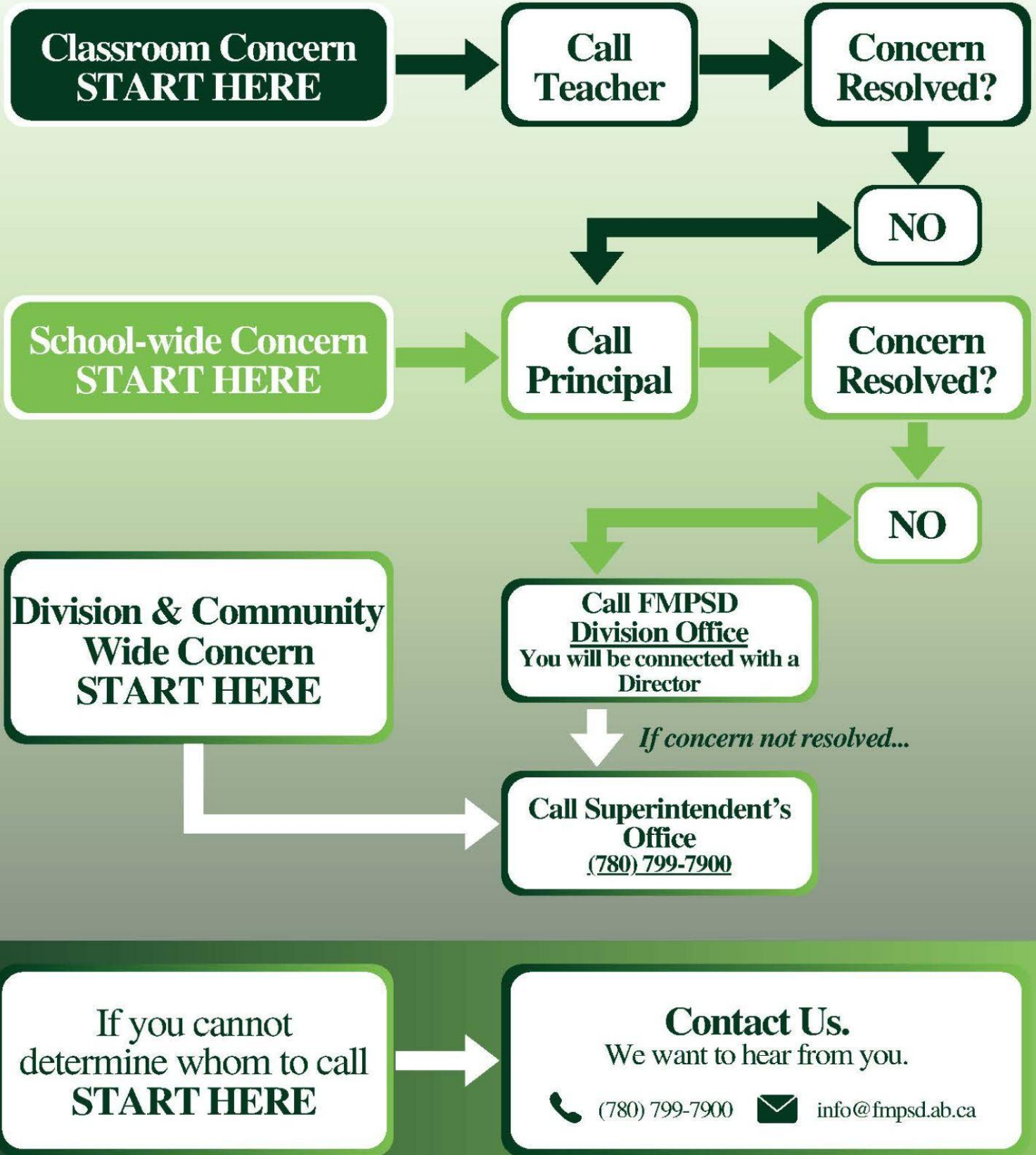
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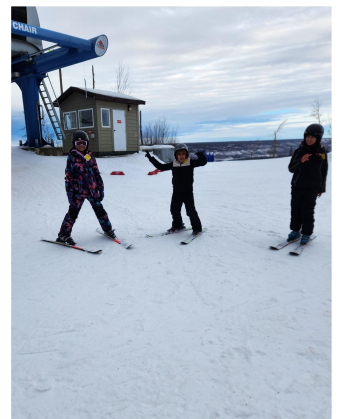
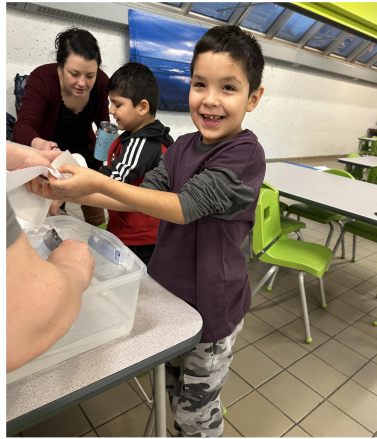
- Feb 3: Dino Spirit Day (DC Dino wear)
- Feb 3-13: Alien Inline Skating
- Feb 13: Beach Day
- Feb 13: Papa John's Fundraiser
- Feb 14: PLF #8 (No School)
- Feb 17: Family Day (No School)



- Feb 19: Grade 2 Tubing at Vista Ridge
- Feb 24 to 28: Teacher's Convention
- Mar 3: Dino Spirit Day (DC Dino wear)
- Mar 6 & 7: ECDP Open House
- Mar 13: Papa John's Fundraiser
- Mar 14: PLF #9 (No School)

Addressing Concerns @FMPSD





Check us out on:

