



JANUARY 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



Happy New Year to all our wonderful students, families, and staff! We hope you all enjoyed a joyous holiday season filled with laughter and cherished moments with family and friends.

As we begin a new year filled with exciting learning opportunities, we want to express our sincere gratitude to all the students who participated in our holiday concerts. Their performances were truly spectacular, showcasing incredible talent, dedication, and hard work. A special thank you to Ms. Bentley for her tireless efforts in preparing the students for these memorable events. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to all the staff who contributed to the festive atmosphere by decorating the gym with beautiful student artwork and providing unwavering support to our young performers on concert night.

As we head into the winter months, please remember to ensure your child is dressed warmly for outdoor activities. We will continue to follow our outdoor play policy, which allows for outdoor play when the temperature is -24 degrees Celsius or warmer.

We look forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth together!



HAT



GLOVES



SCARF



SOCKS



BOOTS



SKIPANTS



SWEATER



JACKET



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

Congratulations to the winners of our raffles at the holiday concerts this year. By purchasing raffle tickets you not only supported the Dr. Clark School Council and Fundraising Committee but also the Music program.



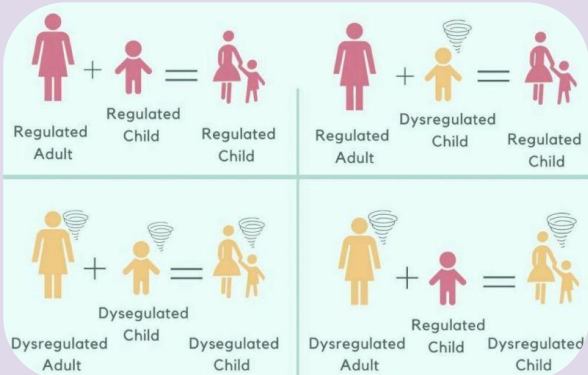
This month's Papa John's Pizza fundraiser day is January 9th. When ordering, use the code DC15 to get 15% off. The fundraising committee is brainstorming other fundraising opportunities, if you have any ideas please email them at dr.clarkfcsc@gmail.com.

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

Imagine your child is upset. Sometimes, just being near them and offering comfort can help them calm down. This is called 'co-regulation.' It's like you're helping them learn to control their big feelings. But here's the thing: to help them calm down, you need to be calm yourself. If you're feeling stressed or overwhelmed, it's harder to help your child.



FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, INUIT

National Ribbon Skirt Day on January 4th recognizes the culture and diversity of Indigenous women to honour their strength, resilience and cultural heritage. To learn more go to bit.ly/40IMTP2



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



In collaboration with RCMP, Bylaw Services, Safe Community Wood Buffalo and AHS we would like to bring to your attention concerns regarding the increase in the use of E-scooters. At this time E-scooters are illegal on sidewalks, roadways etc.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

This month families in our School are celebrating...

Epiphany - Christian feast day commemorating the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana.

Orthodox Christmas - The birth of Jesus celebrated by Orthodox Christians.

Lunar New Year - Asian celebration of the first new moon of the lunar calendar.



EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING - SUSTAINED ATTENTION

The capacity to attend to a situation or task in spite of distractions, fatigue, or challenges can look like:

- Easily distracted
- Forgetting information that was recently provided
- Difficulty doing the following:
 - listening to and focusing on instruction
 - following multiple step instructions
 - completing activities and tasks
 - switching from one task to another
- Unable to stay focused during a conversation
- Incomplete work assignments



Strategies to Support Response Inhibition:

- Give clear, one-step directions
- Use visuals for reminders
- Provide fidgets
- Provide frequent breaks
- Provide extra time to complete tasks
- Use a visual timer
- Play games (e.g. SNAP, slapjack, UNO)
- Incorporate movement activities (e.g. freeze dance, musical chairs)
- Provide noise cancelling headphones

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

How many words can you create with the letters in the following BOGGLE grid:



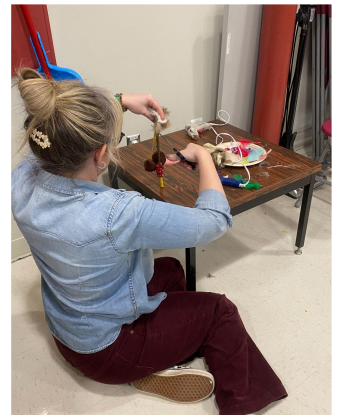
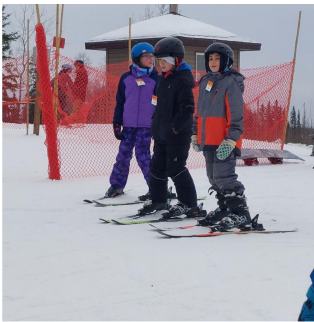
To challenge a family member set a timer for 1 minute and see who gets the most!

UPCOMING DATES

- Jan 6: Dino Spirit Day (DC Dino wear)
- Jan 9: Papa John's Fundraiser
- Jan 23: Multicultural Day
- Jan 24: PLF #7 (No School)
- Jan 27: School Council Meeting
- Jan 28: Report Cards



- Jan 29: Dino Awards (tentative)
- Jan 31: Division PD Day (No School)
- Feb 3: Dino Spirit Day (DC Dino wear)
- Feb 3-13: Alien Inline Skating
- Feb 13: Beach Day
- Feb 14: PLF #8 (No School)



Check us out on:

