



MARCH 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, can you believe it is March already! We've reached a significant milestone – the 100th day of school on March 3rd. We are asking students and staff to celebrate with us by dressing in fun and colourful outfits.

We are also noticing that the days are getting longer and warmer. This means fluctuating and melting temperatures. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately, and for our younger students, we suggest they keep a change of clothes in their backpack in case they get wet at recess.

March is a month of reflection and engagement for many of our families. We recognize that many in our school community are observing Lent and Ramadan. We respect and honour the diverse traditions and practices that enrich our school, and we wish everyone a peaceful and meaningful time during these observances.

Looking ahead, we have our Parent-Teacher Interviews scheduled for March 25th and 26th. These interviews are a valuable opportunity to connect and discuss your child's progress. Please watch for communication from your child's teacher regarding scheduling your appointment. We encourage all parents to take advantage of this chance to partner with us in your child's learning journey.

As always, we appreciate the strong partnership between our school and our families. We are committed to providing a supportive and enriching learning environment for all our students. We look forward to a successful and engaging month of March.



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@fmpsd.ab.ca



SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Our fundraising committee has been able to tally the numbers from our recent fundraisers:
 Holiday Gift Shop: \$2,028.90 | Couch Raffle: \$524.50 | Quilt Raffle: 296.61
 Thank you for your support!



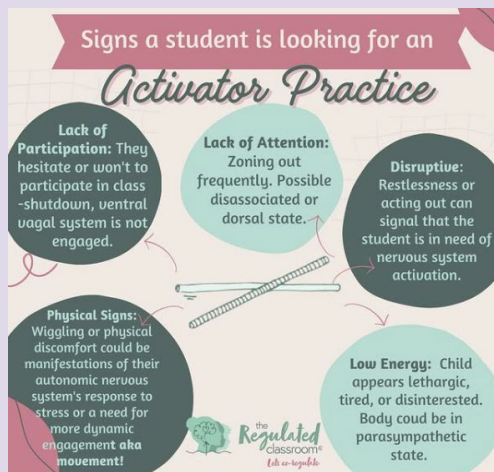
This month's Papa John's Pizza fundraiser day is March 13th. When ordering, use the code DC15 to get 15% off. The fundraising committee is brainstorming other fundraising opportunities, if you have any ideas please email them at dr.clarkfsc@gmail.com.

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

Activators are the next core practice in The Regulated Classroom framework. Activator practices are focused on energizing students and the classroom, using rhythmic movement and activities to get everyone in sync.



FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, INUIT



March 20th is Elderbeary Day. This day honours and celebrates the contributions of our Elders, who do so much to teach and help raise our little ones.

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....

March is Epilepsy Awareness Month. Epilepsy is a neurological disorder of the central nervous system, specifically of the brain . It is characterized by the tendency to have recurrent seizures. In Canada appx. 260,000 people, of all ages, have the disease.





DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION



This month families in our School are celebrating...

- Purim** - Jewish holiday that celebrates the miraculous events told in the Book of Esther
- Nowruz** - Celebrated as the beginning of the new year in many Persian nations.
- Laylat al Qadr** - A holy night in which Muslims traditionally pray until dawn.
- Eid al-Fitr** - Muslim celebration to commemorate the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING - PLANNING & PRIORITIZING

The ability to create a roadmap to reach a goal or to complete a task. It also involves being able to make decisions about what's important to focus on and what's less important.

Challenges can look like:

- Difficulty keeping track of important events
- Forgetting to hand in work/missing due dates
- Difficulty starting a task
- Difficulty prioritizing tasks
- Difficulty starting/completing homework
- May start a project but not finish it
- Overwhelmed when planning
- Forgetting important materials for class or other activities



Strategies to Support Response Inhibition:

- Teach how to use a planner and calendar
- Have multiple checkpoints for larger tasks
- Model breaking down a task into manageable steps
- Teach how to create checklists
- Make "to do" lists and rank the items in order of importance
- Map it out - draw out plans
- Prompt with questions ("what materials do you need?")

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

$$\text{Pot} + \text{Hat} + \text{Pot} = 21$$

$$13 = \text{Teddy} + 3 + \text{Teddy}$$

$$\text{Teddy} + \text{Flag} = 5 + 4$$

$$\text{Pot} + \text{Flag} = 4 + 9$$

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61=2

UPCOMING DATES

- Mar 3: 100th Day of School
- Mar 13: Papa John's Fundraiser
- Mar 14: PLF #9 (No School)
- Mar 17: Parent Council Meeting
- Mar 25: PTI 4:30-7:30
- Mar 26: Purple Day for Epilepsy



- Mar 26: PTI 4:30-7:30
- Mar 27: Dress Like a Teacher Day
- Mar 28: PLF #10 (No School)
- Apr 2: World Autism Day
- Apr 4: PLF #11 (No School)
- Apr 7: Dino Spirit Day (Dino-wear/Purple)

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT



MCMAN FOSTER CARE

CHILDREN IN YOUR AREA NEED FOSTER FAMILIES.

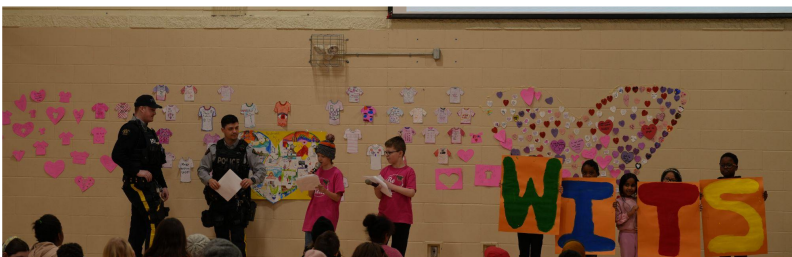
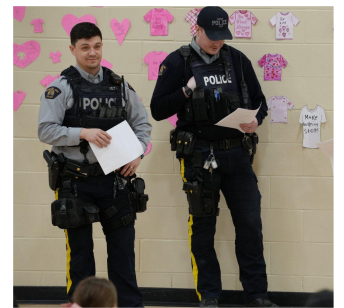
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and make a difference in the
life of a child!

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