

JVC NEWSLETTER

December, 2017

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Principal's Message

JV Clark has really settled into winter now. As I write this it is -43 degrees Celcius! The ice is in the arena and we should be playing hockey soon. The school is planning the Christmas concert with just one month away until jolly old Saint Nick sneaks down your chimney and drops off presents for the children & anyone who has been nice. Community support has been excellent and attendance has been exceptional in October and November, truly. The Christmas concert is planned for *Thursday December 14 at 6:00 pm*. Thank you to Ms. Wallingham and Ms. Wallace for working with the secondary students on the play/concert. The elementary teachers are busy practicing their caroling and the evening of the 14th should be full of shout, and refreshments of coffee and tea.

The Healthy Hot lunch program is set to continue in December and for the rest of the school year. Currently, we are operating the lunch program on **Mondays and Fridays**. Thank you to Ms. Crystal Trudeau who is cooking for the lunch program. JV Clark has also continued to provide a very healthy snack program every day for our students.

The school and community are planning to extend the hot lunch program to **Wednesdays** as well, likely starting in the New Year, and we are again asking community groups to cook on this day. The First Nation of Na-cho Nyak Dun Chief and Council has volunteered to cook the hot lunch one Wednesday per month, and we will be looking to fill the remaining three Wednesdays with other volunteer groups from the community.

The frigid Arctic temperatures are once again present. On those days, when the temperature outside is -30 degrees Celsius with the wind-chill, students will remain inside for morning arrival (8:10), morning recess and lunch. Please make sure that as the weather grows colder your children are dressed appropriately for the colder temperatures. JV Clark's policy is that we remain outside for mornings, recess, and lunch time play, until temperatures reach -30 including windchill. On these days, lunch playtime will be in the JV Clark gym. The K5's will take their lunch recess from 11:30-12:00, grade 6-8's from 12:00-12:30, and the grade 1-5's will be in the gym from 12:30-1:00 pm.

Two of the four new bicycles for the attendance initiative are hung (with care) in the foyer at JV Clark. A draw at the end of the school year will determine who wins each of the four bicycles. Details around the rules for this bike draw follow later in this newsletter.

Lastly, we have a need for some community people to volunteer at JV Clark School if possible. Additionally, and as mentioned previously, the healthy hot lunch program will need extra help in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Ken MacGillivray

Dates and Events to Note

- ✓ **Parent Teacher Interviews Thursday, November 24
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**
- ✓ **Graduation Fundraiser: Take Away! Friday December 01 (\$15/meal inc caesar salad, lasagna, bun, and cake)**
- ✓ **JV Clark Christmas Dinner December 06 at 6pm**
- ✓ **School Council Meeting is December 05 at 6pm**
- ✓ **Christmas Concert Thursday, December 14, at 6pm**
- ✓ **JV Clark School Pancake Breakfast, Friday, December 15 at 9:00 am**

Attendance Incentives: We have some incentives for improved attendance this year. We have a AAA certificate (Gift Certificates for Mancini's Pizza) for good academics, citizenship, attendance, and anything exceptional. Teachers will designate and refer to the Principal weekly any students whose performance is deserving of an award!

School Bike Initiative: School Council has approved the purchase of 4 very nice bicycles from Icycle Sport in Whitehorse for top attendance in every school group.

Starting **November 21**, the criteria being that any student that had **80%** attendance (inclusive of excused absences) would have their name put in for a draw for the bikes in June, 2018.

A separate draw will take place for each of the 4 bikes. The age categories are as such:

- K4-Gr 2
- Gr 3-5
- Gr 6-8
- G 9-12

Sima Ski trip. Attending this trip will be based on good behaviour and 80% attendance rate (*unexcused absences vs present and excused absences*). Like last year, the trip will be in February. A nice break between January and spring break!

✓ **JV Clark Fall Bell schedule**

8:25 am - Warning bell

8:30 am - School starts

12:00 pm - Lunch hour starts

1:00 pm - School afternoon starts

3:15 pm - School ends:

For those families that have to leave the community with their children, please do have an extended planned absence form filled out by your child's teacher. A week's notice would be welcomed to allow the teacher to plan ahead and fill-out this form. Please see last page.

Thank you to all other JV Clark staff for their hard work this year, and other community groups that helped build the school!

Thank you to NND for their support of our Hot Lunch program and the donation to pay for food for this program.

Thank you to NND for their donation to the Christmas decorating fund.

Thank you to School Council for their support and donation to the Christmas decorating fund.

Thank you to Ms. Wallingham for taking our female students to Women in the Trades and for bring back our new school Christmas Tree and school decorations, they will be up at JV Clark, hence forth!

Thank you to Superintendent Bill Bennett for his support of our students by funding the Women in the Trades field trip and donating 1000 dollars to their expenses, as well as 1000 more dollars for the Healthy Hot Lunch program.

Thank you to Mrs. Crystal Trudeau for preparing such amazing meals for the Healthy Hot lunch program, the best!

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Hello,

JV Clark School believes that regular attendance at school is one of the most important predictors of academic success. A *Planned Absence Form* was created in order to accommodate students who plan to participate in school sponsored activities or whose family circumstances may require a student to be absent from class. This form requires students to plan with their teachers **before** their planned absence, so that they do not fall behind in their coursework. We also have a number of students who miss school due to trips to Whitehorse for medical and personal reasons; however, *Planned Absence Forms* are rarely, if ever, used.

We would like to work together in order to ensure that students start using these forms regularly and avoid falling behind in their coursework. We need chaperoning organizations, parents, and teachers to remind students when they know a student will be absent. Forms are available at the school office and they do not take long to fill out.

Please find the *Planned Absence Form* attached.

Thank you for your help,
Sincerely,

Ken MacGillivray





Planned Absence Form
Request for Absence Other Than Illness
J.V. Clark School

J.V. Clark School believes that regular attendance at school is one of the most important predictors of academic success. However, school sponsored activities and family circumstances may require a student to be absent from class. The purpose of this form is to ensure that such absences will create as little interruption as possible to a student's progress. It is the STUDENT'S responsibility to catch up on missed work. Credit cannot be granted for tests missed during formal examination sessions.

| Subject | Assignments to be completed | Teacher Signature |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| English | | |
| Math | | |
| Science | | |
| Socials | | |

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Student Name: _____

Absence to Start: Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Return Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Reason for Absence: _____

Approval: _____

 (Parent / Guardian)

 (Principal)

Teacher: _____

Please Return Signed Bottom Section to the Office