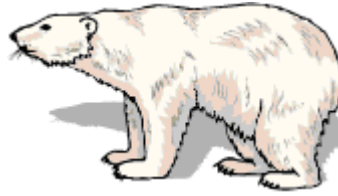


JVC NEWSLETTER

February, 2018



Principal's Message

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JV Clark has really settled into the New Year. The days are getting longer and you can finally feel the warmth of the sun. Students are back at school and attendance is very good despite a nasty flu bug haunting students and staff this past month. We would like to welcome Ms. Sandra Steele as the new Teacher in the Individual Learning Center. Superintendent Bill Bennett is visiting JV Clark this week and attending the NND Youth Gathering (Feb 5-7).

The Healthy Hot lunch program continues to please and will proceed as planned for the rest of the school year. Currently, we are operating the lunch program on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**. Thank you to JV Clark School Council, Nacho Nyak Dun Chief and Council, and the RCMP detachment for volunteering their time cooking for the Wednesday lunch. The program has not missed a scheduled meal yet, and in the event that there was a volunteer cancellation, JV Clark staff have had a backup meal ready to serve. Be that as it may, I am proud to announce that we have not had a cancellation yet, so again thank you to Chrystal Trudeau and the various volunteer groups for the consistent support of our students. Please see the back page for a schedule of the February Meal offerings.

Superintendent Bill Bennett has answered our request for a high temperature Industrial dishwasher for JV Clark School and the Healthy Hot Lunch program and Yukon Food For Learning are also helping cost share the dishwasher that will steam and sanitize our dishes in a fraction of the time our current dishwasher operates. Thank you Mr. Bennett and Mrs. McGovern from Food For Learning for your support.

The Sima Ski Trip for good student attendance is planned for March 02, 03, and 04. The hotel is booked and the ski lessons and rentals have been made. We will need to have a strong contingent of parent volunteers to chaperone and attend this awesome weekend planned for our students. A separate newsletter will go home and we look forward to your support.

The frigid Arctic temperatures are still present. On these days, when the temperature outside is -30 degrees Celsius (including wind-chill), students will remain inside for morning arrival (8:10), morning recess (10:10) and lunch (12:00). Please make sure that 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 wind-chill).

Two of the four new bicycles for the attendance initiative are hung 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
Principal

Dates and Events to Note

- ✓ **2018 Graduation Fundraiser: February 14, Valentine's day Supper**
- ✓ **School Council Meeting is Tuesday, February 13 at 6pm**
- ✓ **February 22 Graduation Fund Raiser Hot Dog Sale at lunch (Thursday).**
- ✓ **March 08 Andree Lesvesque: singer/percussionist/guitarist 9:15 a.m**
- ✓ **Spring Break starts on Monday March 19 and continues until Easter Monday April 02**

Val Maier Tutoring: Val Maier has volunteered her time to offer tutoring in addition to the services offered by JV Clark Staff. Mrs. Maier will be in the JV Clark library on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:20 to 4:30 and will be working with the grade 6 to 9 students. Thank you Mrs. Maier for your time!

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 has **80%** attendance (inclusive of excused absences) will 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*).

Similar to last year, the trip will be in early March. It will be a nice break between January and Spring Break! Additionally, we will be relying heavily on volunteer parent chaperones for this trip, since JVC School will remain open for those who do not participate and needs to be staffed. The success of the trip depends on the strength of many!

JV Clark 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:

Planning a trip out of Mayo? 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's

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

Thank you to NNDFN for sharing resources with the school such as Dr. Darien Thira, First Nations Health and Wellness researcher, and Mr. Dennis Shorty, Bone and Ivory Carver.

Thank you to NND, JVC School Council, and Mayo's RCMP for their support of our Hot Lunch program.

Thank you to Superintendent Bill Bennett for his continued support at JVC

Thank you to Mrs. Crystal Trudeau for preparing such amazing meals for the Healthy Hot lunch program. You're 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 then 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