

JV Clark Newsletter- October /November 2023

The time for ghosts, gremlins and goblins has passed JV Clark School and we are heading into the latter part of Fall with the expectation of snowy wintry days.

October has been a jam-packed month of experiences and learning activities. On Hallowe'en, JV Clark School was visited by a veritable potpourri of movie and cartoon characters, fruits and vegetables, ghoulish ghosties, a menagerie of wild animals and Stanley the Dog (aka Show Dog extraordinaire). Ms McCauley, JV Clark VP, presided over the school's Hallowe'en fun in the afternoon with teams contesting in skill-testing challenges.

Volleyball has taken over JV Clark School! On Oct 26th, Coach Pearson and the school's Student Advocate, Cheslea Dolan, took the High School team for the DIVT tournament in Dawson City. The team – Dominique, Abi, Chayce and Jayquinn – had a great time, although they learned the true meaning of the phrase: “practice makes perfect”. Word has it that the team are maybe better dancers than volleyball players – at the moment - which is great because JV Clark is hosting a Volleyball Tournament on Nov 16 and 17th. Our team will have a chance to continue their volleyball practice with students arriving from Pelly, Carmacks and Ross River where we will have volleyball games and a school dance on the evening of November 16th along with other cultural activities shared by these Northern Tutchone communities. Watch this space for more details about the JV Clark Volleyball Tournament on November 16-17!

Next up is the Grade 6/7 Volleyball team who are travelling to Whitehorse on November 2nd for the Yukon Grade 6/7 Volleyball Championships, led by Coach Pearson, Ms McCauley and Chelsea. Best of luck, team. Bring back a banner!

October also saw Flying Bob put on workshops for all students with an exclusive 'Flying Bob Circus' performance. Great fun! Our big fundraiser for the volleyball teams was the JV Clark 1st Annual Dog Show which attracted almost 100 guests and 27 dogs competing for Best in Show (Stanley), Waggiest tail, Best Puppy, Best Rescue, Best Older Dog, Most Obedient and Dog most looking like its owner. The latter award sponsored by Sandy's Cabin Rentals. A big 'shout out' to The Feed Store in Whitehorse for supplying fabulous baskets to winning entries.

It wasn't all 'fun and games' (although learning is pretty good when it is fun and involves game-playing) at JV Clark. Teachers were hard at work with all grades to complete reading and writing assessments which prove essential for teacher strategic planning going forward in the school year. Our school reading recovery programme is in full swing with Ms Ashley leading this very important endeavour. Our Northern Tutchone Language Teacher – Cresenthia – helps to organize weekly cultural and traditional activities in conjunction with the NND, bringing in knowledge holders who shared expertise about Spruce Gum Salve; Dry Meat cutting and drying; lingcod harvesting and cooking; and rosehip syrup. Mussi cho, NND and Cresenthia.

November things to look forward to:

- On November 10th, JV Clark will host its annual Remembrance Day commemoration. The community will be welcome to attend. Further details closer to the date.
- November 16-17 – JV Clark is hosting a volleyball tournament for schools in the North with Pelly. Carmacks and Ross River expected to send participants. Further details closer to the date.
- November 13 – no school, holiday for Remembrance Day
- November 23rd – student-led conferences at the school. No scheduled classes but attendance is mandatory for all students with parents/guardians/caregivers on a drop-in basis. Further details closer to the date.
- November 24 – PD day. No classes.