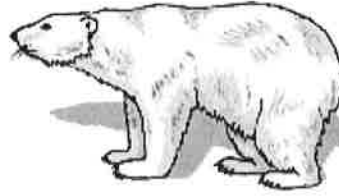


# JVC NEWSLETTER April, 2018



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We hope this newsletter finds everyone in good spirits and ready for Spring Break. March went by extremely fast and school is not in session from March 19 to April 2, with the first day back at school being Tuesday, April 03.

Despite March being a short and extremely fast month, JV Clark had a lot of events going on. Certainly, with Spring Break combined with the Easter Break, the duration of time off is longer than normal. For this reason, teachers have requested that parents continue to spend time reading with their children, playing board games, and working in Mathletics over the break. The teachers have been working very hard on the three R's over the past months, and continuing this work at home would be most beneficial for our students.

The Mount Sima Attendance award school ski trip on March 2, 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> was very successful again cette annee. A total of 27 students from grades 3 to 12 qualified by attending school more than 80 percent of the time. The students that attended all received four hours of skiing instruction and the day finished with no injuries and a lot of fun. Other activities including swimming at the Canada Games Center, attending the Black Panther movie, bowling, and having supper at Boston Pizza. Thank you to all of the students that participated and all of the chaperones and teachers that accompanied the students. A special thanks to the Village of Mayo for supporting this community event!

The NND Career Fair was hosted this past week by JV Clark school in the school gymnasium. The turnout for the Career Fair was excellent and the number of booths involved with the mining industry reflected the strong economy and growth of jobs for this area. Thank you very much to the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun for hosting this event and providing lunch and prizes for participants.

The RCMP Top Cop Readers program was completed this week and the students in from grades 1 to 5 had an awards ceremony and received prizes in the gym. 5 Top Readers received an RCMP escorted ride to school in the Police cruiser on March 16. Thank you to Corporal Drapeau and Constable Traer for support learning at JV Clark School.

Attendance at JV Clark is up nearly 20 percent year over year. We contribute this improved attendance to: the Healthy Hot lunch program which is served **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**, the use of long term planned absence forms, excellent pedagogy and good home communication with parents, the School Council Bike Attendance award system, the weekly Attendance Award Draw system in the high school, the Mount Sima Attendance award system! In February the overall school attendance was 79 percent, and JV Clark Staff want to have a 90 percent attendance rate next year! Dare to Dream.

Again, thank you to JV Clark School council, Nacho Nyak Dun Chief and Counsel, the NND Development Corporation, and the RCMP detachment for volunteering their time and cooking for the Wednesday Healthy Hot lunch program. The Healthy Hot Lunch program has not missed a scheduled meal yet during the 2017/2018 academic year, and in the event that there is a cancellation, JV Clark staff have a back-up meal frozen and ready to reheat, hence forth. Please see the back of this newsletter for April's Healthy Hot Lunch food schedule.

Ken MacGillivray

### Dates and Events to Note

- ✓ **2018 Graduation Fundraiser: April 11, Lasagne Supper (take-away)**
- ✓ **2018 Graduation Fundraiser: April 19, Hot Dog Lunch Sale (Thursday)**
- ✓ **2018 Graduation Fundraiser: April 23, Bake Sale at JV Clark**
- ✓ **School Council Meeting : To be determined (likely second Tuesday in April)**
- ✓ **Spring Break starts on Monday March 19 and continues until Easter Monday April 02**
- ✓ **May 10 Drug and Alcohol Counsellor Jennifer Newnun will be at JV Clark to present to the Grade 9 to 12's about Fentanyl/opioid drug use**
- ✓ **May 11 Mothers Against Drunk Driving, MADD, will be at JV Clark school at 1:30 to do a presentation and movie. This year the theme is using narcotics and driving, in addition to Drinking and Driving.**
- ✓ **Junior REM in Watson Lake / Tets'elūgé Mun , May 14 - 17**  
**<http://yukonjhrem.yukonschools.ca><http://yukonjhrem.yukonschools.ca>**

**Val Maier Tutoring:** Val Maier has volunteered her time to do extra 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 on their 3 R's. Thank you Mrs. Maier for your time and academic help with our students.

**RCMP:** Wednesdays after school from 3:30 to 4:30 recreation/activities program in the JV Clark school gym. A schedule for April will follow.

**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

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 develop the school programs!***

***Thank you to Ralph Mease and Percy for keeping the school so clean.***

***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 hosting the Career Fair March 14.***

***Thank you to School Council for their support and donation to the School Attendance Initiative Bike Award and continued Support.***

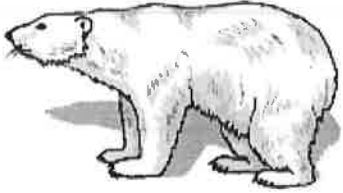
***Thank you to Virginia Mitford for making up the Elementary Agendas for the rest of the 2018 school year ☺***

***Thank you to Superintendent Bill Bennett for his support of our students by funding the Healthy Hot Lunch program and paying for our new commercial dishwasher and other new school improvements such as EPSON Smart Boards and new school Whiteboards!***

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

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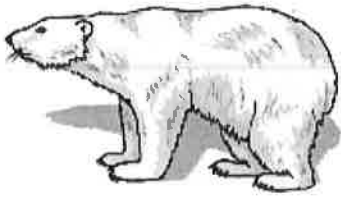
JV Clark School believes that regular attendance at school is one of the most important predictors of academic success. A *Planned Absence Form* was created in order to accommodate students who plan to participate in school sponsored activities or whose family circumstances may require a student to be 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**

# April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Easter Monday	3	4 Stone Jani NNDDC Soup, Doritos	5	6 Chilli Dogs raw/Veggies	7
8	9 Chicken Fingers Potato Wedges	10	11 Soup NND Council Beef/Tom Sandwiches	12	13 Pancakes Sausages eggs	14
15	16 Chicken fried Rice Stir, Veggies	17	18 Pasta Meat Sauce RCMP Salad	19	20 Pizza Salad treat !!	21
22	23 Burgers French fries raw/Veggies	24	25 Swiss Steak School Council Rice/Veggies	26	27 Lasagna mixed Salad	28
29	30 Moosemeat Rice Salad					