

Bridge to success! JVC student success spans grades 3 to 8

Big congratulations to our local bridge designers, engineering prodigies, and builders who had a great showing at the 2025 Yukon Bridge Building Contest held on April 26 at the Canada Games Centre in Whitehorse. In the grade 3/4/5 category a bridge built by Cassius, Charlie, Logan, Mav, and Thor were declared champions with a bridge weighing only 349 grams while withstanding a weight of 39 kilograms. Way to go team!

In the grade 6/7 category our four entries placed in the top 4 out of 22 bridges with placings as follows: **First place:** Josiah. **Second place:** Asher and Preston. **Third Place:** Avery, Myles, and Nevaeh. **Fourth place** Aiden and Johnson.

Last year's reigning champion - Penny - fell just .01 from placing third in the grade 8-12 category. Still a fabulous accomplishment! So, hearty congratulations to Josiah for taking home a gold medal. His bridge made of stir sticks and dental floss held 38 kilos while only weighing 249 grams. A remarkable achievement!

Kudos to our science & math teacher - Mr. Winter - for inspiring our students to greatness and establishing JV Clark as a bridge-building dynasty.



<<<You can see the finished bridges here before the competition. To see how the bridges perform under weight, check out this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/EngineersYukon/videos/1006208738354596/>

Badminton Smash!

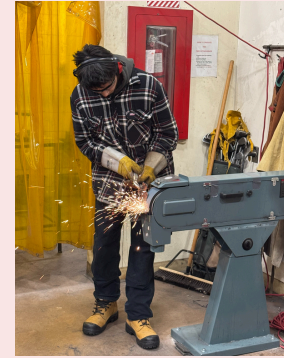
A sure sign of spring at JV Clark is when the basketballs go into storage and the badminton racquets come out in preparation for the annual Badminton Smash tournament in Whitehorse. We sent a team of six students ranging from grade 6 through 8, ably assisted by Coaches Mr. P and Ms. Roxy. The team practiced at lunch hours and after school and this preparation paid off handsomely with winning records all round. The team also enjoyed dining out at Big Bear and an evening of laser tag with pizza - all paid for from the proceeds from our monthly bake sale.

From L to R: Ms. Roxy, Quinn, Penny, Aiden, Mattie, Nevaeh, Johnson and Mr. Pearson.



REM week for high schoolers and other news

In early April our high school contingent spent a week in Dawson as part of the resurgent REM (Rural Experiential Model) week where students have the opportunity to engage with hands-on, practical activities such as metalwork, pottery, carpentry and outdoor sports - amongst other things. Students have the entire week to work on these activities so they can acquire true skills and high school credit. Thanks to Mr. Stauffer for accompanying our students on this very worthwhile endeavour.



Kevin and Ryan return with guitar and fiddle

It's always a treat when Kevin and Ryan roll up and entertain the school with songs and music with some inspiration and instruction thrown in too. We had students as young as in grade 2 singing at the mic and older grades trying out the guitar. Nevaeh and Avery are to be commended for their growing skills with the fiddle as well.



Sport Chairs

One of the highlights of the PE calendar is when Janna Tait brings up the sport chairs. Kids of all ages really look forward to fast-paced 'thrills and (potential) spills' of racing around the gym on four wheels.



Upcoming events

- every Thursday after-school, Mr. Stauffer hosts skateboard club
- May 2nd - bake sale at noon to support JV Clark sports teams
- May 5 - Jada the Dental Technician is in school for two weeks
- May 5 - NND sponsored 'food security' presentations
- May 9 - Carmacks Ridge Run
- May 15 - NND Careers Day with over 30 booths in JV Clark gym
- May 19 - Victoria Day holiday, school closed
- May 21 - Yukon Energy field trip to Wareham Dam for grades 7 and up
- May 23 - Field trip to Northern Blue Bird Farm for grades 4/5/6
- May 27/28 - Track meet in Whitehorse for the grade 6s and up
- May 28 - Kindergarten Orientation
- May 29 - Cycle Smart Bike Safety and farm trip for grades 1/2/3

