

# JVC NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message

JV Clark has settled into winter nicely. The school is planning the various remembrances and celebrations with Christmas just two months away. Community support has been excellent, and attendance has been exceptional in October. The elementary students are very busy delving in the core of their curriculum and moving forward before the Christmas break. Senior students have their teachers and curriculum in place now after an unavoidable delay to the start of the year. Ms. Wallace has a great English program that she running with her students. Mr. McGinnis is up to his old tricks, and students are attending tutoring sessions most nights of the week at JV Clark. Unfortunately, Ms. Wallingham will be leaving the school in January because the stork is bringing her a baby. Ms. Wallingham made an exceptional difference at JV Clark over the past year and half, and she will be missed very much by students and staff alike.

Superintendent Bill Bennett and Assistant Deputy Minister Mike Woods were at JV Clark on Monday and Tuesday, and were very impressed with the staff and students, the programming, the cleanliness, the organization, and the overall positive atmosphere of the school. We received an excellent grade, so a sincere thank you to the staff at JV Clark.

The Healthy Hot lunch program is set to start next week on Monday, October 30. Currently we are opening the lunch program on Mondays and Fridays. We were delayed in starting the program due to a number of staffing issues in late August, which have since been resolved. Fortunately, Ms. Crystal Trudeau will be cooking for the lunch program. JV Clark has also continued to provide a very healthy snack program every day during this re-organization period.

The school and community are planning to offer the hot lunch program on Wednesdays as well, and we are again asking community groups to cook on this day. The First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun has volunteered to cook the hot lunch program on some Wednesdays, and we will be looking to fill the remaining Wednesdays with other volunteers from the community.

We have a need for some community people to volunteer at JV Clark if possible. The healthy hot lunch program will need extra help in the coming months. Additionally, and as mentioned previously, Ms. Wallingham will be going on leave in December, and she is the only teacher with her Class 4 License, so we will need community members to volunteer to drive the school activity bus. I drive the bus sometimes, but sometimes I am unavailable.

Lastly, "Two Fiddles" are offering an interactive performance at JV Clark this Friday at 2:15 in the gym. Please attend if you are available.

Sincerely,

Ken MacGillivray

**Dates and Events to Note**

- ✓ **Staff vs Student hockey game and hot dog day, Friday October 27, at lunch! All welcome!**
- ✓ **School Council Meeting is November 14 at 6:00 pm**
- ✓ **Fiddlers are performing, interactive performance, October 27 Friday, 2:15 in the gym. Everyone is welcome!**
- ✓ **Thursday, November 02, Culture Committee, 3:00 p.m. in the First Nations room at JV Clark school.**
- ✓ **Grad Fundraiser - Wednesday November 15 – Hot Dog Sale**
- ✓ **First Term Report cards go home November 21. They will be mailed as well.**

**New Bell Schedule for 2017**

- ✓ **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:**

**New Bus Route**, the bus will be travelling in the opposite direction this year, and therefore will have a different bus route schedule, the school bus will stop at Lucas's stop first in the morning, and then the bus will continue on through the East End, then up to C6, then back to JV Clark. The reverse will be the case for afternoon, up to C6 first, and then back through town. This will continue for the entire school year.

**Attendance Incentives:** We have some incentives for improved attendance this year. We have a certificate for good behaviour, citizenship, attendance, school work, anything exceptional. Teachers will designate and refer to the Principal weekly any students who performance is deserving of an award 😊

We also have the **Sima Ski trip**, that will be based on good behaviour, and 80 percent attendance rate – unexcused absences vs present and excused absences. The trip will be in February again, a nice break between January and spring break.

**School Bike Initiative:** School Council has approved the purchase of, and purchased 4 very nice bikes, for top attendance in every school group. Please watch for more information and soon to see the bikes in the school on display.

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!**

**-Big Thank you to Steve Therriault for coordinating the Meat from the Outfitter to the butcher to the school. Chris McKinnon-Bonnet Plume Outfitters provided JV Clark with roast, hamburger, and sausage for the coming year!**

**-Thank you to NND for assisting with the butchering costs for the moose meat provide to the school by Christ McKinnon.**

**-Thank you to all of the persons that have volunteered to sit on the schools Culture committee.**

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

**Mähsi cho!**

We're on the Web!

*See us at:*

**[www.yesnet.yk.ca/schools/jvclark](http://www.yesnet.yk.ca/schools/jvclark)**





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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 believe 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**