

JVC NEWSLETTER

October 04, 2017



Principal's Message

September was a busy month at JV Clark. The weather was very nice and we had opportunities to do some outside Physical Education, hikes, and forest school. The staff definitely took advantage of the nice weather, and it was nice to get the school photos done before the snow started this year!

JV Clark is happy to welcome two new teachers to our school after some late vacancies. Ms. Alethea Wallace is a very experienced Senior English, Socials, and First Nations studies teacher from Alberta. Ms. Wallace has already decided that she will be presenting MacBeth, the Great Gatsby, amongst other literature studies for her Senior students. Additionally, Mr. Kevin Schemmann is a middle school teacher out of U.B.C. Mr. Schemmann has his middle school students very busy in every curriculum area from the weight room to the shop and more. We welcome them both and thank them for coming to Mayo.

A special thanks to Ms. Wallingham for her hard work to cover two jobs for the month of September whilst we advertised for a Senior Humanities Teacher. Ms. Wallingham had to program for two classes, grades 9 to 12, I would state that is 'a record!' truly.

Senior students attended senior R.E.M in Haines Junction and had a fantastic week. I had the opportunity to spend a few days at R.E.M and was thoroughly impressed with the programs offered by the Teachers at R.E.M! For more information and photos go to the YTG website and look up Senior REM. Many thanks to Ms. Wallingham and Mr. McGinnis for taking the students to Haines Junction for R.E.M.

We were set to have a Thanksgiving day lunch this Friday, but other more important issues regarding school and school data systems became a priority this week. Report cards are just over a month away, and we have to get the students and their reporting periods organized as soon as possible because November will be here soon. For this reason, I was grounded in Whitehorse working on this problem and not able to return with the food for the lunch.

Initially an additional Professional Development day was planned for Tuesday October 10, 2017, making for a four-day weekend. However, YTG was not able to send up a consultant for just one day, so we had to cancel that date. The Pro-D was cancelled in late August, but there are documents floating around that show Tuesday, October 10 as a Pro-D day, please ignore those documents. Please send your child to school on Tuesday. At some point in the year, we may book another Pro-D day off, but we will be sure to inform parents/guardians well in advance.

JV Clark changed the bell schedule to an 8:30 start. Please have your children to the school by 8:25. Supervision starts at 8:10, and we have two supervisory staff outside with the elementary students at all times this year. We have also developed a playground behavior matrix which we are teaching to our elementary students. The students are really enjoying their outside September time!

The Healthy Hot lunch program is set to start in the middle of October. We were delayed in starting the program due to a number of staffing issues in late August. which we

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Dates and Events to Note

- ✓ **CATS Counsellor** will be here October 3 and 4 and October 24 and 25
- ✓ **School Council Meeting** is October 10 at 6:00 pm
- ✓ **Sarnia from Skookum Jim** is here Wednesday, October 18 at lunch. Resumes and cover letter skills will be taught
- ✓ **Canine Unit and a Veterinarian** are here Thursday October 5 to speak to Grades 1,2 and 3,4,5 classes
 - Grades 1-2: 2:20 to 2:40
 - Grades 3-5: 2:50 to 3:10
- ✓ **Fiddlers** are performing an interactive performance, Friday October 27, at 2:15 in the gym. Everyone is welcome!
- ✓ **Culture Committee Meeting** on Wednesday October 11, at 3:00 p.m. in the First Nations room at JV Clark.

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 whose 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 Chris 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 help build the school!

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.yesnet.yk.ca/schools/jvclark





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