

# JV CLARK SCHOOL

## September newsletter

Happily, we bask in this warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures... – Henry David Thoreau

The weather has been kind to us during this start to the 2023/24 school year. The children of Mayo have settled in very nicely into the new school year. New staff members to the school have experienced seamless transitions to routines and new school traditions are emerging as ideas are shared within the school community.

Some classes will be visiting Northern Bluebird Farm as part of the 'Kids on the farm' project. Mr. Pearson is leading school lunchtime intramurals on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays with an emphasis on volleyball now. The JVC after-school activity and sports calendar is taking shape and activities will be shared on the school website as they are developed.

In woodworking, Mr. Stauffer has trained his students in safe working practices and the rudiments of measurements and is planning to make wooden boxes with his Jr high and high school students.

In Science class, Mr. Winter issued a challenge to his students: using just two sheets of paper and just 20cm of clear tape: how many textbooks could be supported? Grade 9 student – Dominic Farrow – emerged victorious with his construction supporting 20 books. Well done, Dominic! Mr. Winter is going to be introducing robots and computer coding to his students during the month of September. Sounds very exciting!

## REMINDER

Grade 6/7s – return your consent and medical forms signed by parents for the Volleyball tournament

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://jvc.yukonschools.ca/>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept 4th:** Labour Day, no school.

**Sept 5th:** 'Meet and greet' with parents and community members with doors opening at 6:30pm with activities commencing at 7:00pm. One of our activities will be the ever-popular Indigenous Bingo – please bring a wrapped 'gift' if you wish to join that game. Also, some JVC staff members have accepted a 'Great JVC Bake-off' challenge where 'meet and greet' attendees can cast a vote for the most pleasing delectable dessert! Community members are also welcome to bring in a home-baked dessert if they wish to join the friendly competition.

**Sept 7,8 and 21 and 22nd:** in-school fiddling workshops with Amelia Rose.

**Sept 13:** The grade 6s and 7s have been invited to attend the Early Bird Volleyball Tournament held in Whitehorse on Sept 13th – sponsored by the Yukon Sports Athletic Association (YSAA). The team will drive down to the 'Wilderness City' on Tuesday Sept 12th with accommodation kindly provided by Porter Creek Secondary School for that evening. Thanks to Ms McCauley, Mr Pearson and Ms Dolan for volunteering to take the group to Whitehorse. The tournament will take place at the Canada Games Centre on the Wednesday with a real emphasis on participation, teamwork and having fun. In early November the YSAA have scheduled a three-day competitive tournament for the grade 6 and 7 Volleyball players, which is held in Whitehorse and provides a culmination for their efforts this early term. Go Bears!

**Sept 15:** Picture Day! Wear your finest!

**Sept 18 and 19:** 'Artist in school' pottery artist visiting from Whitehorse leading pottery workshops for our JVC students.

**Sept 19th:** School council meets.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept 20th:** Mark this night in your diary! School staff members participated in “Teacher Week” on Family Feud and CBC is airing the episode that evening. We will plan a ‘live airing’ event that night either at the school or in the community hall. Details to follow - closer to the date - on the school website.

**Sept 22nd:** Our Terry Fox Run will take place @1:30 . Community members are encouraged to attend. Fred Fox, Terry Fox's brother, will be giving a presentation via Zoom. Staff and students will watch the presentation together in the gym.at 9:00am.

**Sept 27th:** French Drama Performance for grades K to 7. Tres bon!

**Sept 29:** Truth and Reconciliation Day at JVC with classroom learning and traditional ‘hands-on’ activities such as medicine bag making, making fire, dry meat making, processing wild game shank. There will be an all-school assembly during the day. Check out the school website for more details closer to the time. Please wear an orange shirt to commemorate.

Have a great month from the JV Clark staff!

