

Clear Vista School

December 2020



Principal's Message

Clear Vista Families,

Thank you for your understanding as we have worked together to remain safe as we live with COVID-19. As you are aware we have had some members of our school community who have tested positive for the virus at different times already this year and our responses have impacted our school community members. When we inform families about the need for them to quarantine it weighs heavy on our school community and we know that it can be extremely challenging for affected individuals to follow the important isolation requirements. If you have not yet had to have your child quarantine, you may be wondering what is involved and what the expectations are for the quarantine period. We advise all families to have their child get tested by AHS for COVID-19, and they are required to stay at home until the end of their quarantine period, even if they test negative as they are to monitor for symptoms to develop throughout the quarantine period.

Students will continue to be able to learn using our Google Classroom as the hub to connect with their teachers. Teachers will still plan for instruction, offer meets for students and collect work, however the learning expectations will look different due to not being in class together but it is our expectation that learning will continue. Families and students are encouraged to contact the office if they are having difficulties accessing their student accounts and emailing their teacher directly with questions is also recommended. It is really important for students to complete their work each day and to dedicate themselves to their learning even though it is not without challenges. When students begin to disconnect from learning, we can start to see a snowball effect where anxiety increases and tasks can start to feel overwhelming. If you notice that your child is starting to become overwhelmed, please reach out to the school so we can help to support them as soon as possible. Together we can continue learning, growing and supporting each other as a school community.

Warm regards,

-Mr. Van Someren



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Vice Principal's Message

Clear Vista Families,

November was another exciting month at Clear Vista. We had a number of students and staff (myself included) that needed to quarantine. This caused many adaptations by families, staff and students to a quick change to online learning. My thanks goes out to those staff that were able to quickly pivot to this medium to lessen lost time. I thank all of our parents, guardians and family members that worked hard to rearrange their schedules and be available for their children at home. This has been a struggle, but the ongoing positive perseverance has been fantastic.

As we move into December, our Grade 7 & 8 students will be on an on-line program with their regular teachers. This is not an ideal situation, but one that we need to accept in light of our current COVID-19 reality. I trust that those affected Teachers and students will do their very best to continue learning.

I am very excited that our Grade K-6 students will be continuing to learn in person. It's good to have them here and I look forward to the opportunities ahead. Staff are developing plans and looking at possibilities. We will try to maintain a sense of normalcy in this otherwise exciting month.

I wish you all the very best. Stay safe and healthy out there.

-Mr. Daly



Mission

Clear Vista School is a positive and supportive educational community that inspires students to do their best, celebrates achievements and encourages lifelong learning.

2020-2021 Teaching Staff

Academic Support Teachers - Mrs. Jager, and Mrs. Krec

Learning Assistance Program - Mr. Barton and Mrs. Bourget

Kindergarten - Miss. Marquardt

Gr. 1 - Mrs. Henson and Ms. Holliday

Gr. 2 - Mrs. Priebe and Mrs. Wieclaw

Gr. 3 - Mrs. Brulotte and Miss Moisan

Gr. 4 - Mrs. Hebert and Miss Lee

Gr. 5 - Mr. Mennear and Mrs. Werner

Gr. 6 - Mr. Doyle and Mr. Senghera

Gr. 7/8 Language Arts & Social - Mrs. Friesen and Mrs. Osterwoldt

Gr. 7/8 Math & Science - Mrs. Hemsing and Miss Thurmeier

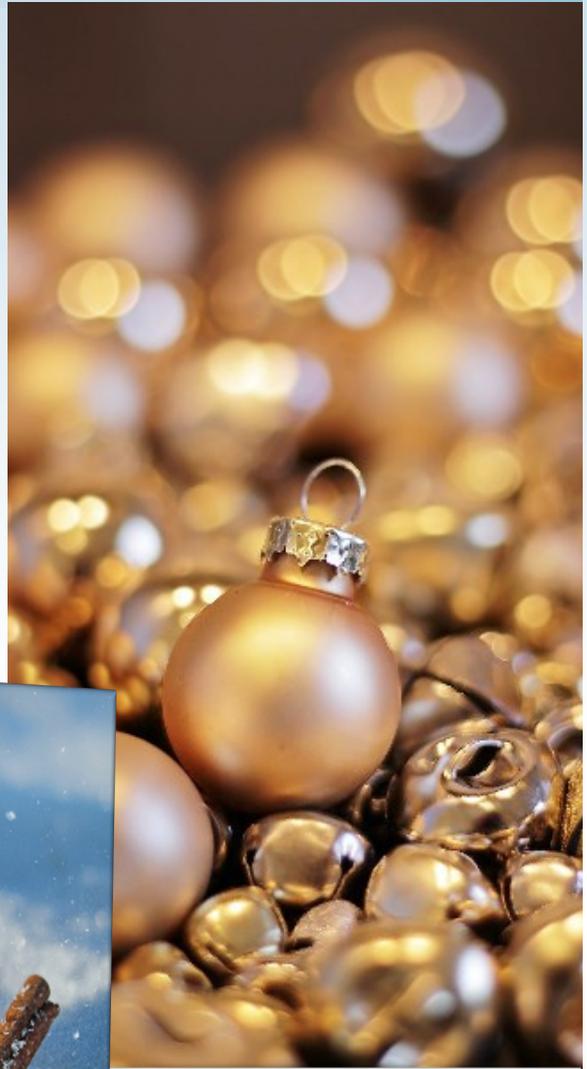
Career and Technology Foundations - Mr. Schuman

Administrators - Mr. Daly and Mr. Van Someren



LA 2- Mr. Barton

End of Term 1 is approaching soon, students in the LA 2 Program have done well in their academics, social skills, and Art activities. Learning Assistance Program 2 has a new EA (Tina Nicholson) to help and support students in their academic and social needs. Tina has done a lot of work to help students learn and grow. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me here at Clear Vista School.



LA 3- Mrs. Bourget

The students continue to work hard to help out around the school and complete their work in the classroom. They have been doing a good job of raz-kids and epic reading on a regular basis. They continue to work on IXL math as well as completing their individual books. Mrs. Mennear is always a favorite and the students enjoy when she comes in to do projects with them. The students did a beautiful job of their poppy artwork that they shared in a slide for the virtual assembly. The students continue to develop their basketball skills during PE. Mrs. McAuley & Mrs. Bourget thoroughly enjoy this group of students and look forward to work everyday.



Class 1H- Ms. Holliday

November was certainly a busy month in grade 1H. We wrote letters to seniors in our community and to a veteran from WW2. These letters were greatly appreciated. The children have made great progress in their reading and writing skills.

In Math, we are learning about patterns and we will start Addition to 10 before the Christmas break.

December will be a different month than usual. Our Christmas concert will be virtual! Grade 1H will be reading a poem and displaying pictures of the pictures and crafts we have done.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas!



Class 1P- Mrs. Henson

In December 1P will be continuing to learn more awesome primer words. We continue to excel at knowing numbers and are becoming better writers too. We have been working on patterns, and once that's completed we will be doing lots of great addition activities. We are learning about places in our community of Wetaskiwin, and all about our senses... just in time for Christmas ! So many great things to see, hear, smell, touch and TASTE during the holiday season. We are following protocols and doing our best to stay safe and healthy. Happy Holidays:)



Class 2P & 2W

A Note From Mrs. Wieclaw:

Thank you for reading with your child at home. Having your child read out loud 15 minutes a day is a targeted, intention goal. Enjoy some Family Time during the holidays!

Reading: As you listen to your child read out-loud, ask them “Who’s in your story?” and “What’s happening?” This will help them understand what they are reading.



Writing: Mentor sentences help us identify the many parts of a sentence. We are using our imagination and writing what our toys do at home while we are away at school!

Math: Numbers! Showing and building numbers in a variety of ways. Focus is placed upon the difference between the ones and tens digit.

Science: Liquids. Demonstrations and experiments that continue to focus on fast and slow pouring liquids.

Social Studies: We are learning about what the land looks like in Iqualuit, Meteghan, and Saskatoon. We are discussing the “olden days.”

Spelling Words: said, were, what, when, your, there, she, how, their, if

Check out our google classroom for the entire list of spelling words!





Class 4L- Miss. Lee

4L has been busy finishing up their Recycling project. They were given the task to take an item that could otherwise end up in a landfill or dump and turn it into something different! 4L is doing their part in reducing the amount of waste that is created!

We have also been learning about natural, artificial, and luminescent light sources in the Lights and Shadows unit.

This picture shows 4L testing different sources of luminescent light- glow stick party!





From the desk of:

Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Stoney & Mrs. Mennear

Welcome to December!

It has been such a different experience at school this year due to COVID-19, that we decided to dedicate the month of December to doing different family activities.

We included the 25 days of Christmas togetherness family activities calendar. In the spirit of celebration it is our hope that families will take pictures doing some of the activities listed on the calendar and send them to the school to be posted on our Facebook page.

Families that send pictures in will be automatically entered into a draw to win a wellness basket. The draw will be made on December 14th. Please email all pictures to Ms. Gouin at cv@wrps11.ca





25 Days of Christmas Family Togetherness

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| work on a 500 piece puzzle ¹ | Tour a local museum ² | Make gumdrop/toothpick Christmas trees ³ | Have stove-cooked popcorn with a movie night ⁴ | Cook dessert for dinner ⁵ |
| Make paper snowflakes ⁶ | Have a family coloring contest ⁷ | Build a birdhouse ⁸ | PLAY A BELOVED BOARD GAME ⁹ | Have a winter wonderland photo shoot ¹⁰ |
| Donate a care package to a homeless shelter ¹¹ | BRING THE NEIGHBORS DINNER ¹² | Go ice skating ¹³ | Do a Random Act of Kindness ¹⁴ | Play Pictionary ¹⁵ |
| Attend a Christmas play/concert ¹⁶ | TRY A NEW COOKIE RECIPE ¹⁷ | Watch a classic Christmas movie you haven't seen ¹⁸ | HAVE A BLINDFOLDED FOOD PARTY ¹⁹ | Listen to an audiobook ²⁰ |
| BORROW A DRAWING BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY ²¹ | Have a karaoke Christmas night ²² | Drive around town and look at the Christmas lights ²³ | Play snowball tag ²⁴ | Celebrate Christmas! ²⁵ |



Learning Support-Mrs. Krec & Mrs. Jager

The Importance of Maintaining School Connectedness



A protective factor in youth development is Connectedness, at home as well as school. This refers to a sense of being cared for and belonging that we strive for here at Clear Vista. As we understand the rationale behind moving to online learning for our grade 7's and 8's over the next few weeks; we as a staff will miss seeing their faces and the connection we have with them in our classrooms. Youth who feel connected to school and home are less likely to experience negative outcomes related to mental health.

In addition, student/school connectedness has been shown to have positive effects on academic achievement in the short and long term. We encourage families to maintain a similar school schedule in their homes and have students participate in teacher led google meets. The ultimate goal for all involved is to maintain our connection while moving forward as we all pivot our direction in striving to keep everyone safe. All junior high teachers are an email away and we encourage any student recommended for small group support in assignments to participate.



Stay safe. Stay Connected. We look forward to seeing our wonderful grade 7 and 8 students upon their in person return in January.



Dear WRPS Parents/Guardians,

Due to rising record numbers of daily new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the [Government of Alberta](#) has declared a state of public health emergency in Alberta, effective November 24, 2020, through January 10, 2021. This decision includes a temporary move to at-home learning for all junior and senior high school students to help slow the spread of the virus.

Schedule

Students and parents/guardians are advised that starting Monday, November 30, 2020, the following chart outlines how instruction will be delivered:

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The above schedule is mandatory, and applies province-wide.

At-Home Learning

- Unlike the emergency remote learning that occurred in the spring, at-home learning will include **all** the required areas of the provincial curriculum in the courses that students are enrolled in.
- Students must complete all assigned work as these marks will be included in students' final grades.
- Your child's school will provide more detailed information about the learning plan for your student. Please check school websites for up-to-date information.

Transportation

There is no change for transportation from November 30 - December 18. Transportation services are suspended from January 4-8, 2021.

Diploma Examinations

Please note that diploma examinations are optional for the remainder of the school year. Students and their families can choose whether to write a diploma exam or receive an exemption for the January, April, June and August 2021 exams.

WRPS remains committed to the health and safety of students and staff. We look forward to welcoming students back into our classrooms in the new year once this temporary transition to at-home learning ends.



Peter Barron
Superintendent of Schools

F.A.Q's

1. Can my child exchange Christmas gifts with their friends?

Yes, they may bring their parcel to school and safely make the exchange. Please remind your children to sanitize, and practice good hand hygiene. Students are to keep their parcel in their backpacks/lockers until home dismissal.

2. Can my child bring Christmas treats to share with their classroom?

Students will be permitted to bring individually wrapped treats for their class Friday Dec 18th. Please note, treats **MUST be store bought** and **already pre-packaged**.

Reference to Food Handling - highlighted on page 4 of the WRPS Supplemental Guide:

"The school must ensure a designated staff member is available to hand out food items to classrooms, ensuring that they are all handled by the same person and hygiene protocols are followed (wearing a mask and gloves). The designated staff member must ensure they spend less than 15 minutes in each classroom. The cohorted teacher receives the food and hands it out to students."

3. Is there a Christmas concert this year?

Unfortunately with COVID-19 restrictions, we are not able to proceed with our regular Christmas concert. We will be hosting a virtual Christmas Concert for the students at 1:30pm, and will live stream it for the public to watch at 7:00pm. Please look for the link on our website. Homerooms will also be taking part in their own Christmas activities.

4. What day are students coming back to in person learning after Christmas break?

It is the expectation, that all students during the week of Monday January 4th-Fri January 8th will be logging into their google classroom and interacting with their teacher/ completing assignments daily.

All students (with the exception of school at home learners) are to return to regular in person classes **Monday January 11th**. **this is subject to change.*

December

2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | SCHOOL COUNCIL VIA ZOOM 6:30PM VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY 9:30AM | | | PD DAY- NO SCHOOL | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | | | | GR 6 IMMUNIZATIONS | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | | | VIRTUAL XMAS CONCERT 1:30PM & at 7PM the link will be posted on our website | | | CHRISTMAS BREAK |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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Gr 7 & 8 students Nov 30- Dec 18 At home learning

All students Jan 4-8 At home learning

ALL STUDENTS RESUME TO IN PERSON LEARNING JAN 11 *subject to change (with the exception of at home learners)

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