

October 21, 2024

Good morning École Joe Clark families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend with family and friends. As we head into the last two weeks of October, the splendor of fall is certainly upon us, especially with the wonderful weather we've been experiencing! The crisp air and changing leaves remind us that fall is a season of reflection, growth, and new opportunities. Here at Joe Clark, our students are settling into their routines, and we're excited about all the learning and activities ahead.

With that said, it's getting chilly outside! Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for the weather, as we go outside most days to enjoy some fun and fresh air.

We have an amazing team here at Joe Clark and look forward to the excitement and learning ahead. As some of you may have heard, Ms. Becker will be on leave for a temporary period. During her absence, please reach out to me with any questions or wonders you may have. You can contact me directly at mahanc@fsd38.ab.ca.

Reverse Trick-or-Treating!

As you may have heard, Joe Clark will be running a "reverse trick-or-treating" food drive from now until Halloween! Flyers were sent home with students on Friday, and students are encouraged to hand them out and collect food bank donations from family, neighbors, and friends. Donations can be brought to school and placed in a designated box in the front entry. Students will collect donations from October 18-31, with the final collection day being October 31.

Thank you so much for your support, and if you have any questions, please let us know.

Patrollers Are Back!

You may have noticed that our crosswalk by the school is looking a little different. Some of the grade 5 students at Joe Clark have been working hard and showing their responsibility for safety by becoming AMA Safety Patrollers. Here are a couple of things to keep in mind: Our patrollers will be on duty each morning from 8:25-8:45 and each afternoon from 3:10-3:25. During these times, we ask that you not use the crosswalk lights as it can be confusing for drivers and our students. However, when our patrollers are not on duty, please use the lights to cross the road safely. We also ask that when using the crosswalk during patrolling times, you remember to walk between the patrollers once they have opened the crosswalk. Thank you so much for making these adjustments and giving our patrollers the opportunity to be successful!

Halloween is Coming...

With Halloween right around the corner, we know students are excited to select their costumes. On the 31st, we invite all students to either wear a costume (no weapons or costumes with 'gore,' please) or wear black/orange on that day. As usual, please ensure costumes are school-appropriate, as we have many younger students in the building.

More details about what the 31st will look like will be outlined next week!

ÉJCS Upcoming dates:

October 30 – School Council AGM and Fundraising Meeting – 6:00pm

October 31 – Halloween Celebrations

Nov. 1 – PD Day —No school for students

November 4-8 – BOOK FAIR in the Learning Commons

November 8 – ÉJCS Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 9-17 – Fall Break – No School