

January 22, 2024

Good morning Ecole Joe Clark Families,

We have been working on our Early Learning Programming for the fall and our registration and information evenings for Junior Kindergarten, English and French Immersion Kindergarten are all set. Please see below for specifics and registration information.

### **Ecole Joe Clark Junior Kindergarten Program**

We will be offering full day program options for next year.

- Monday/ Wednesday Program, option of adding Friday
- Tuesday Thursday Program, option of adding Friday
- Hours are 9am – 3pm
- See Ecole Joe Clark Website for monthly fees

### **English Kindergarten Program**

- Monday/Wednesday and additional Fridays
- Option to access JK Programming on non-kinder days

### **French Immersion Kindergarten Program**

- Monday-Friday, Full Day Program
- Fee is \$250.00 per month

Our French Immersion programming will be full time for next year (Monday to Friday), our English Kindergarten will remain part time (Monday/Wednesday). Students in English kindergarten will have the option of accessing Junior Kindergarten on their non kindergarten days. This additional add on is an additional cost to families but does provide extra learning activities and can support a student's progress by offering many social-emotional and play based learning opportunities. All our Early Learning programs are offered based on registrations received, so please register your child early to avoid disappointment.

**Jr Kindergarten, English Kindergarten and FI Kindergarten Registration and Info Night** will be held on February 1 from 6:00-7:30pm. Please feel free to come ask questions and register online from the school.

### **French Immersion Program will also be holding an FI Information evening on February 13 from 6-7pm.**

Please plan to attend if you have questions about enrolling your child in the program and wish to discuss with our FI team. We would be accepting registrations for students who are entering Kindergarten and Grade One for next year. For additional information on French Immersion Programming - [French Immersion \(foothillsschooldivision.ca\)](https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca)

Please note that for any registrations, you will require an electronic version (copy) of proof of citizenship and residency, which would be a copy of Canadian birth certificate or passport. Please plan to bring this with you so you can complete the registration process online. Registrations are all done online, so you can also complete these from home at any time if that is easier!

Below are a few additional pieces of information for families to be aware of. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at the school.

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

#### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- Thursday, January 25- School Council Meeting- note time of 6pm
- Friday, January 26- Family Literacy Day & Character Dress Up!
- Thursday, February 1- JK and Kindergarten Registration and Information Evening 6-7:30pm
- February 13- French Immersion Parent Information Night 6-7pm
- Friday, February 2- Staff Planning Day, No School
- Thursday, February 8- School Council and Town Hall Meeting 6:30pm
- Friday, February 16- Learner Profiles available for families
- Monday Feb 19- Friday 23- Family Day and Teachers Convention, No School

#### **Family Literacy Day- Flashlight Reading and Storybook Character Dress up! - Friday, January 26**

We will be hosting Flashlight reading from 8:45-9:20am at Ecole Joe Clark School. Parents, guardians, grandparents are welcome to join us at 8:45am to read with your child(ren). If possible, please send your child to school with a flashlight or headlamp! Your child is also welcome to dress up as their favorite Character from a Book for the day!

#### **EJCS Parking and Drop off Notes:**

**Please be advised that the BUS LANE is for busses and emergency vehicles only.** Please do not park or drop off in the bus lane. The Drop and Go Sign will be out, please drop your child in the area before the drop and go sign.

**Do not drop students off before 8:30am, as we do not have morning supervision until now.** Thank you.

#### **Hot Lunch and Popcorn Volunteers**

\*\*February Hot Lunches are open for ordering- [Link here](#)

Please check the volunteer opportunities to be a hot lunch or popcorn helper. Click here to lend a hand- [Joe Clark Hot Lunch Volunteers — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

#### **Breakfast Program**

We are still looking for a few more breakfast program helpers each morning from 8:15-9:15 am. Thank you to those who have already; we will contact you shortly to discuss how you can help us. Please let us know if this would be something you would like to help with. We would require one or two parent volunteers each morning to help with prepping and serving and at least one parent to help organize the weekly menu and shopping lists. Please reach out to Mrs. Becker or Mrs. Vandenberg ([vandenbeeke@fsd38a.ab.ca](mailto:vandenbeeke@fsd38a.ab.ca)) if you have any questions or would like to help!

## School Council

Our last regular meeting was cancelled due to the extreme weather conditions. **As such, the next meeting will be held on January 25 at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons**. One of the topics we will discuss will be our *Carnaval* and *mois de la francophonie* plans for March, French Immersion parents who are interested would be welcome to join us!

We will hold our **Town Hall Meeting with our Superintendent Mr. Chris Fuzessy and Trustee Phil Irwin, at our February 8 meeting**. This meeting is to receive information about staffing and administrative changes at Ecole Joe Clark School over the past few years. It is in response to a request from members of the School Council to have more clarity and transparency around how and why these changes are made. Mr. Fuzessy and Mr. Irwin will explain and be available for members to ask questions.

New members welcome! Our fundraising society will meet right after our School Council meeting.

Follow our School Council Facebook page for updates and information regarding School Council initiatives this year. Our page name is **Ecole Joe Clark School- Parent Council**.

## TOWN OF HIGH RIVER INFORMATION

Joe Clark Families are invited to attend the Town of High River Open House. Details shared by the Town below:

- After 2 years of work (including research, engagement, discussion, and drafting), the project team is ready to present the draft Town Plan to the public!
- The Open House will be held **Tuesday January 23, 2024 from 4:00-7:30 pm** in the Rotary Room at the Highwood Memorial Centre (128 5 Ave SW).
- Complimentary pizza and refreshments will be served.
- There will be a brief presentation by staff (first at 5:30 pm, and then again at 6:30 pm).
- There will be information poster boards and staff will be available to answer questions. There will also be a brief survey to provide feedback.