

September 8, 2023

Welcome Back to School Ecole Joe Clark Families!

We had a wonderful start to the school year with our staggered start last week and have all our students attending this week from JK-5! Thank you for being patient with us as we navigate some significant staffing changes as well as a new administrative team partnership between Mrs Becker and Ms Mahan. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of working with you and your children! Here are some pieces of information that you may want to be aware of, as we start up the year.

Safety- Parking and Bus Drop off

We expect the construction on the West side of the school to be completed by the end of the week and less congestion in the drop-off area next week. We would like to thank families for understanding and being patient as that work gets completed.

We are aware that construction, parent drop off zones and bussing have been an issue this week. As such, we are implementing a safe "Stop, Drop and Roll" zone for both morning and afternoon pickup.

Parents may stop and drop off in the area BEFORE the "Stop, Drop and Go" zone sign (see the green marking below). Beyond the sign is reserved for FSD BUSES ONLY. Thank you for your cooperation with keeping the bus zone for busses and emergency vehicles only!



Thank you for helping to ensure that all our students get to school and back home safely.

Jr. Kindergarten

Hooray! Our Jr. Kindergarten Program has expanded due to an influx of enrollments over the summer months. We are pleased to be able to offer programming Monday to Thursday, and have morning, afternoon, and full day options. Currently, our morning programming is full (we do have a waitlist) but

we are offering Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoon options for parents. If you would like to register your child for those afternoon spots, please contact the office to discuss.

School Council B.C. Apple Fundraiser

B.C. Apple ordering forms are coming home with your child in their agenda this week. **Ordering forms will need to be returned to the school by September 15, 2023.**

**** If you are writing a cheque, please make the cheque out to Ecole Joe Clark School** Thank you!**

What to do when my child is ill?








We know that as the seasons change, we will enter cold and flu season and are already noticing respiratory illnesses going around. We would like to remind families to please keep their children home when they are sick. We have students immunocompromised in our classrooms, and we want to do our best to keep them healthy and able to attend school regularly.

The visual below provides FSD guidelines for when to keep a child at home to care for them, when to call a physician, and when a student can come to school.


Healthful Reminders

Cold and flu season has arrived.

Foothills School Division is observing an influx in illness throughout the schools. Here are some reminders to lessen the spread of illness.

<p>Watch for symptoms.</p> <p>Fever, cough, vomiting, and diarrhea are reasons to stay home*. If you're unwell, please stay home.</p> 	<p>Safety is everyone's priority.</p> <p>Every student has a right to a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment. This is the responsibility of all FSD employees, Trustees, parents, and students.</p> 
 <p>Wash your hands.</p> <p>Good ol' soap and water or a sanitizing solution will limit the spread. Wash surfaces often too.</p>	<p>Systemic stability.</p> <p>Keep your dollars in the classroom, rather than into finding relief teachers, bus drivers, or support team members.</p> <p>By doing your part, you allow us to do ours--- providing quality education opportunities.</p> 
<p>Stay at home.</p> <p>We know, it sucks to miss out on work and school, but keeping yourself at home when you're sick is a great way to prevent anyone else from getting sick.</p> 	<p>Other ways you can help.</p> <p>Use your 'cough pocket' to conceal sneezes and coughs.</p> <p>Be sure to contact your school regarding classroom attendance each day.</p> <p>Encourage your peers to stay home if they're ill.</p> 
 <p>Your cooperation.</p> <p>If a student or FSD Team Member falls ill during school hours, we will ask for the affected person to return home before the end of day.</p> <p>Please have plans for adequate student home supervision.</p>	<p><small>*this is not an exhaustive list of symptoms.</small></p>

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Ecole Joe Clark School Meet the Teacher

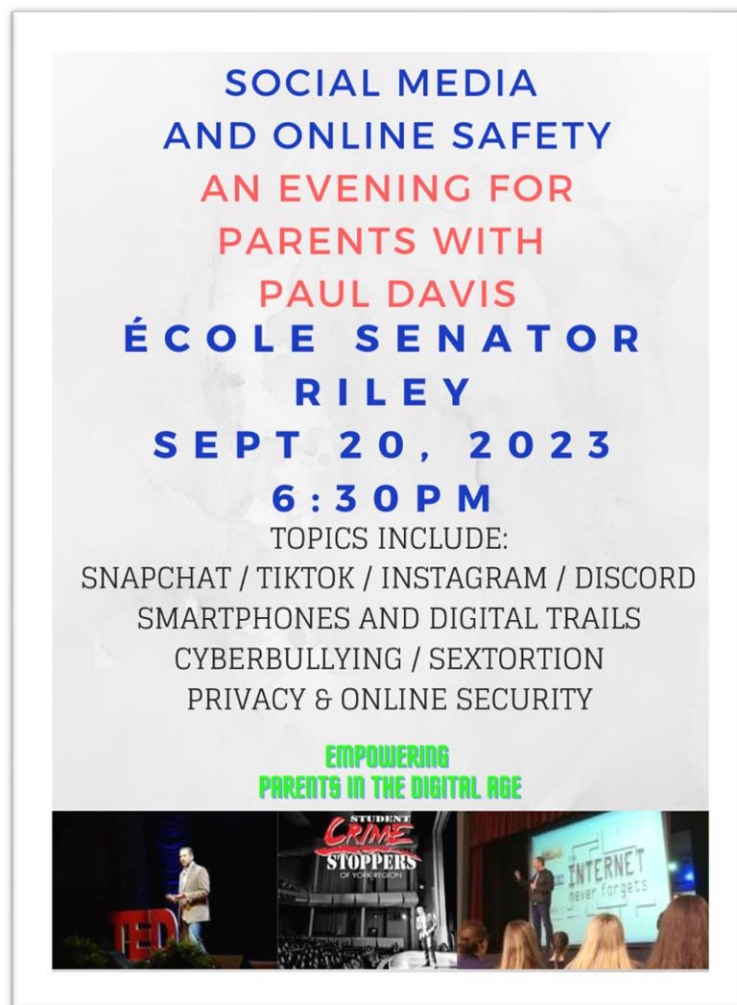
ECJS will be hosting a **Meet the Teacher Event on September 14 from 5-7pm**. This will be an evening to meet the Joe Clark staff and see the classrooms and as such will be an informal meet and greet format, rather than booked times with teachers. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you wish to book a private meeting with them in September to discuss their learning goals.

Paul Davis- Social Media Presentation- For Grade 4 & 5 Students

Joe Clark will be partnering with Senator Riley, Cayley, Spitzee and Blackie Schools to bring in presenter Paul Davis who is a social media and online safety expert to speak with our grade four and five students. During the school day on September 20, our grade 4 & 5 classes will visit Senator Riley for the student information sessions which focuses on safe and responsible use of technology and geared towards students in grade 4-6. At 6:30pm we would invite parents and caregivers of our grade 4 & 5 students to attend the parent portion of the presentation with Mr. Davis at Senator Riley. Please see the

information below, we would encourage all parents of students in grade 4 and 5 to attend.

Paul Davis www.socialnetworkingsafety.net
See Feedback from Principals and



Parents! <http://socialnetworkingsafety.net/feedback/> TEDx Speaker - 2015

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/pauldavisSNS>

Facebook: facebook.com/pauldavistips

Joe Clark School Gear

Joe Clark Bronco Gear is now available! Check out our Bronco Apparel

[Joe Clark School Fall 2023 | Diamond Valley | powered by OrderMyGear \(itemorder.com\)](#)



Show your Joe Clark School Spirit off by wearing your Bronco gear or Bronco colors on Fridays!

Thank you again for your support and compassion as our administration team and staff work together to begin the year. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs Becker and Ms Mahan

Joe Clark Administration Team