

February 11, 2024

Good evening, Ecole Joe Clark Families,

This month, we're dedicating our focus to the celebration of kindness, and here are some suggestions to promote and strengthen this theme at home: [Talking About Caring & Kindness - The Family Dinner Project](#)

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 \(foothillsschooldivision.ca\)](#)

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Feb 12- Dave Proctor visit (see [Runproctor](#) for more information) Parents are welcome to attend his presentation (9:15am for K-2 and 10:50 for Grade 3-5 classes)
- Monday & Tuesday Feb 12/13- Candy Grams are on sale- see attached - [Candy Grams](#)
- February 13- French Immersion Parent Information Night 6-7pm
- Friday, February 16- Learner Profiles available for families & Hat Day!
- Monday Feb 19- Friday 23- Family Day and Teachers Convention, No School
- Monday, February 26- Kick off to Two Schools, One Book (see info below)
- Tuesday, Feb 27- 100th Day of School!
- Wednesday, February 28- Pink Shirt Day! Please wear pink!

Parking Lot

We are noticing that our parking lot is very congested in the morning and is causing some safety issues. We have students with accessibility needs that must be able to access the parking lot in order for a safe drop-off. Our staff also need spaces to park each day and we often have FSD therapists visiting and needing spots. We kindly request that the parking lot is for FSD staff and families who have accessibility passes displayed in their vehicles only.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our students safe!

EJCS Bottle Depot Account

Friendly reminder that we have an Ecole Joe Clark School account at the High River bottle depot. Please consider dropping off a bag of bottles and donating to our account. We are currently fundraising for outdoor equipment for our school and a new basketball net. Thank you!

February Recipe Challenge!

School Council is creating a recipe book of our students' favorites! Your child will bring home a recipe template that they can fill out and submit to the recipe book. We are looking for a variety of entries including snacks, appetizers, main dishes and sweet treats! Please consider submitting yours for our

cookbook. Once all entries are compiled, we will be printing our cookbooks and families will be able to purchase copies to have at home or share with loved ones.

Cookbook entries are due by February 29. Instructions for the cookbook template are below. Check your child's agenda for a copy or download one here- [Free-Printable-Recipe-Pages-Kid-Cookbook.pdf \(bunnysgarden.com\)](https://bunnysgarden.com) (If you download your own, please use the templates with the lines provided)

All submissions can be submitted to the EJCS office. We look forward to seeing what tasty creations you come up with!

February is Black History Month

[Black History Month](#) in Canada celebrates the achievements, contributions, and history of Black Canadians, and recognizes and honors the significant impact that Black Canadians have had on the country's history and culture, acknowledging their struggles, accomplishments, and ongoing contributions to various fields. The origins of Black History Month can be traced back to the United States, where it was first celebrated in February in honor of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two individuals who played key roles in African American history. In Canada, the celebration began in the 1950s and 1960s, with the efforts of individuals and organizations seeking to highlight the history of Black Canadians. During Black History Month, various events, activities, and educational initiatives take place across Canada to promote awareness and understanding of Black history and culture. It also serves as a reminder of the ongoing importance of fostering inclusivity, understanding, and appreciation for the diverse contributions of all Canadians.

Early Childhood Intervention Program (Ages 0-5)

Offers navigation, education and support for families concerned with their child's development and/or children at risk for developmental delays (premature birth, prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol, eating difficulties, diagnosed disability). They are based in Calgary but will service Okotoks and outlying areas. Families must be willing to travel into Calgary for some services. This is a free service. Service Access: Parents can self-refer. Healthcare providers and services, teachers, agencies, and public health nurses can refer but need permission from family first. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cara Holditch, Early Learning Coach at holditchc@fsd38.ab.ca