

January 16, 2024

Happy New Year Ecole Joe Clark Families! We are happy to be back in action with your children. Last week was a fun (but chilly) week, and it looks like it may continue on for a few days yet. **Please remember to have your child bring a warm coat, snowpants, gloves and hats for your children this week.** At Ecole Joe Clark, we go out until -20 with windchill according to Weather Network. We ensure that when we have an indoor recess that all students get a break and have movement options. Last week we ran few different activities for indoor recess that the students can choose from, such as: Basketball, Drawing, Just Dance, Reading and Games/Lego and today we added a movie for fun! Our Polar Bear Club has started, which allows students in the club (with parent permission) to go outside in temperatures cooler than -20 degrees if they are dressed warmly. We had 106 students sign up! We will not go out if it exceeds -30 degrees, and depending on wind and conditions we may decide not to go out at all. But it is nice to have the option, and we have lots of students interested in participating which is great!

We are hopeful that temperatures stay a little higher this week and FSD Busses will be running as usual. **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.

In order to ensure adequate teacher prep time in the morning, and not exceed the hours we can assign to staff, we do not start supervision until 8:30am. **Please do not drop students off prior to 8:30am, as we do not have morning supervision until this time.** Thank you.

Below are a few 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

### **Learner Profile and FSD System of Reporting**

Learner Profiles (Report Cards) will be available for parents to view on Friday, February 16, 2024. You will receive an email letting you know they are ready to view. Please ensure that you have logged into your child's Edsembli Account as you will need login information to be able to access these. Families can also access their child's grades and updates at any time by logging in to view. These gradebooks are updated monthly by our teachers for core subjects.

Link for [Edsembli Parent Portal](#) is here.

Please be patient as teachers work to update marks each month. Reach out to your child's teacher if there are questions about the updates.

When viewing the learner profile, or your child's gradebooks, you will find the number scale below. This indicates your child's level of understanding and application of the outcomes presented in each assignment. Again, if you have any questions about your child's progress or their gradebook, please feel free to reach out your child's homeroom teacher.

Academic Achievement			
<i>This section indicates how your child is performing in relation to the course and grade level outcomes in the Alberta Curriculum at this point of the school year.</i>			
REPORTING KEY			
1	2	3	4
Demonstrates limited achievement: Student demonstrates insufficient knowledge and skills in relation to the Alberta Curriculum as well as an incomplete understanding of the concepts.	Demonstrates satisfactory achievement: Student demonstrates sufficient knowledge and skills in relation to the Alberta Program of Studies as well as developing an understanding and application of the concepts.	Demonstrates proficient achievement: Student demonstrates adept knowledge and skills in relation to the Alberta Curriculum as well as a strong understanding and application of the concepts.	Demonstrates excellent achievement: Student demonstrates exemplary knowledge and skills in relation to the Alberta Curriculum as well as an in-depth understanding and insightful application of the concepts.

## JR Kindergarten, English Kindergarten and French Registration Evening – February 1, 2024

### Full Time French Immersion Kindergarten

We are pleased to be able to offer Full Time French Immersion Kindergarten at Ecole Joe Clark next year! This program is dependent on registration numbers, if we do not get the registrations needed (ideally 20 students) then we may only be able to offer part time programming. It is very important that parents who are interested in this program register early!

### Part Time English Kindergarten

We run a part time, full day kindergarten class in English. Options for this program would be Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday's, each class would alternate Friday attendance days.

### Registration and Information Night

We will be hosting an information evening for Jr Kindergarten, English Kindergarten and FI Kindergarten programs on February 1 from 6-8pm. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions about the programs available and to register that evening.

We will hold a French Immersion Information Evening on February 13 at 6pm. Interested families are welcome to attend to hear more about the program and ask any questions they may have. Registration for this program is ongoing, but again, dependent on numbers. We will need to make a final decision about programming

Please note that for any registrations, you will require an electronic version (copy) of proof of birth, which would be a copy of birth certificate or a passport. Please plan to bring this with you so you can complete the registration process.

For additional information on French Immersion Programming - [French Immersion \(foothillsschooldivision.ca\)](https://foothillsschooldivision.ca)

Please register early! We are able to run these programs only if we have enrollment numbers to support them.

### Upcoming Important Dates:

- Monday, January 15- FSD No Busses are running, Schools are open!
- Tuesday, January 16- Alberta Council of School Council's presentation (see info below)
- Thursday, January 25- School Council Meeting 6pm
- Friday, January 26- Family Literacy Day (more info to come)
- Thursday, February 1- JK and Kindergarten Registration and Information Evening
- 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

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

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

### **School Council**

On **Tuesday January 16, at 7pm**, we will have a **virtual presentation** from **the Alberta School Council Association** for our School Council members and any parents who are interested. The session will help us to understand the advisory role of school councils, from an administrative perspective, through a review of the legislation, exploring rights and responsibilities and choices that school councils have when operating. Including which topics/areas are open for discussion helps to school council and it's work in the school. Learning to identify the work of school council's, the role of the principal and Trustee, and how to frame a "personal issue" from a school council perspective which are all important to building positive student-centered relationships in our school community. **Please email Jolene Becker [beckerj@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:beckerj@fsd38.ab.ca) if you are interested in attending, and I will share the meeting and registration link with you.**

Our last regular meeting was cancelled due to the extreme weather conditions. **As such, the next meeting will be held on January 18 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**. The purpose of this meeting is to receive information regarding staffing and administrative changes at Ecole Joe Clark School over the past few years. It is in response to a request from 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.