

November 29, 2023

Dear Ecole Joe Clark Families,

Another great week at ECJS is in the books! Thank you so much to all our families who came out to support the school at Santa Photos tonight and to the School Council and those of you who volunteered your time to make this event possible. We could not have done it without you!

Just wanting to let families know of some important dates that are ahead:

- Friday December 1- Santa Claus Parade- watch for the ECJS staff float!
- Friday December 15- NO SCHOOL- Divisional Professional Development
- Wednesday December 20- Jr. Kindergarten Christmas Concert 6pm
- Thursday December 21- 6-8pm ECJS Christmas Concert
- Friday December 22- 1pm- ECJS Christmas Concert Matinee
- Friday December 22- January 8- Christmas Break

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at the school!

Hope everyone has a restful weekend,

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

ECJS Christmas Performance Information:

We are thrilled to be hosting an Artist in Residence weeklong drama program through [Trickster Theatre](#) for the week of December 18-22. We received a grant from Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) to allow for this unique fine arts experience for our students. Each K-5 classroom will get time with the artists every day during the week and prepare their classes part for the final showcase. The theme of our Concert/Showcase is "Gifts of the World"

We will have an evening showing on Dec 21 from 6-8pm which will be held in the ECJS gymnasium. As well as a December 22 matinee at 1pm.

We do need some volunteers to help with a variety of tasks to get our show up and running! Please check out the [ECJS Trickster Volunteer Sign Up](#) for details on how you can help!

ECJS Drama Club

Drama Club is back up and running again this year. Miss. Paulgaard and Mrs. Rickert will be running the club this year. Our plan is to practice one day a week at lunch for the full time leading up to Christmas and then just lunch recess once a week after Christmas. Interested students brought home information regarding the club last week.

Popcorn is Back!

Starting December 5th, continuing every Tuesday, our leadership group will be selling popcorn at lunch recess. It is \$1.00 per bag, and students give their money to their teacher that Tuesday morning and then receive their popcorn at lunch. Money raised through this program, goes directly back to the students to support the various clubs that we have in the school.

ECJS Parking Zones:

Just a reminder, parking before the "Stop, Drop and Roll" sign at the front is reserved for families to drop and go. **Parking past the sign is reserved for buses and emergency vehicles ONLY at all times.**

Please avoid parking in the accessible parking spots unless they have a blue accessible parking permit in your vehicle. We have a number of families that require those spots and have permits for that purpose. Now that the car parking in front of the lake has opened up, we ask that families park there and reserve the parking lot for our staff and members of the school community who require those reserved accessible parking spots.

School Council

Our next meeting will be held on **January 11 at 7pm** in the Learning Commons. New members welcome! Our fundraising society meets 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.**

ECJS Breakfast Program

ECJS is exploring a Breakfast program which would be open to all students each morning from 8:30-9am. There would be a low prep breakfast prepared each day, that all students who needed it could access. To make this program work, we would need parent volunteers each day from 8:15 am to 9:00 am. Ideally, one or two parents per day. We would also have some grade 5 leaders assist with set up and clean up. If you would be interested in volunteering for a morning Breakfast program shift, please contact Mrs. Emily Vandebek via email vandebek@fsd38.ab.ca We will let families know once we get our program rolling!

The Foothills Salvation Army -Christmas Hamper Registration

It is that time of the year again where we will be offering our Christmas hamper program to those families in need in the Foothills area. Families with children 18 and under can receive a toy hamper for each child in the household. If you are a family who could benefit from this program, please visit the [Christmas Hamper Registration link.](#)