

October 19, 2024

Dear Ecole Joe Clark Families,

Hoping that everyone had a wonderful weekend. Just a few pieces of information for the upcoming week! Please remember that this **Friday is Professional Learning Day**, so there is **no school** for students. We hope everyone has a wonderful “long” weekend!

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

Assessment Update

As the year begins to unfold at Ecole Joe Clark School, we want to take a moment to make a commitment to providing constructive and timely feedback on student learning to both students and families. As a school, here is what you can expect from EJCS teachers regarding student learning feedback this year:

- At the end of every month, families will receive a message from FSD encouraging them to track their child’s progress through our digital platform Edsembli. This will allow families to check new assignments and monitor their child’s progress as they work through curricular outcomes this year. Please ensure that you can log in to the [Joe Clark Edsembli](#) website.
- Learner profiles will be shared out on February 16, 2024, and June 27, 2024.
- Learner Conferences will be held on November 8 & 9 and April 24 & 25.
- Every two months, you will receive a portfolio containing artifacts from both ELA and Math with feedback on your child’s progress.

Please note that there are new assessment indicators for FSD students this year:

Academic Achievement			
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.			
REPORTING KEY			
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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 basic knowledge and skills in relation to the Alberta Curriculum as well as a beginning 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.

As we move through this new assessment process, we ask that you be patient as we implement all these pieces. ***Additionally, families are welcome to reach out to their child’s homeroom teacher if they have any questions or concerns about their child’s learning regardless of the schedule above.***

Joe Clark Timetable Change

Just a quick note to let families know that our timetable has shifted slightly but does not affect start or end times. We have adjusted to include 10 mins at the start of our day, for students to get settled in their classrooms and check in with teachers before the first period of our academic learning begins. We have also increased the student lunch time by 5 mins, to allow for 20 minutes for students to eat

lunches and transition to their afternoon activities. As a result of these changes, our bell times for recess and lunchtimes have shifted slightly. Please see our updated bell times below:

8:45 am -Welcome Bell

10:25 - 10:40 am - First Recess

12:20 - 12:50 pm - Lunch Recess

12:50 - 1:10 pm - Lunch

3:15 pm - Dismissal Bell

Hot Lunch:

Thank you so much to our volunteers for helping to get our Hot Lunch Program off to a great start! We have had a few questions about who to contact in the event of a hot lunch question or concern. As Hot Lunch is run by volunteers and not by staff, the best way to notify someone of a question or concern is to email our hot lunch coordinator Megan at hotlunch.joeclark@hotmail.com

Reminder to our Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Families, please only order on your child's days of attendance as we are unable to save lunches for them for their next attending day due to AHS food safety regulations. Thank you!

School Council

The École Joe Clark School Council is a volunteer organization that works to enhance the learning experience at ÉJCS and inform the decisions made by the school's administrators and FSD leadership. Adults who have children attend ÉJCS are automatically members of the School Council and can attend monthly meetings and participate in fundraising events. To learn more about the importance of School Councils, please visit Foothills School Division [AP 110 School Councils](#).

Our next meeting will be held on **November 9 at 7pm** in the Learning Commons. New members welcome!

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**.

DID YOU KNOW? Our school council has a bottle depot account for Ecole Joe Clark set up and families can donate bottles to contribute to fundraising goals at any time? Help us spread the word! All families need to do is let the depot know you would like your bottle donation to go to the EJC School Council account. Money raised from our fundraising efforts goes towards providing a variety of resources and experiences to enhance student programming that benefits all students. Some of the dollars raised have gone to playground funds, library, and classroom resources, technology, and special presentations for our classes.

Swimming Information:

*****Please remember to return your **child's consent form**, they will not be able to travel on the bus or participate in swimming without it being completed and returned to the school. **There is a \$35 fee for the Swimming Program applied to all student accounts.** Please log onto your child's account to make your payment.***

Grade 1 Tuesday Oct 10, 17, 24, 31

Grade ½ Polege and 2/3 Wittke Thursday Oct 12, 19, 26, Nov 2

Grade 2 Rickert and 4 Morrow Friday Oct 13, 27, Nov 3, 10

Grade 2/3 Irwin and Grade 4 Fitz Tues March 5, 12, 19, 26

Grade 4/5 Vandebeek-Newman and Grade 5 Reboullet and Grade 5 Milford Thursday March 7, 14, 21, 28

FI Kindy and 3 Cuff Wed April 10, 17, 24 and Mon April 15

English Kindy May 2, 9, 16, 23

Lifetouch Photography- Class Picture Information Change

Lifetouch photography has the honor of capturing your family's school memories year after year and we thank you for your continued support. With increasing competition for photos being so easily taken with cellphones, our individual photo buy rates have declined over the years. Individual photo orders, in years past, helped to subsidize the costs for class group photos. However, in order for Lifetouch to continue to be viable in the school photography industry, we have had to diversify.

This year, anyone who purchases an individual school photo package that includes a class photo will NOT have to pay any extra for a class group photo. **Families who do not wish to order an individual photo package but would like a class group photo, will now have to purchase a class group photo for \$9.99.** Full information on how to buy the class group photo individually will be available on proof sheets and online at mylifetouch.ca.

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](#).