

October 27, 2023

Dear Ecole Joe Clark Families,

Another great week at Ecole Joe Clark is in the books! We had a very fun Bronco Time assembly today planned by Mrs. Fitzgerald and our Grade 5 Leadership group. Each of our Bronco Houses: Bold, Blazing, Brave and Bright, created a team cheer! Thank you to Mrs. Behlke for writing and playing our Joe Clark School Song for us on the piano. Ask your Bronco's what "house" they belong too, bonus points if they remember their cheer!

Just a few reminders for the next week below.

Hope everyone has a restful weekend,

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

A note about Parking at ECJS:

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 also be mindful when parking in the Alliance Church parking lot. Avoid parking in the disabled parking spots unless you have a blue disabled parking permit in your vehicle. Thank you for being considerate, as we want to maintain good relationships with our community neighbors. This also applies to the disabled parking spot in our school parking lot.

Please also be advised that the spots in our staff parking lot are reserved for school staff. Now that the car park in front of the lake has opened up, we ask that families park there and reserve the parking lot for our staff. While it may seem like there are spots for families to utilize for student drop-off and pick-up, our staff and school support workers arrive at various times. Having families and children walking through the parking lot is a safety concern as there is no designated pedestrian area. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

Halloween

On October 31, 2023, we will be having some Halloween Fun at the school. Your teacher will communicate with you whether your child is to wear their costume or bring it and change after the morning learning is completed.

Here are a few notes on Halloween at Ecole Joe Clark:

- Please ensure your child's costume is age and school appropriate.
- Please avoid sending lots of accessories.
- If your child's costume involves face paint, please send them in their face paint
- Do not send makeup
- Please do not send any accessory weapons of any kind

The plan for the day involves a morning of learning, and then some Halloween activities planned by our Rainbow Alliance group. Students will get to choose from 2 of the following activities to participate in for the afternoon: Dance, Makerspace/Reading, Art and Games.

Students have also asked to have a Bake Sale with proceeds going to fund treats and activities for other special events this year! Please be in touch with Madame Fitzgerald at fitzgeralds@fsd38.ab.ca if you are interested in volunteering to help with an activity, or you would like to contribute bake sale items.

Learner Conferences & Progress Update

Our Learner Conferences will be taking place on November 8 & 9th. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's classroom teacher(s) to discuss your child's progress this year. The sign up for times will go out to families next week.

In addition, next week you can expect some artifacts of your child's learning to come home for you to view. Our first Learner Profile will not go home until February, so we would continue to encourage families to check their child's Edsempi Gradebook (updated monthly) and book a time at Learner Conferences to connect with your child's teacher. Stay tuned for booking info to come out!

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Service will be on November 9 at 10:45am. Families are welcome to attend. We would also like to honor veterans from our families and community. We will share a link next week for families to contribute a photo of a friend, community or family member to be shared during our veteran tribute.

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

Currently our hot lunch vendors include: Boston Pizza, Subway, JRR BBQ, Refresh juices, A&W, Little Caesars, and Hot Dogs.

Hot lunch is one of our largest fundraisers of the school year. 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.

School Council

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.

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Lifetouch Photography- Retakes and Class Picture Information Change

Photo proofs went home with students this week. Retakes are happening Nov 1st in the morning.

Reminder about class photos:

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](#).