

September 25, 2023

Good Afternoon Joe Clark Families,

We have a wonderful week of learning ahead of us. This week we will recognize the [National Day of Truth and Reconciliation](#) and **Orange Shirt Day**, and as Bronco's we will reflect on what belonging and connection mean to us. We will also ask ourselves how we can contribute in a positive way to the safe, caring, and inclusive environment of Ecole Joe Clark School. The relationships we build with each other at school and at home and in our community, all contribute to the feeling that we belong and are connected. As Broncos, we commit to reconciliation and to building our capacity for cultural understanding, empathy, and mutual respect. **We encourage all our school community members to join us wearing orange shirts on Friday, September 29.**

Below are some reminders for the upcoming week.

Thank you for your continued support of Joe Clark School!

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan
Ecole Joe Clark Admin Team

Joe Clark Instagram Account

To follow along with our EJCS learning story this year, please consider following us on Instagram!



Joe Clark Hot Lunch Ordering is Open!

The EJCS Hot Lunch Program is up and running. This program is a volunteer organized and run program as a School (Parent) Council Fundraiser. There is online ordering only for all orders to ensure accuracy with the orders and to make the process as easy for everyone as possible.

Please visit the link for more information and to order: [EJCS Hot Lunch](#)

Remember to place your Hot Lunch order by **7pm Friday evening before** the week you wish to have Hot Lunch. Hot Lunch orders will close for ordering one week prior to the Hot Lunch date.

Joe Clark School Council

Did you know? Joe Clark School Council (Parent advisory group) meets each month, on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on October 12 at 7pm in the Learning Commons.

"School council members work together to support and enhance student learning. They provide a way for members of the community to consult with and offer advice to principals and school boards" -Alberta Education

School council is open to any Joe Clark Families and community members who wish to attend and support our goals at EJCS. There is no requirement for you to attend every meeting if that does not work for your family.

At our October meeting, we will also be nominating and electing for yearlong school council positions. These positions do require regular attendance at our meetings. Please consider volunteering for one of the positions: School Council Chair, School Council Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. We also require parent support for the Fundraising committee. **Attached** to this email are the detailed descriptions of the positions if you are interested.

Joe Clark Clubs!

This year we have a variety of clubs that will be running throughout the year. We have made a commitment to our families to ensure that we are communicating about clubs and extracurriculars on a regular basis. The current clubs we are offering and a brief description of each are below:

Run Club- Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Fitzgerald are organizing this club. It is open for students from grade 1-6, and has already started this year. Our running club also participates in a number of Cross-Country races so please check your child's agenda for upcoming cross country meets if they are in this club. We had our first Cross Country meet in Millarville last week and our Broncos did a fantastic job of representing our school!

Flag Football Intramurals- Mrs. Rickert and Mr. Milford are coaching our Flag Football intramurals at noon recesses. We have approximately 50 kids from Grade 3-5 participating.

Cheer Club- Mrs. Burgess and Miss Newman are organizing the Cheer Club. Forms have been sent home with families, and the Club will begin in October... stay tuned!

Rainbow Alliance- Mrs. Fitzgerald and Ms Edwards organize this club. They will meet on the last Friday of each month at noon recess. The Rainbow alliance group's purpose is to create a safe space that promotes kindness and inclusivity. This club is open for students in grades 4& 5 and they focus on themes of empathy, acceptance, kindness, and inclusivity. The first meeting for this group will be Friday, September 29.

Students Matter- Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Burgess are organizing our Students Matter Club which will be comprised of grade 5 students from Joe Clark School. This group will focus on developing leadership skills in our grade five students. The student representatives who will comprise this club will also have the chance to collaborate with other student leaders in Foothills School Division.

ALBERTA EDUCATION -K TO 6 SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM RENEWAL

The Government of Alberta is gathering information about what Albertans would like students to learn in the social studies curriculum.

Albertans can provide input by using the [discussion guide](#) to facilitate conversations about social studies curriculum and complete the survey by October 16, 2023. The survey results will inform draft K to 6 social studies curriculum before it is released to the public for further engagement in winter 2024.

Learn more and take the survey here: [Alberta.ca](https://alberta.ca)

Drop off and Pick Up

Friendly reminder that we have set up a designated area for pickup and drop off that is the East portion of the drop off area. **Please do not park for any time in the area past that "Stop, Drop and Go" sign,** as that is designated for FSD Busses and Emergency vehicles at all times and needs to be kept clear. We know it is tempting to drive your child right up to the boot room out front, but please resist the urge!



PLEASE ONLY PARK IN THE GREEN AREAS!

Joe Clark School Gear

Joe Clark Bronco Gear is now available! Check out our Bronco Apparel

[Joe Clark School Fall 2023 | Diamond Valley | powered by OrderMyGear \(itemorder.com\)](#)



Show your Joe Clark School Spirit off by wearing your Bronco gear or Bronco colors on Fridays!

****ORDERS WILL CLOSE** On September 30, and then will be filled after that time. Please note: Our items are batch-made especially for us, so they will not be delivered until October.

Community Information:

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basics of skating?
CanSkate is perfect!



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CANSKATE!**



*All sessions on large ice
Recommended for ages 4+

**FALL
CLASS**

Wednesdays
5:15 - 6:00
Start: Oct 11

**WINTER
CLASS**

Wednesdays
5:15 - 6:00
Start: Jan 10

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