June 26, 2024

Hello Joe Clark Families,

We made it to our final week of school! We had a lovely ceremony to celebrate our grade five students who will begin their new middle school adventure. Thank you to all the families who came out to support and celebrate them, it really did mean a lot to have you share in the celebration! Mr. Flintoft and Mrs. Clark even made a special guest appearance which was so exciting for our students and staff. Thank you so much to Ms. Paulgaard for putting together such a special video tribute to our graduates with the grade five teachers!

As the year winds down, we would like to thank Mr. Milford and Mrs. Milford for their contributions to EJCS this year, we appreciated the energy and expertise you have brought to our school. We would like to thank Ms. Jennifer Glasman for her commitment and dedication to Ecole Joe Clark School and the students of High River. Congratulations on your retirement!

Regarding class lists for the new school year, Foothills School Division has decided to have a standardized way to share this important information with all families in Foothills. With all the changes that occur over the summer- students moving out, students moving in, and everything in between- that affect all the hard work that teachers and schools put into making class lists, the divisional has decided that class lists across the division will be shared with families on Friday, August 23. This will be a change in practice from previous years at Joe Clark, so we would ask that you be patient with us and wait for lists to be released in August.

School Supply lists are posted on the Joe Clark Website <u>ÉJCS Student School Supply Lists 2024/25</u> (<u>foothillsschooldivision.ca</u>). Families can either purchase their own supplies or order them through the School Start Program and have them delivered to your house. We do know that not knowing your child's teacher complicates the process of you ordering supplies in advance for some of you, but we have attempted to keep lists at the same price points and with as many similarities as possible.

We are working diligently as a staff to ensure class lists are balanced with friendships, class numbers and learning needs. As you may have noticed, we do have a few combined grade classrooms, which is not new for Joe Clark. Many schools have combined grade classrooms and there are many positives to these set-ups, including multi-age groupings, leadership opportunities, and ability for teachers to co-plan curriculum and plan for cross classroom and grade level activities to enhance the learning your child will experience. Please enjoy your summer, and rest assured that your child(ren) will have a great year, with a great teacher and great friends!

Thank you,

Jolene Becker and Corre Mahan

## **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- June 27- End of the Year Assembly at 9:10am & last day of classes (FULL DAY- NO EARLY DISMISSAL)
  - o **SUPRISE!** KONA ICE will be at the school from 2-4pm, and families are welcome to come by for a treat or send some cash in a labelled bag/envelope for their child to access if they choose. Prices are between \$5.00 and \$9.00.
- June 27- Learner Profiles will be shared with families by end of day

- Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> is "Student Transition Day". We will be open for students and parents to come by, find your classroom, meet your teacher, and drop off your labelled school supplies. Your child's classroom teacher will be sending you a "Welcome" email earlier that week with more information.
- September 3- First Day back with students

# **Spring Showcase and Silent Auction**

Thank you so much to all the families who came out to support Joe Clark at our Spring Showcase and Silent Auction! It was so much fun to see the students perform, it was truly inspiring to see so many brave Bronco's doing what they love!

Thank you to Mrs. Rickert, Ms. Paulgaard, and Mrs. Milford for all your time and efforts in organizing the drama and choir students. We truly appreciate all the extra time and effort you put into making this event a success for our students.

Thank you to our wonderful school council members and volunteers for your hard work to make the Silent Auction and Concession run smoothly. We are very grateful for all you do for our school community!

Lastly, thank you to the following local businesses and families for donating baskets and goodies for our Silent Auction:

- The Shop Hair Studio and Boutique
- Boston Pizza
- Evelyn's
- Uniquely You Beauty Studio
- No Frills
- Chippy's Cookies
- Olive and Finch
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- Foothills Family Chiropractic
- Sam and Joe Barber
- COOP Gift Cards
- Pet Value
- Inclusion and Allyship Group
- Knee Deep Bar and Grill
- Nordick Insurance Solutions
- Catilac Hair Co & Boutique

### **Are You Moving? Changing Schools?**

We know family situations change and respect your families' decisions regarding your educational choices. It is helpful for us to know in advance if you are moving or will be attending another educational program for next year. If you would please give the office notice of any anticipated changes, that would be greatly appreciated.

#### Please Pay any outstanding fees

Just a reminder to continue checking your child's fees on the Edsembli Family Portal as many classrooms Field Trips are now being applied to accounts at this time of year. We also have outstanding fees for the One School One Book program, as well as the Swimming program that have not been paid. We have several outstanding school fees, and not being able to collect those means that we will not be able to offer the same opportunities next year. Please reach out if you need support with these payments. Edsembli Family Portal link: <a href="https://sis.edsembli.com/WebAdmin/AB/FSD/UI/Account/SignIn">https://sis.edsembli.com/WebAdmin/AB/FSD/UI/Account/SignIn</a>

## **Community News:**

