

April 7, 2025

Hello Joe Clark Families,

The sun is starting to peek out and we are seeing some glimmers of spring! With that comes the mud and rain and sometimes snow too! Please ensure that your child has proper footwear (rain boots/ snow boots) as well as a jacket and mittens/hats as the weather can change quickly. It is always easier for your child to take off a layer if it is not needed; please ensure they have what they need for outside adventures!

This month at School Council, among the topics discussed will be our Student Code of Conduct, which is in draft form right now. This document will be shared with families for feedback and explains the responsibilities of your child when they are at school, as well as how you can support them as a parent to ensure they are coming every day prepared to learn and contributing to a safe, caring and welcoming school environment. Our school code of conduct is based on the [FSD Admin Procedure 350- School Code of Conduct](#). The draft Code of Conduct will also include our preventative measures specific to Joe Clark School, Joe Clark School Continuum of Supports, which is also on our website.

The Education Act and FSD School Code of Conduct outline several key responsibilities for parents. These include ensuring their child receives a suitable education, whether at school or otherwise, and supporting their child's regular attendance at school. Parents are also expected to engage with the school regarding their child's progress and well-being, and to collaborate with educators to address any issues that may arise. Importantly, parents are encouraged to engage with school staff and other stakeholders in a respectful and constructive manner, fostering a positive and collaborative environment for their child's education.

If you have any questions or wonders about student, parent or staff responsibilities, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Joe Clark Administration Team

UPCOMING DATES:

- Monday, April 7- Growing Smiles Flower Fundraiser Kicks off
- Tuesday, April 8- Popcorn Day
- Wednesday, April 9- Bacon Fundraiser Pickup from 2-4 pm
- Thursday, April 10 – School Council – 5:30pm
- Wednesday, April 16- Learner Conferences 3:45-7:30pm; Cake Walk/Bunny Hop 5-7pm
- Thursday, April 17- PJ DAY
- Friday, April 18- No School, Good Friday
- April 21-25- Spring Break

Overdue School Fees 2024/25

ÉJCS School Fees for the 2024/25 school year are overdue. Any overdue fees will be forwarded to Foothills School Division Office for further action on April 17, 2025. If you have overdue fees on your account, you can send in a cheque, bring cash into the school office, pay on our Point of Sale machine at the office which accepts debit card or credit (VISA, Mastercard), or pay online on your Edsembli Family portal. Thank you for keeping your account current.

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.

AHS MEASLES INFORMATION

While there are **no cases of measles in our school**, there have been cases confirmed in Alberta. We are sharing the following letter on behalf of Alberta Health Services that includes information on the disease and how through preventative measures, the spread and impact can be minimized. We thank you for reading the information by following this link:

https://media.foothillsschooldivision.ca/media/Default/medialib/03-17-25_measles_parent-letter-final.1b3dae23102.pdf

Safety Reminders

These safety reminders are crucial for ensuring a safe environment for everyone during pick up and drop off times. Here are the key points:

1. **Use the Crosswalk:** Always use the crosswalk with your child to ensure safety.
2. **Avoid Walking Between Buses:** Buses and vehicles merging back onto the road may not see you. Take a few extra moments to meet your child at the crosswalk.
3. **Bus Zone:** This area is strictly for buses. Do not park or drop off in the bus zone as it needs to be clear for safe bus operations.
4. **No U-Turns:** U-turns are not allowed in front of the school to keep students and staff safe.

Following these guidelines helps create a safer environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

School Council Information

Growing Smiles Spring Fundraiser information brought to you by École Joe Clark School Council Fundraising! The Spring Fundraiser will run from **April 3, 2025 to April 22, 2025**. Please check your email, our EJCS website and/or child's agenda for information and ordering forms.

ÉJCS 2024-25 YEARBOOK ORDERS – ORDER ONLINE!

Order your 2024/25 ÉJCS Yearbook now. Online orders at Lifetouch are now being accepted until May 9, 2025. Don't miss out.

Visit the **LIFETOUGH** site to place your order: [Order Yearbooks | Lifetouch Yearbooks](#)

Yearbook ID Code: 14782325

Please visit the ÉJCS website for complete ordering information.


COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Inclusion Foothills Event

Please see information for the Connecting the Dots event, May 3rd from 9-4pm at Shepperd Family Park.

Senator Riley Digital Citizenship and Screentime Presentation

Best-selling author Judy Arnall
presents:




**The Good News Science
Behind Screen Time**

In this presentation, participants will learn:

- How gaming is educational and critical for success in STEM careers.
- Why Internet usage is not declared an addiction in the DSM-V and the science behind it.
- How parents can support healthy use of digital devices.

Every participant will receive a complimentary copy of *Parenting With Patience*, by Judy Arnall.



**Tuesday April 15,
2025
6:30pm-8:00pm**

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Email
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to reserve your free ticket
before April 11th.