

June 10, 2025

Hello Joe Clark Families,

Foothills School Division has adopted a standardized approach to sharing class lists for the upcoming school year. Due to the many changes that can occur over the summer—such as students moving in or out—these lists often require adjustments. To ensure accuracy and fairness, class lists for all schools in the division, including Joe Clark School, will be released in **late August**.

We understand this is a change from previous years at Joe Clark, and we kindly ask for your patience and understanding as we follow this new process.

School Supply Lists for the 2025–2026 school year have also been **standardized and simplified** to make things easier and more affordable for families. This year, there will be:

- One list for **Junior Kindergarten (JK) students**
- One list for **Kindergarten students**
- One list for **Grade 1–2 students**
- One list for **Grade 3–5 students**

These lists are now available on the Joe Clark website: ÉJCS Student School Supply Lists 2025/26. If your child is in a combined-grade classroom (e.g., Grade 2/3), please use the list that corresponds to your child's specific grade (e.g., Grade 2).

Families may choose to purchase supplies independently or order through the School Start Program for home delivery. We've worked to keep supply lists consistent in both content and cost, and you will be able to purchase supplies at a time that is convenient for you, rather than waiting for class lists to be released.

We are also incredibly grateful to our **School Council**, who has generously provided some of the more expensive and specific items. This ensures that every student has access to the materials they need for a successful school year.

Over the next few weeks, teachers will work to create balanced class lists that consider friendships, class sizes, and individual learning needs. While we do not take specific classroom placement requests, if you feel there is important information that should be considered, you are welcome to share it with your child's current teacher for consideration. You may notice some combined-grade classrooms again next year—this is not new to Joe Clark. These classrooms offer many benefits, including opportunities for leadership, multi-age collaboration, and co-planned curriculum that enhances learning through cross-grade activities. We hope you enjoy a restful and fun summer. Please be assured that your child will have a wonderful year ahead, with a great teacher and supportive classmates.

As we look ahead to a new school year, we also want to take a moment to say goodbye to some cherished members of our staff.

- **Mrs. Irwin** will be retiring at the end of this school year. Thank you for your unwavering positivity and the love you have shown each and every one of your students. Your warmth and dedication have left a lasting impact on our school community.
- **Madame Fitzgerald** will be moving to Okotoks Junior High School to continue her French Immersion journey. We are so grateful for your support and advocacy for our French Immersion program, as well as for the students and families you've championed. Your dedication is truly inspiring.
- **Ms. Adryann Newman** has accepted a position at Dr. Morris Gibson School in Okotoks. Thank you for the strong relationships you've built with students and families, and for your enthusiastic contributions to the Joe Clark Cheer Team. Your energy and commitment will be greatly missed.

We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, care, and countless contributions they have made over the years. Their positive impact on our students, staff, and school community will be felt for years to come. We wish them all the very best in their new adventures. **They will be deeply missed—Once a Bronco, always a Bronco!**

Thank you for being a part of our respectful and caring school community!

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan
Joe Clark Administration Team

UPCOMING DATES:

- June 12- School Council and Fundraising Meeting 5:30pm in Learning Commons
- June 13- Neds Resiliency Ride Presentation 2:10-3:10 in Gym (families welcome to join!)

Please note: Today was our last popcorn day for the year, we look forward to starting up next year in September! As a result of popcorn sales this year, we have been able to ensure that the spray park field trip for all students is paid for, so there will be no cost to families.

Save the date: Grade 5 Graduation Ceremony will be held on June 26 at 11am, with cake, lunch and swimming to follow!

Ned's Resiliency Ride Presentation- June 13, 2025

The NED Show: Inspiring Students to Be Their Best

We're excited to share that our school is participating in The NED Program, a school-wide character education initiative designed to promote a positive and motivating learning environment. At the heart of the program is a fun and engaging 45-minute assembly featuring NED, a lovable cartoon character whose name stands for:

Never give up

Encourage others

Do your best

The assembly uses storytelling, humor, and yo-yo tricks to teach students about perseverance, kindness, and excellence. But the learning doesn't stop there—teachers also receive access to a wide range of follow-up resources, including lesson plans, videos, and classroom activities that reinforce these important values throughout the year.

The NED Show helps build a school culture where students are encouraged to support one another and strive for their personal best—both in and out of the classroom.

This program is provided to our school at no cost, thanks to a unique Pay-It-Forward model.

NED Yo-Yo Sales

To support the program and give students a chance to practice the tricks they'll see during the assembly, **NED Yo-Yos** will be available for purchase. An order form will be sent home in your child's backpack today.

Yo-yos will be sold:

- **After the presentation from 3:10–3:30 p.m.**
- **On Monday, June 16 during first recess**

Purchasing a yo-yo is completely optional, but it's a fun way for students to stay engaged and reinforce the message of the assembly.

School and Activity Fees

As we near the end of a fantastic school year, we want to thank all our families for their continued support and involvement. To help us finish the year on a high note, we kindly ask that you check your child's Edsempi account and take a moment to settle any outstanding field trip, extracurricular, or school fees. This ensures we can continue offering the exciting activities, events, and enriched learning experiences that make our school community so special.

Your support truly makes a difference, and we're so grateful for everything you do to help our students thrive!

Reminder: Student Pick-Up Procedures

A friendly reminder to all families that students who are sick, attending appointments, or leaving school early must be picked up by an adult and signed out at the office.

Even though we know many of our students are capable of walking home on their own, we are responsible for your child's safety until they are officially handed off to a parent or guardian. For this reason, we do not permit students to leave the school on their own during the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all students safe and accounted for.

Bus Zone & Emergency Vehicle Access – Important Reminder

As we enter **field trip season**, we have buses arriving and departing throughout the school day to support various class excursions. To ensure smooth and safe transportation, we must keep the **bus lanes clear at all times**.

Please note that the area in front of the school on the **west side** is designated strictly for **Foothills School Division buses and emergency vehicles**. This is **not a drop-off or pick-up zone** for students or families. Keeping this area clear is essential for student safety and is a requirement set by the **Town of High River and FSD Transportation Services**, not by Joe Clark School staff.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and efficient environment for all students during this busy time of year.



Crosswalks and Patrollers:

To keep everyone safe, please remind your child to use the designated crosswalks and listen to our friendly school patrollers. It's always a good idea to set a great example by using the crosswalk yourself, even if you're in a hurry at the end of the day.

Let's work together to make our school a safe place for everyone!

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.


 **JOE CLARK BUCKIN' BRONCO CHALLENGE** 
JOE CLARK NEEDS YOUR HELP TO WIN!!!


Get ready to ride, because the Joe Clark Buckin' Bronco is charging into action! From June 2nd to June 15th, schools across the district are saddling up for a wild competition — and we need YOU to help Joe Clark Elementary take the lead!

 **HERE'S WHAT'S AT STAKE:**

 **\$2000 for the school with the most drinks sold**

 **\$1500 for the school with the second most drinks sold**

 **\$500 for the school with the highest drinks sold per capita**

 **Every drink you buy brings us closer to victory — and every sip supports our school!**
Whether you're a student, parent, teacher, or community member, your purchase makes a difference.

📅 DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 2 – June 15

That's just two weeks to show the district what Joe Clark is made of!

🔔 SPREAD THE WORD:

Tell your friends, family, and neighbors. Share on social media. Let's make some noise and bring home the win!

Let's buck the competition — GO JOE CLARK!!! 🐎💪

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**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR
SUMMER PROJECT**

JUNE 2-15

covet.
SIPS + SWEETS.

BUCKIN' BRONCO
sprite + blue raspberry + vanilla cream

swing by covet and purchase the École Joe
Clark School drink to show your support and
help our school win some extra funds!