

October 28, 2024

Good morning Bronco families,

We have a busy week ahead at Joe Clark with Halloween excitement in the air! Please read below for more information.

### **Halloween Celebrations**

We are excited to host our traditional Joe Clark Costume Parade in the afternoon on October 31. For those new to our school, here's what to expect: all classes will congregate in the gym around 1:30 PM. Each class will take a turn to parade their costumes around the center circle of the gym to some Halloween music. After the parade, classes will return to their rooms for Halloween-related festivities with their peers, with an optional spooky dance in the gym for those wishing to take part.

**When helping your child choose a costume, please be mindful that there will be children as young as 3 in attendance. We ask that students avoid scary and gory items as well as weapons.**

Parents are welcome to join in the fun, and costumes are encouraged!

### **Last Call for Reverse Trick-or-Treating Items!**

The final donations for our "reverse trick-or-treat" event will be collected and delivered to the food bank this Thursday. Thank you so much for your cooperation. We have already been blown away by the generosity of our families!

### **Professional Learning Day**

On Friday, while students are resting after a fun-filled Halloween night, our staff will be engaged in learning throughout the division. Some of our Educational Assistants will be working towards receiving their first aid training, while teaching staff will be at Foothills Composite High School learning with teachers from across the division.

### **Book Fair is Coming – Ms Paulgaard**

It is almost the best time of the year...Bookfair week! The Scholastic bookfair will be coming to École Joe Clark School in November! Bookfair will be open 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am - 5:00pm on Wednesday and Closes/ is packed up immediately after the first recess on Friday. The Bookfair is open for students to shop during their library block during the week as well as every first recess. If you would like to accompany your child and shop with them, I am open after school for you to have that opportunity with your children. Bookfair accepts cash, credit and debit and has many fun and exciting things to buy, from books, bookmarks, posters, pens, other stationary and stem book kits. Prices vary depending on what you are looking for but the lowest priced item is a bookmark and it is \$1.00. If you have certain

items from the flyer that you would like your child to buy, please send your student with a note or a message in their agenda for their teacher or me to know what you would like. Unless there is a message from a parent/guardian saying there is a specific item they want their child to buy, I let kids shop for what they would like. All items bought at the Bookfair cannot be exchanged or refunded, so please keep that in mind if you send your child to school with a large sum or any sum of money.

Why is Bookfair so amazing?

The Scholastic Bookfair is an amazing fundraiser for the school Learning Commons (Library). A big portion of the funds raised comes back into the library! Every year we set a record for Bookfair to make total sales of around \$5,000 for the week and we have been so fortunate to hit that goal every year! Out of that \$5,000 around \$3,500 of that money is allocated into Scholastic rewards or a cash option for our Learning commons to purchase new and exciting books and new makerspace centers for the kids to use during our creativity time in library! Books can be expensive so this fundraiser really helps our school with purchasing the newest books that all the kids love and we really appreciate it!

Thank you for supporting our school and the love of reading!

### **Preparing for the Colder Temperatures**

As we approach winter, we want to remind families that our school policy is to go outside if the temperature is  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  or warmer. Please ensure your students are dressed appropriately for the weather.

If your child is too sick to go outside, we ask that you keep them home from school, as it is often difficult to ensure we have supervision for them at the office or elsewhere.

### **Hot Lunch**

Hot lunch menus for November and December are now posted. If you have any concerns or questions about Hot Lunch, please contact the Hot Lunch Volunteers who organize and run the program at [hotlunch.joeclark@hotmail.com](mailto:hotlunch.joeclark@hotmail.com). You can also find this information on the website where hot lunch orders are placed or on the EJCS website.

### **Upcoming dates:**

October 30 – School Council Meeting 6:00pm

October 31 – Halloween

November 1 – PD Day – No school for students

November 4-8 – BOOK FAIR in the Learning Commons

November 8 – School Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 9-17 – Fall Break – No school

November 18 – First Day after fall break

November 21 – School Council Meeting 6:00pm

November 27 and 28 – Parent Teacher Interviews – more information coming soon.

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