

January 17, 2025

Hello Joe Clark Families,

We have had a productive week of learning and are looking forward to Family Literacy Week next week! We have some special days planned and hope you and your family can participate. Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to their development, dramatically improving their literacy skills and helping parents improve their skills as well. Please consider joining us on Friday, January 24th, to read with your child from 8:45-9:25 am. We look forward to seeing you!

This also coincides with our EJCS Book Drive, organized by the school council. Students and families can donate used books in good condition, which will be added to teachers' classroom libraries or taken to Margin's bookstore for in-store credit. The store credit will then be used to purchase used and new books for classroom library updates. There is a donation box in the front foyer. Please consider donating a book or two to help support literacy in our school!

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

Joe Clark Administration Team

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

- January 20- Kick off to Literacy Week
- January 21- Literacy week Bookmark Competition begins; Popcorn Day!
- January 22- Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day!
- January 24- 8:45-9:25 am – Family/Buddy Reading
- January 29 – JK & Kindergarten Registration/Information Evening at 6:00pm
- January 31- Professional Development Day, no school for students

### **Ecole Joe Clark School Learner Profiles:**

Learner Profiles (Report Cards) will be available for parents to view on Friday, February 14, 2025. You will receive an email letting you know they are ready to view. Please ensure that you have logged into your child's Edsembli Account as you will need login information to be able to access these. Families can also access their child's grades and updates at any time by logging in to view. These gradebooks are updated monthly by our teachers for core subjects.

Link for [Edsembli Parent Portal](#) is here.

One change you might notice when reviewing your child's gradebook is that Foothills School Division has moved to a 5 point system to report students' level of performance in relation to the learning outcomes in The Alberta Curriculum for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students.

Please see the Foothills School Division Website for more information.

[Parent Guide to assessment & reporting \(Newsletter format\)](#)

Please be patient as teachers work to update marks each month. We aim to have them updated on a regular monthly basis, but sometimes life gets in the way of our plans! Reach out to your child's teacher if there are questions about the updates.

## **Registration for 2025-26 School Year!**

Registration for the following programs is now open:

- Junior Kindergarten
- English Kindergarten
- French Kindergarten

Part time and half-time schedules will be determined in the spring, please do not delay registration as the programming we can offer depends on the number of registrations we receive now!

**Please note:** Parents in Junior Kindergarten wishing to register in either English or French Kindergarten for next year, need to complete a new registration for their child.

### **For Families *New* to FSD:**

- [Visit our online registration portal](#)
- Click "Create Account". Once created, you will receive an activation email. You must activate your account to proceed.
- Upon login, you will be directed to a registration landing page, select the school you wish to register with from the drop-down list. Click "Open" to complete the registration form. You must complete a form for each of your children.
- Complete all the fields and where possible, upload necessary documents.
- Click the "Submit" button at the top right of the screen. You will have the option to download a PDF of your completed form.
- Your registration is now complete.

### **For *Existing* FSD Families:**

- Login to your Edsembli Family Portal at [edsembli SIS](#) with your username and password.
- Click on *New Registration* and submit your child's information.

**What you will need:**

- Proof of child's age and legal name (birth certificate or passport)
- *After registration, you may be asked to provide proof of address*

**School Council Information:****Consider supporting Joe Clark School this year, in one of the following ways:**

- **Attend School Council** - Meet monthly at 5:30pm, Follow our School Council Facebook page for updates and information regarding School Council initiatives this year. Our page name is Ecole Joe Clark School- Parent Council. Our Next meeting is February 13, at 5:30pm. New members always welcome!
- **Attend a Fundraising Society Meeting**- Next meeting is February 13 , following our School Council meeting.
- **ÉJCS Flip Give Account**- Join our Ecole Joe Clark School FlipGive Account <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=WR52BF> and tell your friends!
- **Volunteering**- Consider signing up for a shift on our volunteer schedule this year- please sign up on our [Ecole Joe Clark Volunteer Sign Up](#) schedule

**Please note:** *ALL Volunteers at Joe Clark School require a completed volunteer registration package and up to date Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check. Each year you will also need to fill in an Offence Declaration Form. Please reach out to Mrs. Ryane at the office if you need to have these forms sent home to you.*

**Hot Lunch**

Hot Lunch is **open** and ready for you to place your orders. For more information and to place an order for your child, please visit Joe Clark Hot Lunch order site at:

<https://jc.hotlunches.net/>