

April 18, 2024

Good morning École Joe Clark Families,

As we approach our Celebration of Learning Conferences next week, we're excited to share this opportunity with you. These conferences will be led by your child, celebrating their learning achievements throughout the year. It's a chance for you to step into the classroom, engage with teachers, and witness your child's progress.

**Conference Details:**

**Dates:** Wednesday, April 24 (3:30 pm - 7:00 pm) and Thursday, April 25 (3:30 pm - 6:00 pm)

**Booking:** No need to make a reservation; simply drop in at your convenience.

**Format:** Please note that these conferences are not one-on-one interviews. However, if you have specific concerns you'd like to discuss privately, feel free to reach out to your child's homeroom teacher to arrange a separate meeting.

Additionally, during the same week, we'll be hosting the **Scholastic Book Fair**. While you're here for the Celebration of Learning, take a moment to explore the Book Fair and discover exciting reads!

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

- April 19- Highwood Dental visits (Afternoon)
- April 22-23- No School- Divisional PD for Teachers
- April 24 & 25- Celebration of Learning – Student Led Conferences
- April 24-26- Book Fair!
- Thursday, May 2- Volunteer Tea (10-11am in the Learning Commons)

**Important!**

Reminder to regularly log into your **Edsembli Family Portal** as classroom Field Trips will begin to be added to accounts as they occur during the last few months of school.

Thank you for keeping your account current.

Edsembli Family Portal link: <https://sis.edsembli.com/WebAdmin/AB/FSD/UI/Account/Signin>

**Kindergarten Ready to Learn Open House**

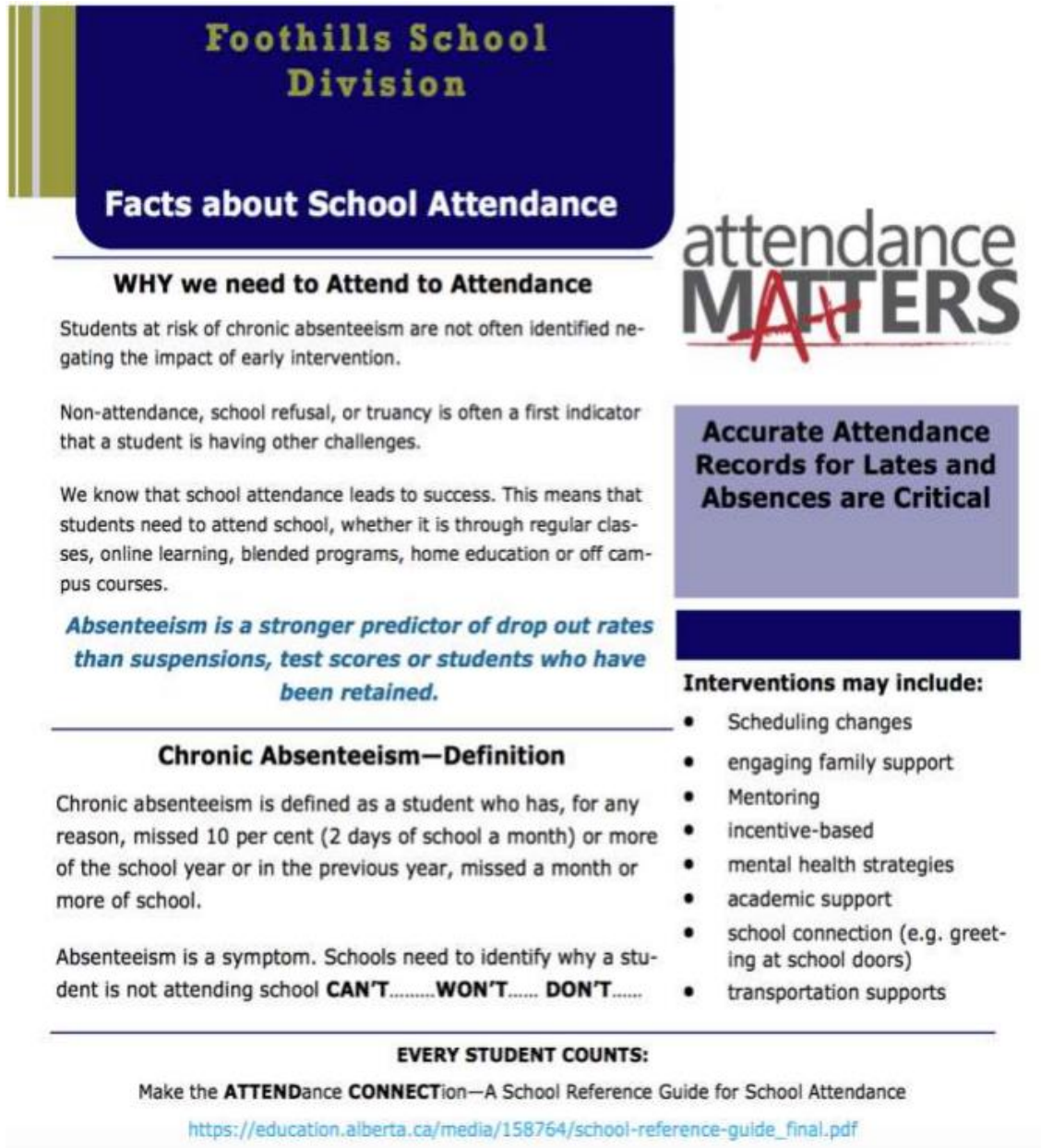
This Spring, EJCS will be hosting a **Ready to Learn Open House** on **Tuesday, May 7, 2024** for you and your **2024/25 Registered Kindergarten Student** to come meet the teacher and become acquainted with the school and create a Ready to Learn Environment for your child at EJCS. **Please save the date!**

Reminder to current Kindergarten Tu/Th families, that there is NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, May 7 due to our Kindergarten Open House.

**JK/Kindergarten Registration for Next Year**

Please help to spread the word! We have spaces available in our Jr Kindergarten, English Kindergarten and Full Time French Immersion Kindergarten left.

**Regular Attendance is Critical!**



The poster features a dark blue header with 'Foothills School Division' in yellow and 'Facts about School Attendance' in white. The main content is organized into sections: 'WHY we need to Attend to Attendance' with three paragraphs and a blue italicized quote; 'Chronic Absenteeism—Definition' with two paragraphs; 'Interventions may include:' with a bulleted list; and 'EVERY STUDENT COUNTS:' with a link to a school reference guide. A logo on the right says 'attendance MATTERS' with 'MATTERS' in large black letters and 'ATT' in red script.

**Foothills School Division**

**Facts about School Attendance**

**WHY we need to Attend to Attendance**

Students at risk of chronic absenteeism are not often identified negating the impact of early intervention.

Non-attendance, school refusal, or truancy is often a first indicator that a student is having other challenges.

We know that school attendance leads to success. This means that students need to attend school, whether it is through regular classes, online learning, blended programs, home education or off campus courses.

*Absenteeism is a stronger predictor of drop out rates than suspensions, test scores or students who have been retained.*

**Chronic Absenteeism—Definition**

Chronic absenteeism is defined as a student who has, for any reason, missed 10 per cent (2 days of school a month) or more of the school year or in the previous year, missed a month or more of school.

Absenteeism is a symptom. Schools need to identify why a student is not attending school **CAN'T**.....**WON'T**..... **DON'T**.....

**Interventions may include:**

- Scheduling changes
- engaging family support
- Mentoring
- incentive-based
- mental health strategies
- academic support
- school connection (e.g. greeting at school doors)
- transportation supports

**EVERY STUDENT COUNTS:**

Make the **ATTENDANCE CONNECTION**—A School Reference Guide for School Attendance

[https://education.alberta.ca/media/158764/school-reference-guide\\_final.pdf](https://education.alberta.ca/media/158764/school-reference-guide_final.pdf)

attendance **MATTERS**

**Breakfast Program**

Our Breakfast program is in full swing, and we're thrilled to welcome 30-50 students each day! This program provides a breakfast snack for any child at the start of the day. Students can access breakfast from 8:45-9:00 am in the EJCS kitchen. Any leftovers are placed on the cart at the office for latecomers to enjoy. A heartfelt thank you to the parents who assist daily by greeting students, ensuring they have a nutritious breakfast, creating menus, and gathering groceries.

**School Council Information:**

## Lunch and Popcorn Volunteers

\*\*MAY Hot Lunches are open for ordering- [Link here](#)

Please check the volunteer opportunities to be a hot lunch or popcorn helper. Click here to lend a hand- [Joe Clark Hot Lunch Volunteers — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

Reminder that we have popcorn sales each Tuesday, please send \$1.00 if you would like your child to have a bag of popcorn. Proceeds of our popcorn sales go to offset the cost of co-curricular field trips this year.





**HELLO, BRONCO FAMILIES!**

We're excited to document all the great things happening at Joe Clark this year through our Yearbook!

We are using a NEW system for Yearbook Ordering this year.  
Orders will be placed directly through the Lifetouch website, called YBPay.  
The cost is \$26 per yearbook, cheaper than last year!

To order, go to: [ybpay.lifetouch.ca/Order](https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/Order)

Or scan this QR Code  

Yearbook ID Code: 14782324

**THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MAY 10.**

Again, this is **NOT** ordered through your school Edsembli account this year.  
If you would like a yearbook for your child, you must order through the website above by May 10.

If you have any questions about the yearbook, please contact our Yearbook Coordinator:

**Carrie Behlke**

[carrie@carriehelke.com](mailto:carrie@carriehelke.com)

Mom of Hoxie French Grade 5 and Cordelia French Grade 4

Go, Broncos!

École Joe Clark School  
2023-2024

*Volunteer Tea*



will be held on

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2024**

**Time:** 10:00 am to 11:00 am

**Location:** ÉJCS Learning Commons

We are hosting a Volunteer Tea to show our thanks to all our Wonderful Volunteers for all that you do! Please come join us for some tea, coffee, cookies and entertainment.

Dedicated hearts like yours  
Are not so easy to find.  
It takes a special person to be  
So generous and kind.

To care so much for helping and giving  
Is a quality all too rare.  
Yet you give of your time and talents freely,  
For all in need to share.

So thank you for being an ÉJCS volunteer,  
We're privileged to work with you.  
We want you to know how appreciated you are,  
Not just today, but the whole year through.



Community News:



# Hansel and Gretel

by The Brothers Grimm

**D** DEWDNEY PLAYERS  
group theatre  
DewdneyPlayers.com

*Dramatized by Charlotte B. Chorpenning*  
*Adapted by Kelly Kozak*

Rotary Performing Arts Centre 3 Elma St. E., Okotoks	Apr 26, 27	@ 7:30pm
	May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11	@ 7:30pm
	May 4, 11	@ 2:00pm

**RPAC**  
Rotary Performing Arts Centre

<b>Tickets</b>	<b>Online†</b>	<b>At Door</b>
Adults	\$20†	\$25†
Seniors/Students	\$15†	\$20†

† from okotoksculture.ca † plus fees and applicable taxes

**Tix QR Code** 

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