

April 5, 2024

Hello Ecole Joe Clark Families!

We hope everyone has had a restful little break, enjoyed some fun in the sunshine, snow and slush! We also want to say a huge thank you to our Pancake Breakfast parent volunteers. What a nice way to head off into the break with a school wide breakfast. Thank you for supporting our staff and students at EJCS!

Looking forward to welcoming our little Broncos back to school!

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

Upcoming Important Dates:

- April 1-5- Easter Break, No School
- April 8- Students Back to school, inside noon recess due to solar eclipse- see note below
- April 10- Green Shirt Day- In honor of the Logan Boulet Effect
- April 11- School Council Meeting – 6pm in Learning Commons
- April 19- Highwood Dental visits
- April 22-23- No School- Divisional PD for Teachers
- April 24 & 25- Learning Conferences – more info to come on booking this week

Solar Eclipse Update from Foothills School Division:

A partial solar eclipse will take place in our region on Monday, April 8, 2024. The eclipse is expected to begin at 11:54 AM, peak at 12:46 PM and finish by 1:39 PM.

Our schools will be adjusting their schedules and activities that day to keep students indoors during the time of the eclipse. Parents of students in half-day Junior Kindergarten will need to decide whether to send their children to school that day to minimize risk.

Joe Clark French Immersion Program

We are happy to celebrate French language and culture during our Mois de la Francophonie in March. We are very fortunate to have the only French Immersion Elementary School in High River. We still have spots open for our Full Time French Immersion Kindergarten Program for next year. Please contact the school for more information. Feel free to share this information with any friends or family interested in enrolling.

[The Foothills School Division is celebrating French language and culture - OkotoksOnline.com - Local news, Weather, Sports, and Job Listings for Okotoks, Alberta, and area.](#)

Regular Attendance is Critical!

Regular school attendance is vital for a child's success. Parents play a crucial role in promoting good attendance. Here are some steps parents can take:

Establish Consistent Routines:

Set regular bedtimes and wake-up times to help your child develop the habit of being on time. Consistency in routines reinforces the importance of attending school every day.

Communicate with Your Child:

Talk to your child about why attending school daily is critical, unless they are unwell.

If your child seems hesitant to go to school, find out the reasons behind it. Work with teachers, administrators, or the Family School Liaison Counselor to address any concerns.

Have Backup Plans:

Identify alternative arrangements in case unexpected situations arise (e.g., another child falls ill, car trouble).

Reach out to family members, neighbors, or fellow parents who can assist you in getting your child to school.

Seek Support During Tough Times:

Life challenges (such as transportation issues, unstable housing, job loss, or health problems) can impact attendance.

Don't hesitate to seek help from other parents, teachers, principals, counselors, or community agencies. They can offer solutions or connect you to necessary resources.

Absences and Catching Up:

If your child is absent, collaborate with the teacher to ensure they have an opportunity to learn and make up for missed academics.

Remember, consistent attendance contributes to your child's positive educational experience and sets the foundation for their future success!

Joe Clark Swag

The EJCS Clothing Store is NOW OPEN and will close on Sunday, April 7 at 11:59PM

Please visit our ordering site below to place an order. These orders will be delivered to the school and sent home with your child once they are delivered in late April.

ECJS Clothing Store- <https://joelarkschool.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

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.

Please know that this program is meant for all students to access, and our volunteers will not be turning away students. If they show up, they can enjoy! The funding for this program has come from generous community donors and provincial funds to support healthy nutrition in schools. We need full bellies to learn, and we also view it as a positive way to start the day with our students. We are learning to say good morning to the adults in the building, ask politely for what we would like, and thank the adults who are volunteering to make this happen. Families are welcome to discuss with their children about accessing the program, but we want to make this opportunity inclusive and welcoming for all.

School Council Information:

EJCS Pre-orders for Cookbooks have been sent out in agendas! - Orders due to office by April 15

Information about orders and payment is on the blue form that was sent home. Please remember to return your order form to the office. We will only be ordering what is needed based on the orders received, so please be sure to complete and return your form if interested.

Lunch and Popcorn Volunteers

**APRIL 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.

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

1. Attend School Council - Meet monthly at 6pm, 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 April 11, at 6pm. New members are always welcome!
2. Attend a Fundraising Society Meeting- Next meeting is March 27 at 6pm.
3. EJCS Bottle Depot Account- Please consider dropping off a bag of bottles and donating to our account. We are currently fundraising for outdoor equipment for our school and a new basketball net outside

4. ECJS Flip Give Account- Join our Ecole Joe Clark School FlipGive Account <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=WR52BF> and tell your friends!
5. Breakfast Program- Please email Mrs Becker beckerj@fsd38.ab.ca if you would like more information or would like to help out!
6. Share information about our Programs with your friends! We are still accepting enrollments for next year in Kindergarten English and Kindergarten FI programs. We also have Junior Kindergarten spots available. Contact the school for more information!