

Feb 27, 2024

Good afternoon Ecole Joe Clark Families,

We hope all our families had a nice break and took some time to relax and enjoy the lovely weather we had! We have just a few reminders for this week.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at the school.

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Tuesday, Feb 27- 100th Day of School!
- Wednesday, February 28- Pink Shirt Day! Please wear pink!
- March 1st- Le Mois de la Francophonie Kickoff! & Cookbook entries due!

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when a student in Nova Scotia was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. It has since been recognized annually worldwide as a day to stand against bullying.

Pink Shirt Day encourages Albertans to be inclusive, welcoming and supportive with colleagues, clients, friends and family. Building healthy relationships is one of the best ways to prevent bullying and create safe environments. Getting involved is easy.

Pink Shirt Day Challenge: Wear your pink shirt and suggest a way you can be a “buddy and not a bully”- take a photo and tag Ecole Joe Clark School on Instagram and we will share it! Our Instagram account is @joeclarkschool

Parking Lot

We are noticing that our parking lot is very congested in the morning and is causing some safety issues. We have students with accessibility needs that **must** be able to access the parking lot in order for a safe drop-off. Our staff also need spaces to park each day and we often have FSD therapists visiting and needing spots. **We kindly request that the parking lot is for FSD staff and families who have accessibility passes displayed in their vehicles only.**

Thank you for your efforts to keep our students safe!

Lunch and Popcorn Volunteers

**MARCH 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](#)

School Council

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.**

EJCS Bottle Depot Account

Friendly reminder that we have an Ecole Joe Clark School account at the High River bottle depot. 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. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET.... Recipe Challenge!

School Council is creating a recipe book of our students' favorites! Your child will bring home a recipe template that they can fill out and submit to the recipe book. We are looking for a variety of entries including snacks, appetizers, main dishes and sweet treats! Please consider submitting yours for our cookbook. Once all entries are compiled, we will be printing our cookbooks and families will be able to purchase copies to have at home or share with loved ones.

Cookbook entries are due by MARCH 1 (deadline extended until end of week). Instructions for the cookbook template are below. Check your child's agenda for a copy or download one here- [Free-Printable-Recipe-Pages-Kid-Cookbook.pdf \(bunnysgarden.com\)](http://bunnysgarden.com) (If you download your own, please use the templates with the lines provided)

1. **Add name** of recipe and your name (the student's name) at the top under CHEF.
2. **Glue your picture** in the box next to the recipe title or draw a self-portrait!
3. **Write your recipe! (IN STUDENTS' OWN WORDS & MEMORIES!!!)** Kids should write out their favorite recipe to share with the class. It can be any meal, entrée, side, snack, appetizer, or dessert. These turn out the best when the kids do the steps 100% by themselves. It may come out "Turn oven on to 100 degrees" but let them – the recipes are even cuter when they're fully grown and looking back.
4. **Draw a picture** of the finished recipe in the box provided.
5. **All submissions can be submitted to the EJCS office.** We look forward to seeing what tasty creations you come up with

February is Black History Month

Check out some of the links below with your child to learn more!

[How did Black History Month come to be? | Articles | CBC Kids](#)

[Popular: Black History | Articles | CBC Kids](#)

[WATCH — February is Black History Month. Here's how it started | Video | Kids News \(cbc.ca\)](#)



Early Childhood Intervention Program (Ages 0-5)

Offers navigation, education and support for families concerned with their child's development and/or children at risk for developmental delays (premature birth, prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol, eating difficulties, diagnosed disability).

They are based in Calgary but will service Okotoks and outlying areas. Families must be willing to travel into Calgary for some services. This is a free service.

Service Access: Parents can self-refer. Healthcare providers and services, teachers, agencies, and public health nurses can refer but need permission from family first.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cara Holditch, Early Learning Coach at holditchc@fsd38.ab.ca