January 26, 2025

Hello Joe Clark Families,

It was wonderful to see so many family members join us today for our Flashlight Reading event. Thank you for taking time out of your busy days to make literacy a priority and show your children that it is valued by adults is such great modelling for them. So often in the digital age, our children see us reading on a tablet or on a phone, or scrolling, so it's a good reminder to model putting down our screens and interacting around a good book! And it's fun!

Thank you to our staff members who contributed to such an exciting week at Joe Clark! Our Choir, Basketball and Cheer Coaches / Directors (Mrs. Rickert, Ms. Newman, Mrs. Burgess, Mme. Fitz, Mrs. Miller), Thank you for your time and dedication in showcasing our students' talents this week in so many different ways! Thank you to Ms. Paulgaard for all your hard work in making Literacy Week come to life. We loved seeing all the kids creating and voting on the bookmarks - they were amazing!

IMPORTANT! Registration/ Parent Info night:

On **Wednesday, January 29 at 6pm** in our learning commons we will be holding our junior kindergarten and kindergarten registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open! To help you prepare, we are hosting a Parent Information Night to share details about our programs and answer your questions. There will be a brief presentation overview of our programming options, and some information about our school for new families. After the presentation, parents are free to head over to the classroom to meet teachers and ask any questions they may have.

This event is for parents only, children do not need to attend and childcare will not be provided. Please share this event with members of our community who may be interested!

Registration is now open for the following programs:

- Junior Kindergarten
- English Kindergarten (Part Time)
- French Immersion Kindergarten (Full Time)

If you are unable to make it, you can contact us with questions and still register when it is convenient for you. Instructions for registering can be found below.

Reminder that children must be 5 years old before December 31, 2025 to register for Kindergarten.

For more information about our French Immersion Program at Joe Clark, please visit <u>ATM:</u>
<u>The Advantage of French Immersion</u> as well as <u>French Immersion</u> at FSD.

For more information about our English Early Learning Programs Please see below:

Junior Kindergarten

Kindergarten

We look forward to meeting our future Joe Clark Broncos and welcoming your family and new students to our school community.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

Joe Clark Administration Team

UPCOMING DATES:

- January 28- Popcorn Day!
- January 29 JK & Kindergarten Registration/Information Evening at 6:00pm
- January 31- Professional Development Day, no school for students

EJCS Book Drive

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!

Registration for 2025-26 School Year!

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 <u>edsembli SIS</u> 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 <u>Ecole Joe Clark Volunteer Sign Up</u> 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/