

June 7, 2024

Hello Joe Clark Families,

It is starting to feel like summer, and we have an awesome month of learning activities ahead of us! Next week we have our sports day planned for Friday, June 14. We will begin the events at 10:30am and they will run until 2:10pm. Please plan to dress for the weather, we are hoping this means shorts, hats, sunscreen and sunglasses! Please ensure your child has some extra snacks and a water bottle for the day. We will also have a Freezie station set up, so each child will get a freezie when they pass through from our school staff!

Please ensure that if you plan to accompany your child on a school field trip, you must have all your volunteer paperwork filled out and a vulnerable sector check completed before the trip. Please contact the office if you have questions about this process.

Thank you,
Jolene Becker and Corre Mahan

Upcoming Important Dates:

- June 13- Anything But a Backpack Day!
- June 14- Sports Day
- June 20- Spring Showcase 1pm and 6pm - families welcome to attend! (see note above)
- June 21- Professional Learning Day, No School for Students
- June 21- PM- Senator School Tours for Grade 5 Families
- June 24- AM- Grade 5 Graduation Ceremony, PM- Grade 5 Swimming
- June 27- End of the Year Assembly & last day of classes (FULL DAY- NO EARLY DISMISSAL)

Kindness Matters!

As we navigate the exciting journey of elementary education, let's remember that kindness is the compass that guides us. It's not just a value we teach our children; it's a way of life we model for them.

Why Kindness Matters:

Role Modeling: Children learn by observing. When they witness acts of kindness—whether it's a smile, a helping hand, or a thoughtful gesture—they internalize those behaviors.

Creating a Safe Space: Our school is a community where everyone belongs. Kindness creates an inclusive environment where each child feels valued and accepted.

Building Resilience: Kindness helps children cope with challenges. When they experience kindness, they develop emotional resilience and empathy.

Teaching Empathy: By discussing feelings and perspectives, we nurture empathy. Encourage your child to step into someone else's shoes and understand their emotions.

Simple Acts of Kindness:

Say "Thank You": Gratitude goes a long way. Teach your child to appreciate others' efforts.

Be a Friend: Encourage your child to reach out to classmates who may feel lonely. A simple "Hi!" can make a difference.

Random Acts: Surprise someone with a kind note, a small gift, or a compliment. These random acts create ripples of positivity.

Include Everyone: Invite others to play, share, and participate. Inclusion fosters kindness.

As a Joe Clark School Community, we can create a culture of kindness—one smile, one act, one day at a time. Please be mindful of this in your interactions within our school community this busy month of June! Let's be the change we wish to see in our children!

Help needed!

We are looking for a volunteer to help do a weekly fresh fruit run for us on Mondays! We have fruit bowls at the office for all students to access for a healthy snack option and they get lots of use. We are looking for someone to do a fruit run for us once a week (apples, bananas and oranges) from now until the end of June. Please contact Pam ryanep@fsd38.ab.ca at the office if you can help!

Spring Showcase- June 20

This year our Spring Showcase will take place on June 20, 2024. There will be a 1pm matinee and a 6pm show at the High River Alliance Church next door to the school. Silent Auction and concession will be available at both shows. Students from the drama club and choir will be performing at the shows, but all families are welcome and encouraged to attend to support our fine arts students! Invite your friends, grandmas, grandpas and extended family! How you can help:

- We are currently looking for donations for the Silent Auction. If you have a business or would like to donate to a basket in the silent auction, please contact our school council team joeclark-pc@hotmail.com
- Sign up to volunteer! Many hands make light work. Looking for parents to volunteer at both shows to set up, sell flowers, run concession, and clean up. Please consider assisting if you can! Please [SIGN UP HERE](#) if you can help.
- Lastly, come to the show, buy a flower for your favorite performer or a concession snack! (Keepsake roses will be sold for \$2.00 at the shows)

Thank you!

Morning Supervision and Playground After School

It is lovely out and we can appreciate that with more sunny mornings people are kicking their kids out of bed earlier too! Just a reminder that we do not have supervision until 8:30am, so please do not send your children to school before 8:30am as they will not be supervised during this time. ***At 8:30, we offer outdoor supervision on the playground, please do not send your child inside (unless prior arrangements have been made), as we are hard at work getting ready for our big day with your children!***

After school, we ask that children go home first and then return to play if those arrangements have been made with you prior to. Our supervision only goes until 3:30pm. We want to ensure student safety and that students have checked in with a parent before returning to the school playground.

Are You Moving? Changing Schools?

We know family situations change and respect your families' decisions regarding your educational choices. It is helpful for us to know in advance if you are moving or will be attending another educational program for next year. If you would please give the office notice of any anticipated changes, that would be greatly appreciated.

Please Pay any outstanding fees.

Just a reminder to continue checking your child's fees on the Edsembli Family Portal as many classrooms Field Trips are now being applied to accounts at this time of year. We also have outstanding fees for the One School One Book program, as well as the Swimming program that have not been paid. We have several outstanding school fees, and not being able to collect those means that we will not be able to offer the same opportunities next year. Please reach out if you need support with these payments. Edsembli Family Portal link: <https://sis.edsembli.com/WebAdmin/AB/FSD/UI/Account/SignIn>