

March 17, 2024

Happy St Patrick's Day Ecole Joe Clark Families!

Hope you caught a leprechaun and enjoyed some time in the sun looking for shamrocks! We have a busy week ahead of us with the wrap up of our Two Schools, One Book. Thank you to Ms. Paulgaard, the staff of EJCS, and Spitzee School for helping to bring Stuart Little to life over the past three weeks, and for getting us so excited about reading! Thank you to all the families who took on the reading challenge and made time to share this wonderful book with your family, which is always the most fun to hear about. We will also be continuing with our Mois de la Francophonie, with some traditional Francophone dancing sessions this week for our FI students as well as a performance put on for our whole student body on Friday, March 22 from 11:30-12:30pm. Families are welcome to attend!

Thank you to our School Council for the wonderful meeting this week. As a team, we are working on creating School Council Agreements for all members that will guide how we interact as a group and make collective decisions for the benefit of all students. These agreements are being finalized and then will be shared with our school community. Our purpose is to foster a collaborative and supportive working group that advocates for the success of all students in achieving our school's goals. We are also working to differentiate between the School Council and Fundraising Society, which have different purposes and procedures. You will notice we have begun to separate these meetings to keep each focused on its designed purpose. School Councils are essential for creating a positive, inclusive, and thriving school culture. Their collaborative efforts benefit everyone involved in the EJCS community!

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

Upcoming Important Dates:

- March 18 – Two Schools, One Book Wrap Up Assembly & Prizes 9:50am
- March 19- Popcorn sales
- March 21- World Down Syndrome Day- Rock your Socks with us!
- March 27- Pancake Breakfast (see below)
- March 27- 6pm Fundraising Society Meeting
- March 28- Mois de la Francophonie Windup and French Discothèque- 2:10-3pm
- March 29- Good Friday, No School
- April 1-5- Easter Break, No School

Ramadan

Ramadan is a special time for Muslims around the world. It is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn until sunset. It's a time for self-reflection, prayer, and acts of kindness. We have several families in our EJCS school community who are observing Ramadan this month.

How Can You Learn More?

- Read: Take out a book about Ramadan at the library or look it up online.
- Activities: Try making paper lanterns or learning some Arabic words related to Ramadan.

- Be respectful: It is okay to ask questions and be curious. Please remember to be respectful to others who may have different beliefs than you. We are all different, and we all have something to learn from each other!

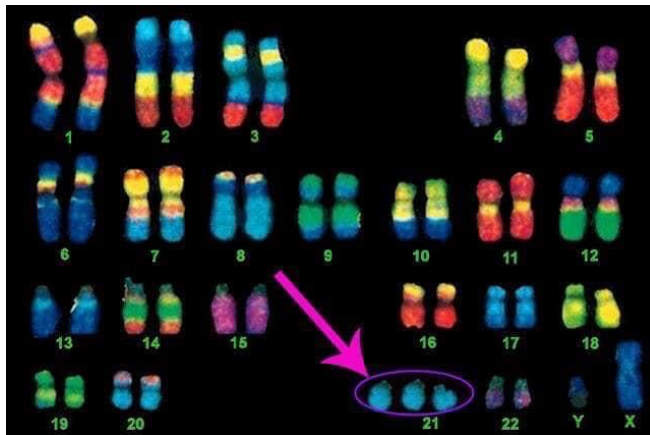
Remember, Ramadan is a time of reflection, gratitude, and community. Let's learn from our Muslim friends and celebrate this special month together. Ramadan Mubarak!

World Down Syndrome Day- March 21

On March 21, let's put our best foot forward and slip into some fabulous, funky socks!

Why funky socks? Because chromosomes look like socks, and they're the threads that weave our uniqueness. Just like those extra-special socks, individuals with Down syndrome- like our amazing friend Adele- have an extra chromosome.

Let's celebrate their vibrant spirits and the joy they bring to our world!



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. We still need a few volunteers- morning breakfast "chefs" (the time commitment is 8:15-9:15, and the prep is simple), as well as a parent to assist with weekly grocery pickup. If you're available to help, please email Jolene Becker at beckerj@fsd38.ab.ca."

School Council Information:

Pancake Breakfast!

Our school council is excited to host a delightful Pancake Breakfast for students before Easter Break. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together, enjoy delicious pancakes, and create lasting school memories.

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with various tasks during breakfast. Whether you're a seasoned pancake flipper or just eager to lend a hand, your help is invaluable!

Spread the word! Invite fellow parents, students, and pancake enthusiasts to join us. Let's flip some pancakes, share laughter, and create a warm community experience!

Please sign up if you are interested in lending a hand! (Volunteers will be paid in pancakes) 🥞

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/23185722207/true#/invitation>

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:

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 always welcome!

Attend a Fundraising Society Meeting- Next meeting is March 27 at 6pm.

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

ECJS Flip Give Account- Join our Ecole Joe Clark School FlipGive Account <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=WR52BF> and tell your friends!

Breakfast Program- We are looking for some Breakfast Program helpers- Someone to get a few weekly groceries for us, if you are interested in helping, please email Mrs Becker beckerj@fsd38.ab.ca

Yearbook Sales!

JOE CLARK BRNCOS

Yearbook!

2023-24

HELLO, BRNCO 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

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

Mom of Hoxie French Grade 5 and Cordelia French Grade 4

Go, Broncos!

Community Information:

High River STORM baseball registration now open

@ <https://highriverstorm.com>

LEVELS OF PLAY:
T-BALL(SU), COACH PITCH(7U),
9U, 11U, 13U, 15U, 18U

all ages & abilities welcome

register early so you don't miss
out on a great season & our
upcoming clinics in April.
Registration closes Mar 31

High River/Okotoks & area

Come try it out!
All ages and abilities

ADAPTIVE INCLUSIVE LACROSSE

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Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm
Senator Riley School gym, High River
\$35/ 9 sessions, \$5 drop-in
To register email
scott@lacrossingbarriers.org



POKEMON CLUB



JOIN US FOR
TRADING,
GAMES AND
ACTIVITIES

MONTHLY ON THE
1ST SATURDAY FROM
1-3 PM.

**NEXT SESSION -
APRIL 6TH**

Children under 10 must be
accompanied by an adult



By Liz

**High River
Pokemon Club**

SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY
READING
ENGINEERING
ART
MATHEMATICS


STREAM
ACTIVITIES FOR
6-12 YEARS

**MAGNIFICENT
MASTERPIECES**

Messy crafts for 6-12 year
olds to explore art and
being creative.

**ALTERNATING
TUESDAYS
2 SESSIONS!!
EITHER 2:30 OR
4:00**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Register online at www.highriverlibrary.ca/Events



TEAM AWESOME
WEEKLY DROP-IN FOR AGES 9-12
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 4-5:30PM

**FREE
DROP-IN
PROGRAM**

Team Awesome is a weekly drop-in program for youth aged 9-12. With a different activity every week, there's always something to keep kids busy. Books, crafts, anime, gaming, science, manga, and MORE!!

