

March 8, 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:

- March 13- Carnaval Celebration 1-3pm -Families welcome to join!
- March 14- School Council Meeting 6pm- New Members welcome to join us!
- March 15- Professional Development Day, No School
- March 27- Pancake Breakfast (see below)
- March 27- 6pm Fundraising Society Meeting
- March 28- Mois de la Francophonie Windup and French Discothèque
- March 29- Good Friday, No School
- May 6-10- Easter Break, No School

What is Carnaval?

Carnaval is a lively and colorful celebration that takes place in various parts of the world. Held in Quebec City, Canada, the Quebec Winter Carnival (French: Carnaval de Québec) is a pre-Lenten festival that has been celebrated annually since 1955. The carnival typically occurs between late January and mid-February. During this 10-day extravaganza, the city transforms into a snow festival adorned with decorations, ice sculptures, and lights. There are often colorful float parades showcasing artistic and thematic designs and live music performances add to the festive atmosphere.

Beyond Quebec, Carnaval traditions thrive in other French-speaking regions, from the sunny streets of Nice, France, to the smoked herring launches in Dunkerque.

In Canada's North Bay, Ontario, the Carnaval des Compagnons echoes Quebec's spirit, bringing snowy activities and caribou drinks to the Francophone community.

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>

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](#)

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.

A few of the ways that families can support Joe Clark School this year:

- **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 March 14, 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- Monday and Wednesday morning for about 1 hour (8:15-9:15), if you are interested in helping out, please email Mrs Becker beckerj@fsd38.ab.ca

Recipe Challenge- FINAL CHANCE! FINAL CHANCE!

Cookbook entries are due by Monday MARCH 11.

All submissions can be submitted to the EJCS office. We look forward to seeing what tasty creations you come up with!

Community Information:



High River STORM baseball registration now open

@ <https://highriverstorm.com>

LEVELS OF PLAY:

T-BALL(5U), 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