

May 16, 2024

Hello Joe Clark Families,

We have some great news to share... Our full time French Immersion Kindergarten has been approved for next year! We are excited to offer this program for our students and believe it will give them a great start on developing both early learning and language skills. We are still accepting registrations, so please encourage any families who you may know to enroll. We will also be offering part time English Kindergarten on Monday/Wednesdays and scheduled Fridays. Reminder that you can make this a full week program, by signing your child up for Jr. Kindergarten on the Tuesday/Thursday and alternate Fridays. Visit our website for more information on Jr. Kindergarten, English and French Immersion Kindergarten.

Friendly reminder, Jr Kindergarten and French Kindergarten do require a deposit to hold your child's space for next year. This deposit goes towards your child's last month's fee, so you won't need to pay an additional fee for the last month.

Thank you to many of our families who have let us know if they are moving or making a change in schools for next year. 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. Our staffing decisions are made based on our student enrollment numbers. If you could send a quick note to us giving us notice of any anticipated changes, that would be greatly appreciated.

As we go into the next few months, we will aim to keep our school community updated on any school changes in a timely manner. We are committed to clear communication with our families about programs and plans for the fall, but please be patient with us as we begin to plan and prepare.

Thank you,

Jolene Becker and Corre Mahan

Upcoming Important Dates:

- May 17- Professional Learning Day, No school for students (please note: we are not at school today, so there will not be anyone at the school in the morning)
- May 20- No School, Victoria Day
- May 23- PM - Grade 5's Visit Senator Riley
- May 24- Last day for Bottle Wars, Students Matters committee AM
- May 29- AM- Senator Band is performing in the gym
- June 5- Bronco Bolt 1:30pm
- June 14- Sports Day
- June 20- Spring Showcase 1pm and 6pm
- 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

Joe Clark and Spitzee School Bottle Wars is back!

We are having a friendly little competition with Spitzee School again. **Starting on May 21 at 8am**, you will be able to drop off bottles to the Joe Clark Bottle trailer by the East Entrance to the school. We will be collecting bottles until **May 24 at 4pm**. The trailer will be open the week of May 21 from 8am- 4pm.

The winning school gets to enjoy watching the other school's administration partake in the Bronco Bolt festivities wearing the opposite school's swag! Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Mahan really look better in Bronco blue than Eagle yellow, so please help us out! All funds raised will go to our fundraising goal of a new basketball net, outdoor recess equipment and new technology.

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.

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.

Classroom Field Trips

Just a reminder to continue checking your child's fees on the Edsembli Family Portal as many classroom Field Trips are now being applied to accounts at this time of year.

Edsembli Family Portal link: <https://sis.edsembli.com/WebAdmin/AB/FSD/UI/Account/SignIn>

Ecole Joe Clark Programming Options for 2024-25:

Junior Kindergarten

We will be offering full day program options for next year.

- Monday/ Wednesday Program, option of adding Friday
- Tuesday/ Thursday Program, option of adding Friday
- Hours are 9am – 3pm

School Fees for Junior Kindergarten Programs at EJCS

A one-month deposit is required upon registration. This amount is applied to the June fees. The following fees are due on the 1st of each month and can be paid via the Edsembli parent portal or in person at the school. Parents may choose to pay the full year tuition, or month-to-month.

- 2 full days per week program: \$200/month
- 3 full days per week program \$300/month

Registered English Kindergarten Students - Tuesday/Thursday + non-K Fridays: \$250/month

* Classes are subject to a minimum of 12 students and a maximum of 20.

English Kindergarten Program - Part Time

- Monday/Wednesday and alternating Fridays
- Follows FSD Kindergarten Calendar
- Option to access JK Programming on non-kinder days
- Part-Time Kindergarten fees vary by school but are approximately \$30 per year.
- If you are interested in registering in our Tuesday/Thursday JK Program to create a “full time” program for your child- please register ASAP!

Students in English kindergarten will have the option of accessing Junior Kindergarten on their non kindergarten days. This additional add on is an additional cost to families but does provide extra learning activities and can support a student's progress by offering many social-emotional and play based learning opportunities. All our Early Learning programs are offered based on registrations received, so please register your child early to avoid disappointment.

French Immersion Kindergarten Program

- Monday-Friday, Full Day Program
- Fee is \$250.00 per month

We are running a Full time French Immersion program for next year (Monday to Friday), our English Kindergarten will remain part time (Monday/Wednesday/ scheduled Fridays). This program is dependent on enrolment numbers, so if you or someone you know is interested, please encourage them to register as soon as possible.

For additional information on French Immersion Programming - [French Immersion \(foothillsschooldivision.ca\)](http://foothillsschooldivision.ca)

Please note that for any registrations, you will require an electronic version (copy) of proof of citizenship and residency, which would be a copy of Canadian birth certificate or passport. Please plan to have these on hand when registering your child. Registrations are all done online, so you can complete these from home at any time!

[Click here to register today!](#)