

February 27, 2026

Dear École Joe Clark Families,

Wednesday was an exciting and meaningful day at École Joe Clark. Our students and staff celebrated Pink Shirt Day, focusing on kindness, empathy, and “filling each other’s buckets” through positive actions and supportive words. The Okotoks Western Wheel joined us to capture photos of our school spirit, including our custom Pink Shirt Day shirts—beautifully designed by one of our amazing Grade 5 students, Natalia. We are incredibly proud of her leadership and creativity.

We also welcomed our new Foothills School Division Trustees for a tour of the school. Highlights included our work with Visual Journals, created in partnership with School Council to help make student thinking more visible. These journals emphasize learning as a process, supporting reflection, literacy, and creative expression.

Trustees also learned about our innovative Think Tank model, which strengthens our continuum of supports for students. Through creative afternoon scheduling, Educational Assistants work together with students who benefit from additional connection, therapy, and end-of-day regulation. This approach increases collaboration and learning among EAs and provides students more connection time and relationship building with our staff. We continue to see strong social and learning benefits for students, including increased engagement, excitement, and language development.

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

École Joe Clark School Admin team

Upcoming Dates:

- Friday, March 6- Carnaval Kickoff Assembly and Events- Assembly at 10:50am, afternoon activities kick off at 12:30pm
- Monday, March 16- Divisional Learning Day, No Students

How You Can Support École Joe Clark School All Year Long

There are several easy, year-round ways to support our students and enhance learning at École Joe Clark School:

EJCS Bottle Depot Account

Have refundable bottles? Drop them off at the High River Bottle Depot and ask to donate the refund to the EJCS account. All funds support outdoor enhancements, including new equipment and a replacement outdoor basketball net. Every bottle makes a difference!

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

Need labels for clothing, lunch kits, sports gear, or school supplies? Visit mabelslabels.ca, select "Support a Fundraiser," and search École Joe Clark School. A portion of every purchase comes directly back to our school—helping you stay organized while supporting our students.

Margins Bookstore – Used Book Donations

If you're clearing out books at home, consider donating them to Margins Bookstore. They accept gently used books for all ages and genres. Simply ask for your donation to be applied to the Joe Clark School Account. Your book donations help us earn credit that goes toward expanding literacy resources for our students.

Thank you for supporting our school community in meaningful, everyday ways!

Planning for Next School Year

It's that time of year when we begin planning for the next school year, and an important part of that process is determining our projected enrollment. Did you know that our school receives funding based on these projections? This means that the **more accurate and timelier our registrations are before spring**, the better we can plan staffing, resources, and supports for our students.

If your family's plans for next year have changed, please let the school office know as soon as possible. And if you haven't yet taken time to register for Junior Kindergarten or Kindergarten, it is incredibly important that you do—early registrations help ensure we have the right supports and programs in place for all of our future Broncos.

Thank you for helping us plan effectively and set our students up for success!

Volunteer Requirements and Opportunities at École Joe Clark School

All volunteers at École Joe Clark School are required to complete a Volunteer Registration Package and have a current Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening.

- Volunteer Registration Package: Must be completed each school year.
- Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check: Must be updated every three years.

If you need these forms sent home, please contact Mrs. Ryane in the school office and she will be happy to assist you.

Here is the link for [Volunteer Opportunities for the 2025/26 School Year](#).

Thank you for supporting our school community through volunteering!

Hot Lunch Is Open! 📷

Hot Lunch ordering is open at École Joe Clark School! It's a win-win: your child gets a tasty lunch, you support local businesses, and you support our school through this important fundraising effort

Orders for the upcoming week must be placed by Sunday evening.

To learn more or to place your first order, visit our Hot Lunch site:

👉 <https://jc.hotlunches.net/>

Thank you for supporting our students, our school, and our community—enjoy those delicious lunches!

Community News:



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SEPTEMBER TBD - DEWINTON
SEPTEMBER TBD - HIGH RIVER

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