



2024-2025 Joe Clark Staff



Jolene Becker- Principal EJCS

Hello! I am Jolene Becker, and I am pleased to be the principal of Ecole Joe Clark School. I have been in education for 15 years, with 10 of them being a school administrator in K-8 school settings.

My family and I live in Okotoks, and I have two children, who are in grade 3 and grade 5. My family and I enjoy being outside in nature, watching baseball and love to read together.

I am thrilled to be back at Ecole Joe Clark School this year and look forward to a wonderful year of getting to know you and your family!

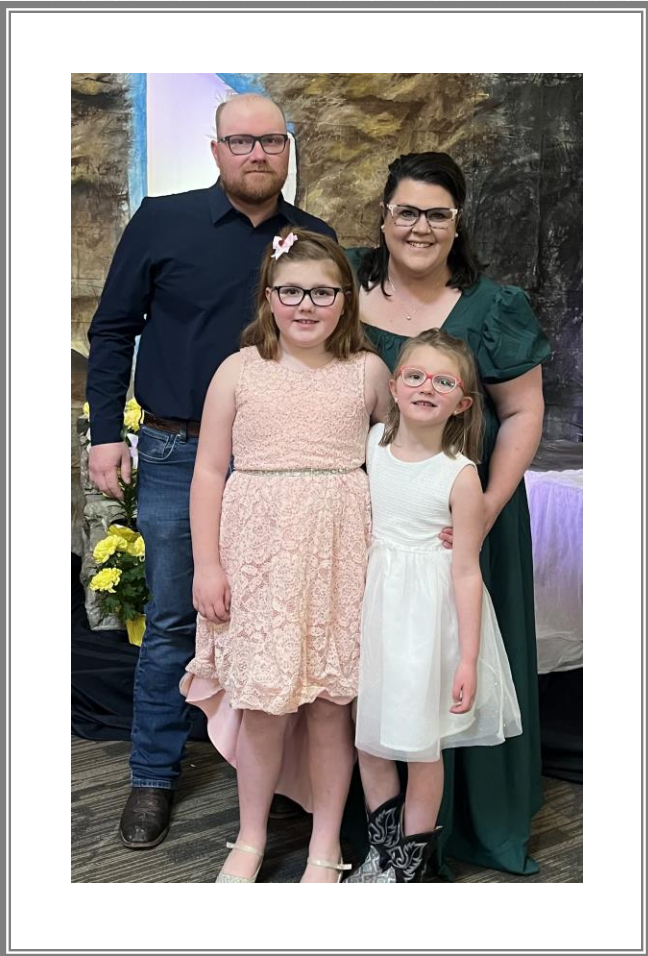
Corre Mahan, Vice Principal and Grade 4/5 Teacher

My name is Corre Mahan, and it has been a true privilege to be a part of the Bronco family at Joe Clark for the past 10 years. During my time here, I've had the joy of wearing many different hats, and each role has added a unique chapter to my journey. This year, I'm thrilled to share that I'll be working alongside Mrs. Becker as part of our administration team and with Miss Newman in Grade 4/5.

Outside of school, I cherish the moments spent golfing with my family and exploring new places while visiting loved ones. These experiences bring so much joy to my life, and I look forward to bringing that same enthusiasm and energy into our school year.

Here's to another year of making wonderful memories together!





Jocelyn Miller, Learning Coach

Hello! My name is Jocelyn Miller and I am overjoyed to be joining EJCS this year!

While this is my first year teaching with Foothills School Division I have spent the last 16 years fulfilling my childhood dream of being a teacher. I have served in many capacities from a classroom teacher of almost all subjects K-9, a vice principal, and most recently a division early learning consultant and coordinator. I love all things about seeing a child grown in their individual and authentic way.

Not in the school you will find me living life as full as humanly possible with 3 of the greatest humans ever made that I am so blessed to call my own. Mini adventures, simple days cooking and baking, taking care of our farm animals, scrapbooking, camping, sporting events, farming, bucket list holidays... we love it all!

Pam Ryane, Office Administrator

Hello! My name is Pam Ryane and I have been the Office Administrator here at École Joe Clark School for the past 20 years! I am thrilled to be a part of the ÉJCS family and community.

Some of the things I enjoy doing in my spare time are spending time with my family, bike riding, gardening and reading!

I am looking forward to seeing all of the smiling faces of the students, staff and parents as they return for another exciting fun filled school year at ÉJCS! Welcome Back Broncos 2024/25 !



Introducing our *Amazing English Team...*

Marisa Blanchard, Jr. Kindergarten

- Hello My name is Marisa Blanchard and I am so excited to be a part of the Joe Clark Team again this year!! I have lived in High River for 18 years with my husband Chris and our 9 year old son Gordon who also goes to Joe Clark
- .We love participating in the town events
 - We also enjoy hiking, biking and anything outside!!

I hope everyone has great school year!!!



Kathryn Rickert, English Kindergarten & Music



Welcome back Broncos!

I am Kathryn Rickert, and I am so excited to begin another great year at Ecole Joe Clark School. This is my third year in this school division and at Ecole Joe Clark. Previously, I taught in Cold Lake, Alberta for 16 years. I have spent my entire career having fun in a K-9 school setting and have been privileged enough to teach at each grade level at some point. Most of my career has been spent with the littles in K-3! I am back to being the Music teacher this year for our school. Miss. Paulgaard and I also run the drama program at our school. I have a passion for the arts and have been heavily involved in music and drama since I was little.

My family and I live right around the corner here in High River. My two kiddos, Riley and Karlee, also get to come to school with me every day. They are both in the French Immersion program here in Grade 5 and Grade 3. My fur baby, Odie, is also considered to be "one of the kids" in our family!

In my spare time I coach football in Okotoks for the Foothills Eagles. I love being outside doing things with my family. I enjoy reading and painting. The most important thing I try to remember daily is to love hard, show compassion for others and have a lot of fun along the way!

Grade 1 & 2 : Ms.Tanya Hill

Hello Joe Clark Community!

I am Ms.Hill and I am more than excited to become a Bronco. I have been a teacher for 13 years with experience spread amongst British Columbia, Alberta, and London, England.

This is my second year in Alberta, and I can't wait for your children to teach me all about this town and province. Who knows, maybe I will be able to answer Flames or Oilers to the question "Who do you cheer for?" by the end of the year.

Let's make this school year one of learning, excitement and curiosity!



Grade 1 & 2...

- Hi! My name is Brittany Beaver, previously I was teaching grade 1 in Black Diamond and this year am thrilled to be a bronco! Over the summer I had an amazing vacation to Italy and Greece. Outside of school I love hiking and sports but most of all spending time with my dog!
- I am looking forward to growing and learning alongside all my students and broncos this year!





Grade 2 & 3...

- Hi, my name is Jacquie Irwin. I am delighted to be part of the wonderful team at Ecole Joe Clark School. One of my passions is exploring our world through the eyes of my students. I continue to be amazed at their insights, discoveries, connections, and wonders. I am excited to see where our explorations will take us this year. I truly am lucky to be one of the teachers at our incredible school.
- When I am not at school, I enjoy family adventures where we can make memories and laugh about the ones we have already made. Some of my favorite places to be are by the river, by the ocean, or anywhere in nature.



Grade 3...

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- Hi! I am Shauna Cuff and I am thrilled to be teaching Grade 3 at Joe Clark School again this year! Both my husband and I are originally from Newfoundland but we have called High River home for 17 years. Sometimes I talk funny so if we should ever meet don't hesitate to ask what I mean. :)
 - We have no human babies of our own but we do love animals and currently have a 19 year old cat, Nipper and a 9 year old sister doggo, Lily.
 - In my spare time, I love to read, enjoy a great cup of coffee and ice fish in the winter months.

Grade 4/5 Mrs. Vandebek

- Hello my name is Emily Vandebek and this is my second year teaching grade 4/5 at Joe Clark and I am SO EXCITED!!
- I love to teach and to learn! My students teach me new things every day.
- I have two sons and two dogs.
- My family and I have lived in High River for over ten years and we absolutely love the town.
- Outside of school my family and I love to go camping and be outside. We spend lots of time in our large vegetable garden.



Mrs. Morrow

I am thrilled to be teaching grades 4/5 this year! I have been teaching for 25 years both in English and French Immersion classes. I both live and work in High River, and we have 3 children. This past summer we enjoyed visiting our farming family in Manitoba!



Grade 4/5

Ms. Newman

Hello, my name is Ms. Newman and I am so excited to be at Joe Clark for another amazing school year! This year I am teaching grade 4/5, I can't wait to explore and learn with my students!

As a kid I grew up in Okotoks and went to school in Foothills School Division. Both of my parents, my Uncle, and my Grandma are/were all teachers as well!

Outside of school I coach elite competitive cheerleading! I love working with kids on their goals and helping them to learn and grow!

I also love to travel! This summer I had the pleasure of touring Ireland which was super cool! →



Introducing our Fantastic French Immersion
Team...

French Immersion Kindergarten Danielle Sears

I love kids, especially the little ones. I have three of my own ages 7,9 and 11. I have been a teacher since 2010. I've had opportunities to teach in France and Kenya. I'm passionate about agriculture. I play hockey on a women's team, coach my kids' teams and I have been involved in various choirs and drama productions over the years. I like to be silly and joke around, life is too short to take everything too seriously. I have mostly taught in French Immersion and I prefer to be addressed as Madame Danielle.



Justine Johnson, Grade 1 French Immersion

Bonjour!

As a recent graduate from the University of Lethbridge I'm looking forward to my first full year teaching at École Joe Clark. I'm very passionate about learning a second language and was fortunate enough to spend a university semester in Quebec City. A little bit about myself, I enjoy reading, hiking, swimming and crafting! I'm very excited to learn and grow alongside the team and community members of this fantastic school!



Grade 2/3

Bonjour!

I am excited to be teaching grade 2/3 French Immersion this year! This is my 26th year of teaching and I feel so privileged to spend my time with these amazing children every day. I hope your family had a chance to relax this summer. I had a great summer in Waterton and on Vancouver Island. I look forward to the fun year we will have in 2/3 P!



Grade 3/4 - immersion française

Hello Bronco families! It's my pleasure to introduce myself. I am Stephanie Fitzgerald and I have been fortunate to teach at Joe Clark since 2021.

I am passionate about building a community where our students feel safe and cared for and where they can thrive while becoming their best selves.

A bit about me... I grew up in Ontario and was a product of French Immersion myself. I am married to a native Albertan and who I met after moving west and falling in love with this beautiful country.

We have a two children, four horses and a cat.

I'm looking forward to another successful Bronco year!





Grade 5 French Immersion

It's a going to be a great
year in 5R!

I have the joy of being married to the best Frenchman in the world and enjoy spending time outside, cooking, playing the piano, reading, gardening and visiting friends...and too many other things to list here, *faute d'espace!*

I'm excited to be back at ÉJCS for another year. I get to keep doing my favourite things: spend time with kids, speak my "heart" language and be creative!

On y va!

Holly Paulgaard, Learning Commons Technician

Hello! My name is Holly Paulgaard and it has been my joy and privilege to be the Learning Commons Technician (Librarian) at École Joe Clark since 2016! I love this school, and I am excited to be starting my 9th year with such amazing staff and students! ÉJCS is a big family and I feel lucky to be a part of it!

I was born and raised in High River and have lived in this magical town my whole life! Something you should know about me is I love my friends and family and spending time with them! Other activities I enjoy are volleyball, golf, karaoke and going to the movies! If I'm not doing those things, I'm usually curled up reading a book with a chai latte!

I look forward to seeing all the staff and students and I know the 2024/2025 school year will be a blast and full of adventures!



Stephanie Burgess, Physical Education

- Hello! I am Stephanie Burgess and am so excited for the year ahead. I have been teaching PE for the past 16 years. Health and Fitness is, and always has been my passion.
- My family and I live in High River. I have two girls, who are in grade 4 and grade 1. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and being active.



And our wonderful Support Staff...

Miss Emily Rawson, EA



Mrs. Sydney Gardner, EA



Mrs. Alison Brown, EA



Mrs. Norrington, EA

Amanda Wilson, EA



Brenda McCredie, EA



- Adrienne Lockton, EA

More Support Staff

- Barb Kellock, Family Liason Counsellor
- Amber Heidt, Junior Kindergarten EA
- Nicole Sherman, EA
- Fabio Tala Tala, French Language Monitor

Cathy Mathieson, EA



Jennifer Donato, EA



Caley Jackson, EA



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