

April 28, 2026

Dear Joe Clark Families,

I am writing to inform you of an incident that occurred at the school this morning. Inappropriate graffiti containing offensive language was discovered in the entryway near one of our boot rooms. The area was addressed promptly—much of the graffiti has already been cleaned, and our Maintenance team will be completing the remaining work later today. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Education Assistant team for their quick support with identifying the issue and helping ensure student safety this morning.

Many students were aware of the incident and were understandably upset. Staff will continue to support students as needed throughout the day. We encourage families to have age-appropriate conversations at home, focusing on safety, respect, and caring for our shared spaces. Suggested discussion topics are included below.

The incident has been reported to the RCMP. If your child shares any information related to this incident, please contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and caring school community.

Sincerely,

Jolene Becker

Principal

Suggested Conversation Starters for Families

These prompts can help guide age-appropriate discussions without repeating the offensive language.

Understanding What Happened

- Something happened at school that was not respectful or appropriate.
- How might seeing something like that make people feel?
- Why is it important to talk about our feelings when something doesn't feel right?

Respecting Shared Spaces

- Our school belongs to everyone—how should we take care of shared spaces?
- How can one person's actions affect many others?

Words Matter

- Why can words be hurtful, even if meant as a "joke"?

- How can our words help make school feel safe and welcoming?

Safety and Responsibility

- What should students do if they see something inappropriate at school?
- Why is telling a trusted adult the right thing to do?

Choices and Consequences

- How can quick choices have lasting impacts?
- Why is accountability important when mistakes are made?

Being a Caring Community

- How can we support classmates who feel upset?
- What does “looking out for each other” mean at school?

Thank you for partnering with us in these important conversations.