

April 27, 2026

Dear École Joe Clark Families,

We are pleased to share over the next few months some of the successes and highlights of our Education Plan **initiatives that have been completed** and will continue to be monitored to support student engagement and strong home–school partnerships. These include updated **School Council and Fundraising Society Bylaws** to reflect current practices, ongoing **celebration of our school community** through communication and engagement events, and the implementation of a **schoolwide visual journal approach** to engage families in conversations about student learning and growth.

Through School Council discussions, families offered valuable input and ideas to help guide our work moving forward. Future areas of focus include **strengthening community connections**, continuing to highlight the **importance of volunteering not only in our school but the larger community**, hosting **parent engagement and parenting sessions** in partnership with community organizations such as McMan Youth and Family and Community Services Association, and enhancing **supports for newcomer families**.

Thank you to our families and School Council members for your ongoing collaboration, ideas, and support as we work together to strengthen engagement and student success across our school community.

This month, families received the **Foothills School Division Parent Assurance Survey**, which provides an important opportunity to share perspectives on student learning, well-being, and overall school experience. Parent feedback plays a valuable role in informing school and division planning and helps guide ongoing improvement efforts. **Please watch for an email titled *Foothills School Division Assurance Survey***, which contains the link to complete the survey. We encourage all families to take a few moments to share their input.

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

École Joe Clark School Admin team

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Monday, April 27- Book Fair Kicks off!
- Tuesday, April 28- Support Staff Appreciation Lunch sponsored by School Council
- Thursday, April 30
  - Bacon Order Pickup @ 1:45pm

- Student Led Conferences (3:45-7pm) and School Dance (5-7pm) - **Volunteers still needed** - [Joe Clark Volunteer Sign Up 2024/25 — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)Friday,
  - May 1- Grade 1J and 2P Assembly at 1:30- All Families welcome to join!

## School Fees Reminder

This is a friendly reminder for families to please check **Edsembli** for any **outstanding school fees**. **Additional fees for *One Book, One School* and upcoming Field Trips for April and May have now been added**, so we ask that you please have a look and ensure your account remains up to date.

Fees can be viewed and paid directly through your Edsembli account. If you have already taken care of this, thank you—we greatly appreciate your support.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the school office.

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WEEK!**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce that our Scholastic Bookfair is here!

The Bookfair will run from Monday, April 27th to Friday, May 1st. Bookfair is open the following days/hours:

- Monday to Wednesday: 8:45 AM – 3:30 PM
- Thursday: 8:45 AM – 7:00 PM (with student-led activities—feel free to drop by during the evening events!)
- Friday: Bookfair will be closed and packed up after shopping first recess

Students will also have the opportunity to shop during first recess each day and during their scheduled library time.

We will be accepting cash, debit, and credit for purchases. If you are sending your child to school with a debit card, please include a note indicating that you approve them to bring it and specify how much they are allowed to spend.

There will be many new and exciting books available—perfect for spring and summer reading!

This fundraiser is incredibly important for our Learning Commons, as a portion of the proceeds goes toward purchasing new French and English books, as well as creating engaging new makerspace opportunities for all students.

We truly appreciate your support of literacy and our school! We hope to see you at the Bookfair!

**Ms. Stanton**

### **June End-of-Year Activities- Save the Dates!**

June is packed with exciting events as we celebrate a wonderful year of learning! Please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

- **June 4** – *Bronco Bolt*
- **June 12** – *10-Day Countdown Begins*
- **June 19** – *Grade 5 Graduation*
- **June 19** – *Splash Park Trip – K-3 Students*
- **June 22** – *Splash Park Trip – Grade 4-5 Students*
- **June 23** – *Sports Day*
- **June 25** – *Last Day of School & Farewell Assembly*

We look forward to celebrating these special moments with our students and families as we wrap up the school year together!

### **Mother's Day Maker's Market is returning to EJCS!!**

As a fundraiser for our school, students are invited to participate in an exciting opportunity to learn about financial literacy while collaborating to generate funds for school-based projects.

Students/Families will think about hand-made items that will be made at home and brought to school for others to purchase. Students might like to work with a friend to create items. In past markets, students have created: beaded bracelets, popcorn balls, Jello cups, rock art, rainbow loop art and plant pots. On May 8, students with items to sell will set-up tables in the gym. Students wishing to purchase items will buy tickets before shopping. After lunch, students will be invited to the gym to buy items. All monies from sales will be used to support learning at Joe Clark School!

Questions/concerns/comments: PLEASE contact Ms Mahan [mahanc@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:mahanc@fsd38.ab.ca) or 403 652 2020

### **Stay Connected with the Joe Clark School Calendar**

Did you know you can **subscribe to the Joe Clark School Calendar** right from our website? Subscribing allows families to easily see what's coming up, stay informed about

important events, and plan ahead.--

<https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/joeclark/calendar>

You can also choose to **view or print a monthly calendar** if you prefer a paper copy at home. It's a great way to keep school events visible and organized for the whole family!

Be sure to check it out and stay connected to all the great things happening at Joe Clark.

## Community Events:



### Do you think your child could ride a sheep?

We are looking for kids, seven years old or younger, who weigh 55lbs (25kg) or less, to participate in this year's Little Britches Rodeo on Saturday, May 16th.

Kids will "ride" a sheep for the chance to win a belt buckle. Every kid who participates will get a bag of candy.

Join us for a free information session to learn more! We will explain to you what Mutton Bustin is, show you the grounds and you might even get to feed some horses.

**April 25 | 10am - 11am | High River Ag Society (Rodeo Grounds)**

#### Register

Natacha | [ngougeon@ccisab.ca](mailto:ngougeon@ccisab.ca) | 403.652.5325 -or- Jen | [jgalope@ccisab.ca](mailto:jgalope@ccisab.ca) | 403.978.1412

