October 30, 2026

Dear Broncos Families,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our wonderfully spooky Costume Parade today! We loved seeing our little Broncos proudly showing off their fabulous costumes. What a fun way to celebrate together as a school community!

At École Joe Clark School, our three Education Plan goals help guide our learning and growth throughout the year and reflect our commitment to student learning, staff learning, and continuous school improvement.

Each week, we'll share a little Education Plan tidbit connected to one of these goals. Sometimes it will be a simple strategy or question you can try at home to support your child's learning. Other weeks, we'll share a glimpse into how we are putting these priorities into action in our classrooms so families can see how our goals are coming to life across the school.

Watch for features like Supporting Every Bronco: Joe Clark's Continuum of Supports, Growing Confident and Flexible Mathematicians, and Growing Social Emotional Learning Together.

Our hope is to help families feel connected to our school improvement work and, most importantly, to provide practical ways for school and home to work together to support every Bronco.

Jolene Becker (EJCS Principal) & Kerrie Reschke (EJCS Vice Principal)

UPCOMING DATES:

- Tuesday, November 3 – School Council meeting @ 6pm & Fundraising meetings @ 7pm
- Friday, November 6 – ÉJCS Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45am (Families welcome to attend)
- Sunday, November 8 - Holiday Greenery Fundraiser ends!
- Monday, November 9-13- No School- Fall Break
- Tuesday, November 24 and Wednesday, November 25- Learner Conferences (more info to be shared with families shortly)

- Wednesday, November 25- Winter Greenery Pickup (more info shared closer to date)
- Friday, November 27- No School- Teacher and Support Staff Professional Learning Days

Save the Date: Joe Clark Winter Wonderland Christmas Concert- Thursday December 10, 2026

Supporting Every Bronco: Joe Clark's Continuum of Supports

Did you know? At Joe Clark, we use a Continuum of Supports to help us think intentionally about how we support students. Our goal is simple: to meet students where they are and provide the right support at the right time. The continuum helps our staff work together so that student needs lead to thoughtful, coordinated action. Take a look at Joe Clark's Continuum of Supports, which is updated yearly and shared with our School Council.

Growing confident and flexible mathematicians

This year, one of our school learning priorities is strengthening students' confidence, flexibility and thinking in numeracy. One way we are working toward this is through open questions inspired by the work of Marian Small.

Open questions allow children to find different answers, try different strategies and explain their mathematical thinking. Families can support this learning through short, positive conversations during everyday routines. No worksheets or special materials are needed.

Try these questions often

• How did you figure that out?

• How do you know?

• Can you show me another way?

• Does your answer make sense? Why?

• What do you notice? What do you wonder?

*The goal is not to get to an answer as quickly as possible. The goal is to help children build understanding, confidence and a willingness to keep trying.

Growing Social Emotional Learning Together:

At Joe Clark, we know that some of the most important learning happens in the small, everyday moments. Through our partnership with Werklund, we're excited to share **SEL Seeds**, a resource with simple ideas families can try at home to support social and emotional learning. This month's handout includes some easy ways to pause, connect, notice feelings, and reflect together. Give one a try when it works for your family!



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Werklund SEL Seeds:

Simple Practices to Grow SEL at Home

Small Moments, Meaningful Growth

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) helps children notice and understand feelings, build relationships, and make thoughtful choices. It doesn't need to be another task on your family's to-do list. It can grow through everyday moments of connection. Some of the most meaningful moments of learning happen in small, ordinary ways: taking a breath before responding, listening when someone has had a hard day, or helping a child find words for a big feeling. We know that children learn about emotions not only from what we say, but from what we model. We don't have to get it perfect. A little curiosity, connection, and practice can make a big difference.

At-Home Practice: Stop, Breathe, Notice

Try this one-minute calm reset together when you arrive home, before bedtime, or whenever the day feels busy:

- **Stop**. Pause what you're doing and let your body settle.
- **Breathe.** Take three slow, comfortable breaths. You can place a hand on your belly and notice it rise and fall.
- **Notice.** Ask, *"What do you notice in your body, your feelings, or the space around you?"*
- **Connect.** Listen without rushing to fix anything. There are no right or wrong answers.

A Moment to Reflect

Ask your child: *"What helps you feel calm, safe, or connected when you've had a big day?"* You might share your own answer, too. Listening to one another can help everyone feel understood.

Featured Resource: MindUP at Home

MindUP offers practical ways to help children build awareness, manage emotions, and strengthen positive relationships. This month, try bringing a MindUP-style brain break into your family routine: pause for a few quiet breaths and notice the sounds around you. Invite each family member to share one sound they heard. A short pause can create space to reset and reconnect.

Explore: MindUP for Home and Life resources are available through home.mindup.org
Families can explore activities to support SEL beyond the classroom.

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School Fee Reminder

As we review student fee accounts, we'd like to share a gentle reminder that some **general school fees** remain outstanding. These are separate from fees that may be added throughout the year for field trips, extracurricular activities, clubs, or team sports.

Thank you to all families who have already reviewed and cleared their child's account. Your prompt attention and support are greatly appreciated.

If you haven't had a chance yet, please log into your PARENT EDSEMBLI ACCOUNT to review your child's account and pay any outstanding fees.

We encourage families to check Edsembli regularly, as additional fees may be added when students participate in **field trips, clubs, team sports, and other activities**.

Payments can be made online through Edsembli or at the school office by **cash, cheque, debit, Visa, or Mastercard**. If you are having difficulty accessing your account or need assistance, please contact the school office. We are happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide meaningful learning experiences and opportunities for our students.

School Verification Forms – Completed Annually for each student

A friendly reminder to families to please review and complete the **School Verification Form for each of your children** in Edsembli. These forms need to be reviewed each school year and include important information and permissions, such as **photo consent and, for students in Grades 3–5, the opportunity to opt in to Sexual Health Education**.

Families wishing to learn more about Alberta curriculum (for Sexual Health info, or any subject) can visit the new LearnAlberta Parent Portal.

Explore Curriculum on new LearnAlberta

Thank you for taking a few minutes to ensure your child's information and permissions are **up to date for the school year**.

Remembrance Day Photo Submission- LAST Day to submit is FRIDAY, OCT 30

Help us honor the family members of our Joe Clark community who have served or are currently serving in the military.
Please upload a photo of your family member (see link below), along with their **name, branch/rank, and years of service**, to **reschkek@fsd38.ab.ca** **by Friday, October 30** for inclusion in our Remembrance Day slideshow.
Photo Uploads can be shared here: Remembrance Day Photo Submission