

October 9, 2026

Dear Broncos Families,

As we head into the Thanksgiving long weekend, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for the incredible families who make up our École Joe Clark community. Thank you for your partnership, support, kindness, and the many ways you contribute to making our school such a welcoming place to learn and grow. We are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you in supporting our students each day.

We wish all of our Bronco families a joyful Thanksgiving filled with time together, laughter, and moments of gratitude.

Reminder: There is **no school on Monday, October 12** in observance of Thanksgiving. We look forward to welcoming students back on **Tuesday, October 13**.

Happy Thanksgiving, Bronco Families!

Warmly,

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

UPCOMING DATES:

- Monday, October 12- Thanksgiving Monday- No School
- Thursday, October 29- Photo Re-take Day

Lunch Deliveries Reminder

We have seen a significant increase in forgotten lunches and mid-day item drop-offs. While we understand that the occasional forgotten lunch happens, frequent deliveries to the office are beginning to interrupt instructional time for both students and staff.

To help maximize learning time, we ask families to make every effort to ensure students arrive at school with their lunch, snacks, water bottles, and other personal items for the day.

If a lunch delivery is absolutely necessary, please bring it to the school office. Students will be called to pick up their items at an appropriate time. To minimize classroom disruptions, lunches and personal items will not be delivered directly to classrooms.

By reducing interruptions throughout the day, we can help keep students engaged in learning and support a smoother school day for everyone.

Foothills School Division Connect Portal Pilot

École Joe Clark School is excited to be participating in a pilot of the new **Foothills School Division Connect Portal**, which will allow families to complete permission forms electronically for field trips, extracurricular activities, and other school events.

Families are encouraged to create their account now by visiting connect.foothills.ab.ca and selecting **Continue as Parent**. Setting up your account in advance will ensure you are ready to receive and sign digital consent forms as teachers begin sending invitations for upcoming learning opportunities.

The portal allows families to:

- Review and complete permission forms online
- Access signed forms at any time
- View requests for all of their children in one place
- Receive reminders when action is required

Please note: If you have children attending other schools within Foothills School Division, continue to follow the communication and consent processes outlined by those schools. As this is a pilot project, not all FSD schools are currently participating in the Connect Portal.

If you have questions or experience any issues, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support as we work to make the consent process more efficient and convenient for Bronco families.

Dressing for the Weather:

As we head into a week of changing fall temperatures, we encourage all Broncos to come to school dressed for the weather. Morning temperatures may be as low as **1°C**, while afternoon temperatures could reach **18-24°C**.

Layers, a light jacket, and appropriate outdoor footwear will help students stay comfortable throughout the day. Students spend time outside for recess and, whenever possible, outdoor learning opportunities, so being prepared for changing conditions allows everyone to enjoy the fresh air and make the most of these experiences.

Please note that at this time of year, students are expected to remain outdoors during recess and are not typically permitted to come inside to warm up. Thank you for helping your child arrive at school ready for whatever the weather may bring!

A little preparation goes a long way toward a happy, comfortable day of learning and play!

Cold & Flu Season Reminder

As we move into cold and flu season, we would like to remind families of the important role we all play in keeping our school community healthy.

If your child is feeling unwell, has a fever, is experiencing vomiting or diarrhea, or is not well enough to fully participate in learning and school activities, please keep them at home to rest and recover. Staying home when sick helps prevent the spread of illness and protects the health of students and staff.

We encourage families to:

- Monitor children for symptoms of illness each morning.
- Keep children home when they are sick.
- Reinforce healthy habits such as frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and getting plenty of rest.

Thank you for your partnership in helping us maintain a healthy learning environment for all Broncos. If you have any questions about your child's health or attendance, please contact the school office.

Thank you for helping keep our school community healthy and well!

Thank You, Broncos Families!

A sincere thank you to everyone who supported our **Ferster's Apples Fundraiser**. Thanks to your generosity, we raised **\$780** that will go directly toward supporting student learning and enriching opportunities for our Broncos this school year.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our school community. Together, we continue to create meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Terry Fox Foundation Contributions

A huge thank you to our students, families, and staff for supporting this year's **Terry Fox Walk and Run**. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community and all of the toonies brought in by our Broncos, we raised **over \$1,200 for the Terry Fox Foundation!**

Your contributions help continue Terry's legacy of hope, courage, and determination while supporting important cancer research across Canada.

Do you want to feel more confident on your Parenting Journey?

Child & Youth Well-Being Family & Caregiver Series

Foothills School Division is sharing information about a free online learning series for parents and caregivers focused on supporting child and youth well-being. Hosted by the Recovery Alberta Community Education Service (CES) Program in collaboration with community experts, the October sessions cover a variety of timely topics including ADHD, mental health, vaping, attendance and school avoidance, healthy technology use, sleep, and strategies for supporting children and teens.

These sessions are free and provide families with practical information, resources, and support to help navigate the challenges and opportunities of raising young people today.

Families interested in learning more or registering for upcoming sessions can visit the [Child & Youth Well-Being Family & Caregiver Series](#).

