

September 21, 2026

Dear Broncos Families,

Throughout the school year, students participate in literacy and numeracy assessments that help teachers better understand each child's strengths and learning needs. These assessments provide valuable information that helps us plan instruction, offer additional support when needed, and ensure every student is challenged and successful.

Students do not need to study for these assessments. They are completed at school during the regular school day and are designed to give us a snapshot of how students are progressing in their learning.

Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Screeners (Kindergarten to Grade 5)

As required by Alberta Education, students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 participate in literacy and numeracy screening assessments:

- **Kindergarten** students are screened once during the winter.
- **Grades 1-3** students are screened in the fall and winter. Students requiring additional support may be screened again in the spring.
- **Grades 4-5** students are screened in the fall. Students requiring additional support may be screened again in the spring.

These brief assessments help teachers identify students who may benefit from targeted instruction in foundational reading and mathematics skills. Reports from the provincial screeners will be shared with families, and your child's teacher will communicate when reports are sent home.

Reading Comprehension Assessment (Grades 4 and 5)

Students in Grades 4 and 5 also complete the Reading Comprehension Assessment Tool (RCAT), which is used across Foothills School Division. This assessment helps teachers understand how well students comprehend, interpret, and think critically about what they read.

Students complete RCAT near the beginning and end of the school year. The assessment is used to support learning and monitor growth over time and is not included as a report card grade.

Why These Assessments Matter

Assessment results provide one piece of information about student learning. Teachers also consider classroom work, observations, conversations, and ongoing assessments to develop a complete picture of each learner's strengths and needs.

At École Joe Clark School, this information helps us provide the right supports and opportunities so that every Bronco can continue to grow, learn, and thrive.

Families can support their child by ensuring they:

- Arrive at school rested and ready to learn.
- Know that their best effort is all that is expected.
- Continue reading and exploring mathematics in everyday ways at home.

If you have questions about any of the assessments your child will complete, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting student learning.

Warmly,

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

UPCOMING DATES:

- Tuesday, September 22- Popcorn Day! (\$1.00 for a bag, can be sent in your child's agenda for delivery by 1st recess on Tuesdays)
- Wednesday, September 23- Fire Drill- 11:50am; PM- Safety Patroller Training
- Thursday, September 24- School Council Apple Fundraiser Orders are Due
- Tuesday, September 29- Orange Shirt Day
- Wednesday, September 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, No School for Students

Fire Drill Reminder

On **Wednesday, September 23**, École Joe Clark School will conduct a fire drill as part of our regular safety procedures. Fire drills help students and staff practice emergency routines and ensure everyone is prepared to respond safely and calmly. Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep all Broncos safe.

ÉJCS Apple Fundraiser - Orders Due September 24!

Our annual **ÉJCS Apple Fundraiser** is underway, and we appreciate the incredible support from our Broncos community!

There is still time to place your order for fresh, delicious apples while supporting programs and opportunities for students at École Joe Clark School.

 **Order Deadline:** Thursday, September 24, 2026

To learn more and place your order, please visit the [ÉJCS Apple Fundraiser page](#).

Thank you for helping make this fundraiser a success. We are grateful for the support of our Bronco families and community!

EJCS School Clothing Store: STORE IS OPEN: SEPT 11, 2026 to OCT 4, 2026

The EJCS Clothing store is **NOW OPEN**. Families can choose to purchase EJCS clothing, headwear and accessories directly from the online store for students and adults. All orders placed are made to order after the online store closing date which is **Sunday, October 4, 2026 (11:59pm MDT)**. *Don't miss out!* All purchased items will be delivered to the school by the clothing company once fulfilled, and we will send home orders with your child. GO BRONCOS! The link to order is on our EJCS website as well as below.

EJCS Clothing store link: [Joe Clark School Fall 2026 | Diamond Valley | powered by OrderMyGear](#)