

September 4, 2026

Welcome Back, Bronco Families!

We are thrilled to welcome you to a brand-new school year at École Joe Clark School! Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we are so excited to have you as part of our Bronco family. This year promises to be filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences for our students.

Attendance Reminder: Regular and punctual attendance plays an important role in your child's success at school. Being at school every day and arriving on time helps students build positive routines, stay connected to their learning, develop strong relationships, and fully participate in classroom experiences. Even missing a few minutes each day can add up over time.

If your child will be absent, late, or leaving early, please contact the school office to excuse them from classes. If you know about an absence in advance, we also appreciate a quick message to your child's homeroom teacher.

Today, we held our first **Bronco Assembly** of the year to welcome students back to school and celebrate the start of another exciting year of learning!

Our **Student-Led Bronco Assemblies** are an important part of building school spirit, celebrating student success, and fostering leadership opportunities. Families are warmly invited to attend these assemblies, which will be held on the **first Friday of each month at 9 am**.

Throughout the year, each classroom will have an opportunity to showcase something they are learning in class during their assigned assembly. Whether it is a project, performance, presentation, or learning celebration, these assemblies provide students with a meaningful opportunity to share their growth and accomplishments with our school community.

Families will be notified in advance when their child's class is presenting so that you can make plans to attend and watch your child shine. We look forward to celebrating learning together throughout the year!

We look forward to partnering with you throughout the year and supporting every student as they learn, grow, and thrive. Let's make this our best year yet!

Go Broncos! 🐾💙

Warmly,

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

UPCOMING DATES:

- Monday, September 7- Labor Day, No School for students
- Tuesday, September 8- Junior Kindergarten Starts!
- Thursday, September 10- School Council and Fundraising

- Thursday, September 17
 - 2pm- Terry Fox Assembly and Run- Families welcome to attend we will meet in the gym
 - 3:30- 5:30pm- Meet the Teacher (more info to come)
- Friday, September 18- Professional Learning Day, No School for students
- Tuesday, September 29- Orange Shirt Day
- Wednesday, September 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, No School for Students

Joe Clark School Information:

Personal Toys and Learning Tools:

To help create a focused learning environment, we ask that students leave toys, collectibles, and other personal items at home. The exception is when a teacher specifically requests an item for a classroom activity, such as Show and Tell. Personal items can become a distraction during instructional time and may be misplaced or damaged.

In some cases, teachers may provide specific tools or items to support an individual student's self-regulation. These supports are determined on a case-by-case basis by the school team and are intended to meet the unique needs of the student. We appreciate your partnership in supporting a positive and productive learning environment for all students.

Welcome Back, Junior Kindergarten!

- Junior Kindergarten students will start the week of September 8
- Please send your child on their regularly scheduled days next week

If you have questions regarding Junior Kindergarten staggered start- please reach out to Cara Holditch holditchc@fsd38.ab.ca (Divisional learning Coach for Junior Kindergarten) or Megan Milburn milburnm@fsd38.ab.ca (Junior Kindergarten Teacher)

School Start and Dismissal Times- Please note!

- This year, our school start and end times have changed slightly. The morning bell will go at 8:40am, and our dismissal bell will be at 3:10pm.
- We ask that families please aim to be at school by 8:35 to ensure your child is on time for the morning bell and is not late for morning instruction in the classroom. If your child arrives after 8:45 they will be marked "late" for the day. Regular and punctual attendance is important and ensures your child has a calm, smooth start to every school day.

Breakfast Program:

We are thrilled to be able to offer breakfast programs again for students who require a nutritious snack first thing in the morning. Our Breakfast program will begin the first week of September and offers a variety of nutritious grabs and snacks for students to start their day with.

We are currently accepting donations to our program or the following items:

- Boxes of Cereal
- Granola Bars

Donations can be made at the office, and we are very grateful to have families' support in offering this wonderful program.

If you can volunteer to help with breakfast in the morning, we are looking for volunteers for mornings from 8:15-9:00am. Please contact Jolene Becker beckerj@fsd38.ab.ca for more information or to volunteer!

School Extra-Curricular Information:

Run Club will begin next week for those who have signed up. Please ensure you return the form with Run Club info for families to Ms. Burgess next week if you wish to be included. Practices will be at lunch hour. Please contact Ms. Burgess burgesss@fsd38.ab.ca if you have any questions.

Flag Football will also begin next week for Grade 5 students who are interested. Ms. Reschke will send home more information by the end of next week. Practices will be at lunch hour. Please contact Reschkek@fsd38.a.ca if you have any questions.

The first meeting for Safety Patrollers was today, Mme. Reboullet and Ms. Cuff are the teacher leaders for this group. This year, interested grade 4 and 5 students are able to join. More information will be provided next week. Please contact Mme. Reboullet reboulletm@fsd38.ab.ca if you have questions

Hot Lunch Ordering Is Open!

Hot Lunch ordering is now open through December! A huge thank you to our amazing parent volunteers and fundraising society for getting this up and running so quickly for the new school year.

Our first Hot Lunch date is Thursday, September 11.

Please note that **all families must re-register for the 2026-2027 school year**, even if you had a Hot Lunch account last year. Parents will need to create a new account and add their children for this school year.

Important Reminders:

- Orders for each Hot Lunch date are due **the Friday before**.
- Hot Lunch ordering is completed online at <https://jc.hotlunches.net>
- Paper instructions for setting up your account have been sent home in your child's agenda.

Hot Lunch is an important **School Council fundraiser**, and we appreciate your support.

If you have any questions, please contact our Hot Lunch Coordinator at: 

hotlunch.joeclark@hotmail.com

Thank you for supporting our school community! 🇨🇦

Volunteer Requirements at École Joe Clark School:

Many of you may be wondering how you can volunteer at Joe Clark School this year and be a part of the fun learning experiences. This month is a great time to get sorted, so you are eligible to volunteer, and you are not scrambling (or worse- missing out!) before a field trip or school event.

All volunteers at École Joe Clark School are required to complete a **Volunteer Registration Package** and have a **current Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening**.

- **Volunteer Registration Package:** Must be completed **each school year**.
- **Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check:** Must be updated **every three years**.

If you need these forms sent home, please contact **Mrs. Ryane in the school office** and she will be happy to assist you.

A schedule of volunteer opportunities will be shared with families in September for your consideration! Please ensure you have up to date volunteer packages, so you are ready to go when these come out! Thank you for supporting our school community through volunteering!

Parking Lot Changes:

Our parking lot is restricted to staff and accessible parking stalls only. If you wish to stop and wait with your child in the morning or at pickup time, we ask that you walk to school or park your car either in the church parking lot, or west of the school along the lake. If you have a wheelchair or accessible parking pass, you are welcome to use the designated stalls in the parking lot which are clearly marked for drop off and pick up. The remainder of the stalls are for staff parking only. Thank you!

"Drop and Go" Zone:

We do have a "Drop and Go" zone for parents doing a quick drop off in front of the school on the East side (close to the ECJS sign). You may quickly park while your child exits the vehicle, but we ask that you do not leave your vehicle unattended.

Bus Zone and Emergency Vehicles:

Please be mindful that the area in front of the school on the West side is designated for FSD buses and emergency vehicles. This area is NOT a drop off zone, as we need to keep it clear for buses and emergency vehicles and is not to be used for dropping offs. This is not Joe Clark staff's decision; this is dictated by the town and FSD bussing. Thank you!

Morning Drop Off:

We have morning supervision from **8:30-8:40am**. Your child can be dropped off during this time and can play on the playground before school starts. You are welcome to also drop them off and wait with them during this time if you feel more comfortable. Please do not send your child unsupervised to the school prior to 8:25 am.

Bus Passes:

If your child has been approved for FSD Bussing for the upcoming school year, once approved your child will be able to pick up their passes from their bus driver.

If you haven't yet registered for bussing- please reach out to FSD Transportation to see if your child(ren) are eligible- [Apply for Transportation](#)