

Welcome to the Foothills School Division!

Jr. K and Kindergarten
Open House and
Registration Night

February 4th, 2021



FSD's Priorities

Optimum learning is achieved through our priorities

Engagement for each learner

Ensure and maintain divisionwide engagement that is timely, meaningful and collaborative with all learners and communities.

Support for each learner

Ensure and maintain division-wide learning environments that are welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and inclusive.

Success for each learner

Ensure and maintain division-wide excellence in teaching, learning and leadership.

FSD's Programs

English Kindergarten



French Immersion Kindergarten

Okotoks: École Percy Pegler School

High River: École Joe Clark School



Montessori

Okotoks: Big Rock School



Jr. Kindergarten

Okotoks: Big Rock School, École Percy Pegler

High River: Spitzee School, École Joe Clark

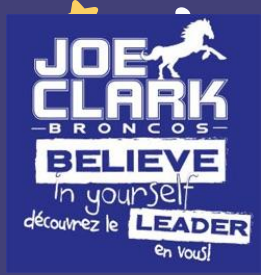
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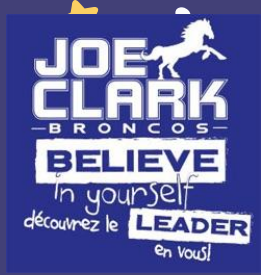
“In the first 5 years, children develop the physical, emotional, and social abilities that will be with them for life.”

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/fcbbce6e-d872-4133-a635-71f58dc8c461/resource/bdc66913-9a4f-468d-8449-934fa0b7b949/download/2011-lets-talk-early-years-early-childhood-development.pdf>

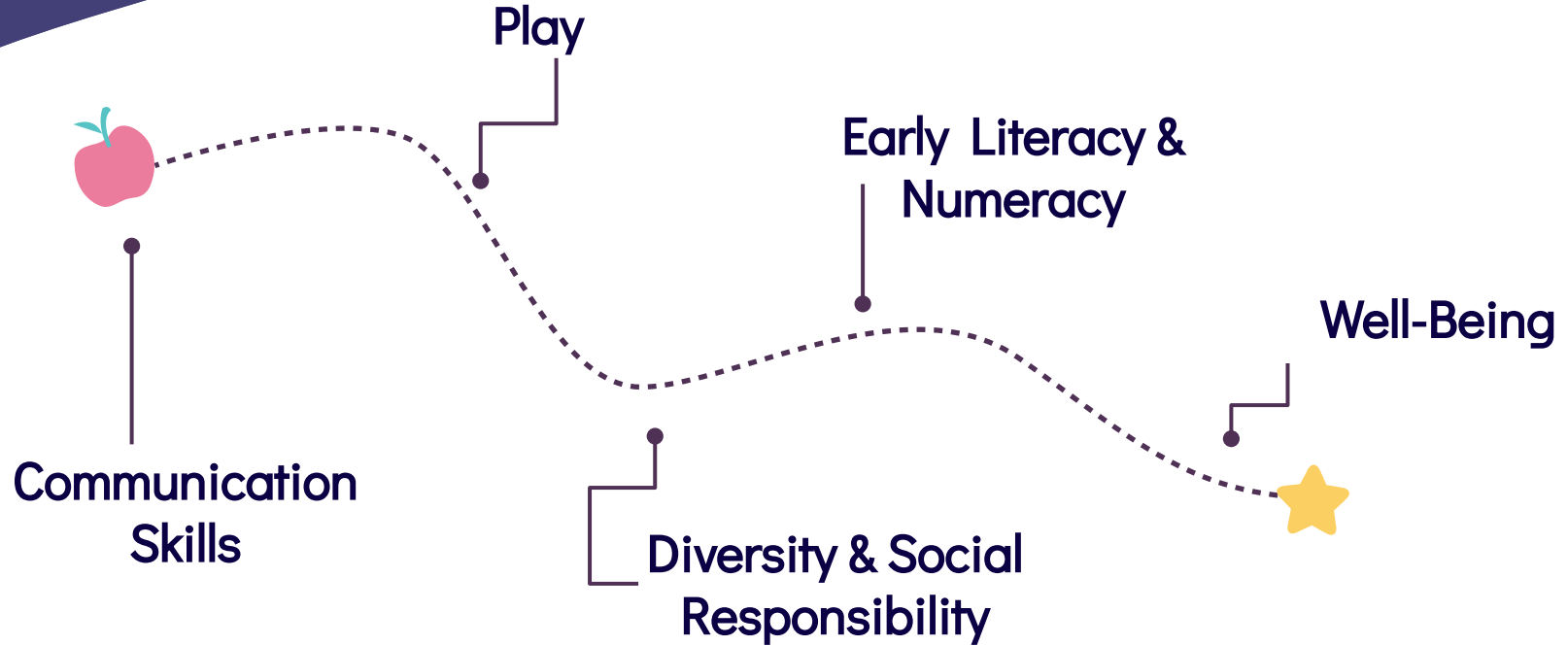


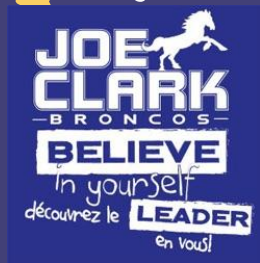
Kindergarten Learning Priorities





Jr K. Kindergarten Learning Priorities





Frequent Questions



At what age can my child start school?



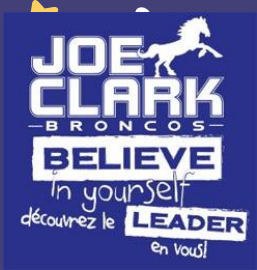
How can we register?



What's our designated school?



How do we arrange busing?



Age

Kindergarten: Join us if your child turns 5 on or before December 31, 2021



Jr Kindergarten: Join us if your child turns 4 on or before December 31, 2021



How to Register

[Click Here](#) for full registration information

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CONNECT

Maplewood connectEd is designed to provide student information to students, teachers, parents, and administrative staff. Unauthorized use of authenticated information services is prohibited and subject to prosecution under student conduct code and any number of federal, provincial and local laws.

User name (email):

Password:

[Forgot password?](#)

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Step 1: Click [Here](#)

Step 2: Create a new account or sign in if you already have one

Step 3: Complete the registration form

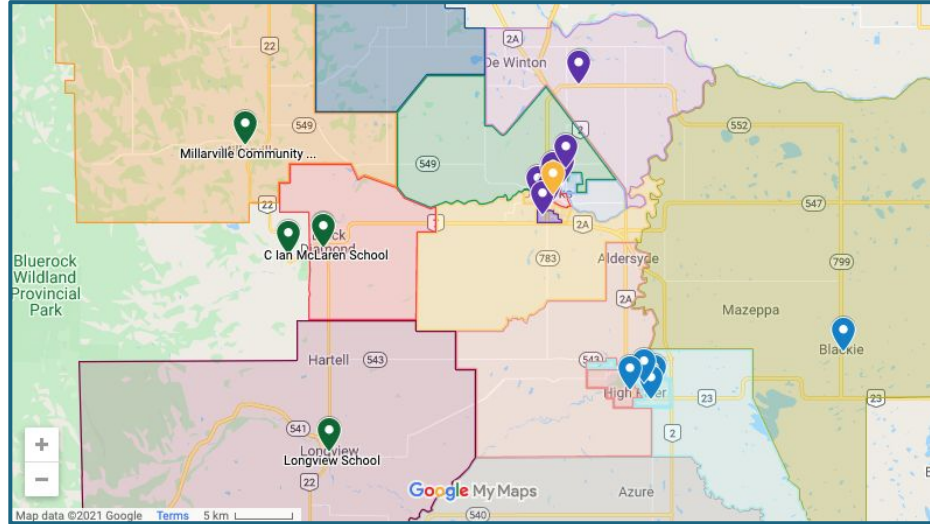
You will need:

- Child's proof of citizenship (e.g. birth certificate)

If you are having problems with online registration, please call your designated school for support.

School Boundaries

Interactive Boundary Map





Bus

Kindergarten only: If you live **1.6km** or farther from your designated school (for students in K-3 without siblings, or K-3 students with an older sibling in the same school), you may qualify for busing.

[Application Form](#)
[Transportation Rules](#)
[FSD Transportation FAQ](#)

Jr K: We do not provide busing for Jr K students

Questions?

T: 403-652-6547

E: Transportation@fsd38.ab.ca

Next Steps




1. Register your child!
2. Screening (K=virtual, Jr K= in-person)
 - a. Why:
 - i. To help students get excited and feel comfortable for school! We can't wait to meet you!
 - ii. To determine if any students require extra support (Early support can make a big difference for Gr 1-12)
 - b. What:
 - i. Kindergarten: Condensed version of the EYE
 - ii. Jr Kindergarten: Full EYE
 - c. When:
 - i. March 22nd and May 28th
 - ii. Our school will contact you to schedule an appointment during one of these dates.
3. Check the mail- we will send out calendars and school supplies lists in the summer!
4. Sign up for school tours in August prior to the first day!
5. See you September 1st, the first day of school!





How you can help your child get ready for school

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- ☐ Read books together every single day and point to the words. Ask questions too!
 - ☐ Develop fine motor skills (how to hold a pencil, use scissors, play with playdough) [CLICK HERE for a HOW TO](#)
 - ☐ Follow 2-3 step instructions [Example here](#)
 - ☐ Practice letters and letter recognition
 - ☐ Find letters/numbers in the environment
 - ☐ Count with concrete items (toys, rocks, lego)
 - ☐ Build your child's self esteem with praise, hugs and listening
 - ☐ Help your child take responsibility (cleaning up toys, using the bathroom, getting their own healthy snacks)



Helpful Resources

- ★ [Developmental Milestones](#)
- ★ I am ready for Kindergarten [Books](#)
 - [English](#)
 - [French](#)
 - [Tagalog](#)
- ★ I am Ready for Screens [Book](#)
- ★ [Resources Galore:](#)
 - [9 Things to do this Winter](#)
 - [Getting Ready for Kindergarten](#)
 - [Age 5 Activities](#)

Ecole Joe Clark School

We are a dual track school with students from JK-grade 5 in both French Immersion and English with around 300 students!



Leader in Me School

We practice the 7 Habits of Happy Kids! Our character Education Program is build upon the 7 Habits

French or English?

Up to you! Both programs follow the Alberta Program of Studies. English instruction is reserved until grade 3 in French Immersion.



A typical day might include...

Morning to Recess

Welcome!
Puzzles
Calendar
Songs
Literacy Centres
Snack
Recess

Recess to Lunch

Story
Math Centres
Recess
Lunch

Afternoon

Story
Music
Centres
Phys Ed
Clean up & Songs
Time for home!





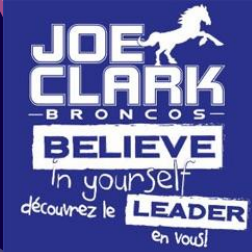
Outdoor Learning possibilities



Our active School Council



- * Monthly meetings begin with a parent information session about topics of your choice.
- * All parents/guardians are welcome to come out and let their voice be heard. **This is not a pitch to come help fundraise....we promise!**
- * The School Council supports the learning of students in a variety of ways, such as:
 - * Building a new playground
 - * Bringing in special groups (Rock 'n' Rings, Tennis Instruction)
 - * Supplementing field trips
 - * Supporting the School Improvement Plan by finding school-related activities to do at home



French Immersion:



Parent Support

Canadian Parents
for French ab.cpf.ca



Literacy

All subjects (with the
exception of PE and
Music are in French
only, until grade 3)



K-12 Program

Joe Clark-Senator
Riley-Highwood
High School



French Immersion: FAQ

Do I need to speak French?



No, most families who choose French Immersion do not speak french in the home

What about my child's English Literacy?



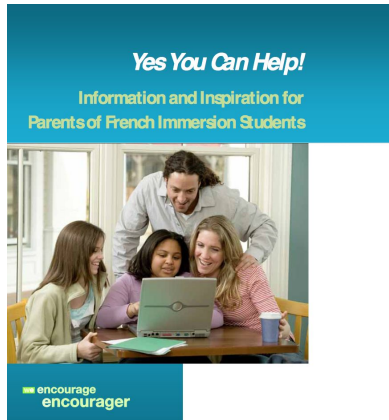
Similar to the English stream, parents would continue to read at home in English. By grade 5-6 French Immersion students' English skills are projected to be equivalent to their french abilities.

Yes! You Can help!

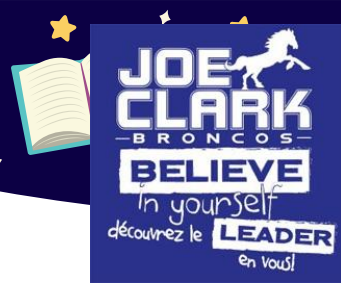


Information and Inspiration for Parents of French Immersion Students

<https://education.alberta.ca/media/563591/yesyoucanhelp.pdf>



Community Supports



Talk Box
Literacy for Life Building Blocks
Greater Foothills Family Centre



Q and A

