

Welcome Package 2024

Principal -Mrs. Colleen Marshall
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Dear Families,

Welcome to Joey Moss! We are so proud of our school, students and school community. At Joey Moss, we are committed to creating a warm and welcoming learning environment. We focus on literacy, numeracy and the integration of new technologies. We engage our students by offering leadership opportunities, clubs, extracurricular activities and sports. Students are encouraged to explore, wonder, learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marshall

School Philosophy

We believe:

- Every member of our community is special and can be successful.
- In working collaboratively with families to provide safe, caring and inclusive learning.
- In building positive relationships with students to foster academic growth.
- In classrooms driven by student engagement, curiosity and experiential learning.

School Spirit

We build school spirit through:

- Theme dress up days
- Whole school events e.g. Joey Moss Day, Carnaval d'Hiver, Ninja Dash
- Intramurals for Grades 4-8
- Offering school swag
- Offering monthly hot lunches
- Bringing in guest speakers and special presentations
- Cross grade buddies

Clubs

Each year we offer a variety of clubs depending on student interest and staff availability. These are the clubs we offered during the 2023-24 school year.

Running (outdoor)	Makerspace	STEM	Games	Choir
Track (indoor)	Art	Coding	Leadership	Community Helpers
BINGO	Chess	Sphero	Public Speaking	Fitness
LEGO	Ski	Games Squad	Library	Patrols
Puzzle	Math	Yoga	Bollywood	Drawing
Origami	Bracelet Making			

Junior High Sports

We are committed to offering sports teams and extra-curricular activities for our junior high students. During the 2024-25 school year, we will be offering running club, volleyball, curling, basketball, badminton and track.

Music Program

Elementary students receive weekly music instruction from our music specialist. Music learning activities include: singing, learning of musical elements, reading and writing music, memory work, listening, improvisation, movement, and playing instruments. Students may have opportunities to perform at a winter concert, assemblies or on music field trips. Our music specialist leads a choir for Grades 3-6 and takes the students on a field trip to perform.

Junior High Options

Students in Grades 7, 8 and 9 will choose their options. Some of the learning opportunities that may be offered include Baking, Design and Innovation, Drama, Sports Performance, Foods, Leadership, Outdoor Education and Art.

French as a Second Language

Students at Joey Moss learn French as a Second Language starting in Grade Four and continue throughout junior high. Students receive 150 minutes of French instruction each week. Students participate in an annual Carnaval experience to learn more about French Canadian Culture.

Communication ~ SchoolZone

The main source of communication regarding school news, homework, field trip consent forms, progress reports, etc. will be available through a secure website called SchoolZone. At the beginning of the year, you will be given a user I.D. and password for you and your child. Keep this login information in a safe place. You will use it every year your child is enrolled in an Edmonton Public School. Also note that fees are able to be paid via SchoolZone, under the “fees” tab.

Please check SchoolZone on a regular basis. You will receive email notification when there are new postings.

Fees

Field Trip Fees: Families are responsible for paying for their child's field trip fees. Specific information outlining all costs will be sent home at the beginning of October. Fees are paid for the whole year and fees are paid through SchoolZone.

School Supplies: Teachers will create school supply lists for students Kindergarten to Grade 9. Supply lists will be posted on our website in the spring. Parents can order through a stationary company set up by the school or families can purchase the necessary supplies and send them in.

Kindergarten Fee: Kindergarten has a craft fee of \$15 for the year. If families would rather purchase the necessary craft supplies, the school will provide a list.

Lunch Program: Families have the option of having their elementary aged children stay at school for lunch. Families pay a fee for supervision if they choose this option. Lunch fees are paid through SchoolZone.

Transportation

Bussing is offered to students in our Interactions program at no charge. Students in the regular program who reside in the Keswick neighborhood, and greater than 1.0 km away from the school, may apply for transportation through epsb.ca. There is a monthly transportation fee for students who access this service.

Lunch Program for Grades 1- 6

Joey Moss provides a lunch program as a service for students who are unable to go home for lunch. Lunch fees cover the cost of paid supervisors during the lunch break. Fees are determined each year and information will be sent home in September. Students bring their own lunch from home.

Junior High Lunch Hour

Junior High students will eat their lunch with classmates. Supervision is provided by lunchroom supervisors and students are charged a lunch fee to cover the cost of supervision.

Joey Moss is a closed campus during lunch. Junior high students have the opportunity to go outside however, they are not allowed to leave the school grounds. If students are going home for lunch, we require communication from the parents.

Drive-Through

Joey Moss has a double lane drive-through. The drive through is open to families whose children can independently get out of their vehicle. From 8:15-8:35 am, staff members direct traffic and open car doors to help keep traffic flowing. Please follow these drive-through rules.

- Parking is only for parents that are volunteering, Interactions students, and guests to the school. If you need to park and walk your child to the door, please park on the street.
- Primary drive through users **MUST** turn RIGHT to exit the school lot, secondary drive through users **MUST** turn LEFT to exit.
- Parents **must** stay in their vehicle. Children **must** exit from the passenger side, so please arrange your car seats accordingly.
- Please **pull up** to the front of the drive-through.
- Please do not pull around slower vehicles. We greatly risk hitting a child crossing in the crosswalk if there is more than one lane of traffic trying to drive through. The drive through is a line up; everyone's time is valuable.
- Please only unload your children in the unloading zone. Do not unload your children on the bend of the drive-through.

School Times

We calculate our school hours each spring. We will post school times on our website once they are calculated and confirmed.

Cold Weather

When the temperature reaches -23° C or below (with windchill), a green dot will be placed on the school doors and students will be allowed to wait inside until the start of school. Recess will also be held inside if the temperature is -23° C or below. It is important to dress your child for cold weather, even on these "green dot" days, as they will be outside for recess if the temperature rises.

Nut Safe

Many children have severe nut allergies and we are a Nut Safe School. All snacks and lunches must be nut-free. Kindergarten students will have a scheduled snack time in class during the fall/winter, but as spring approaches, they are welcome to take a snack outdoors with them during recess. Students in Grades 1-6 have the opportunity to eat a snack during morning recess. Junior high students will have a morning nutrition break.

Absences and Reporting Attendance

Attendance will be taken at the start of the morning and afternoon for elementary students and every period for junior high students. If your child will be absent for any reason (illness, appointment, vacation), please phone the school office or leave a voicemail with your child's full name, classroom number and reason for absence. If your child is absent and we have not heard from you, we will get in touch to confirm that your child will be absent from school. Please be sure that the school office has a current phone number and emergency contact person.

Absences for Holidays

If parents choose to take their children out of school for a holiday or extended trip then the parent is choosing to accept responsibility for their child's learning during that period of time. Teachers are not required to provide handouts or homework packages for holidays. We encourage children to read and keep a journal. Evaluations may indicate "unable to assess" on the progress report. If you have scheduled a holiday, please let the teacher and the office staff know.

Cell Phones

Joey Moss students with cell-phones are required to store them in their backpacks inside their cubbies or lockers during the school day, either turned off or on silent. Students K-9 will not be allowed to use their cell phones at any time during the school day, including recess. If a child needs to call home they need to notify their teacher and the school office staff will call their parent. The school will not be responsible for damage or loss of these personal devices.

Parent Volunteers

Volunteers are valued at Joey Moss. Parents and family members will have many opportunities to help with students in the classroom, assist teachers with the preparation of materials, chaperone field trips, help out in the library, or read with students. If you plan to volunteer in any capacity please be sure to fill out a Division volunteer form, which will be available on SchoolZone. On days when you volunteer, please be sure to sign the volunteer "sign-in" book located in the office.

Lockers

Individual lockers are assigned to students on the second floor. Use of lockers is a privilege and the school reserves the right to access all student lockers as required. A student's access to a locker can be removed if their behavior warrants. It is required that students bring a combination lock for their locker. We recommend letter/number combination locks versus keyed. Each student is responsible for the security and tidiness of their locker. Lock combinations are recorded by homeroom teachers and filed in the office for the benefit of students and parents. It is important that lock combinations not be shared with anyone else for security reasons. If students change locks, they must report the new combination to their homeroom teacher and to the office.

School Council

Joey Moss is fortunate to have a strong School Council. The parents work collaboratively with the school administration and staff as well as the Joey Moss Fundraising Society. The parents' goal is to make Joey Moss the best school for our children. We would love for you to come out this school year where you can; either just attend a meeting to stay informed, join a committee and/or join our board. Meetings are held monthly and last about an hour. If you have any questions, please contact us at joeymoss.schoolcouncil@gmail.com.

The Joey Moss Fundraising Society

The Joey Moss Fundraising Society is a parent run society that was created to provide financial support for the school. The Joey Moss Fundraising Society holds monthly meetings on the same evening as our School Council as the two groups work very closely. All parents are welcome to attend meetings. They organize fundraisers and use the proceeds to enhance the educational experience in our school. Currently the Joey Moss Fundraising Society is raising money to build a school playground. If you have any questions, please contact us at joeymossfundraising@gmail.com.

Playground Donations

We are currently accepting donations towards the school playground. The school office is accepting donations on behalf of the Joey Moss Fundraising Society. Cheques are made out to Joey Moss School. All donations over \$100 will receive a tax receipt.

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