

F.E.S. Family Connections

March 13th-17th

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Monday, March 13th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Welcome!○ Grade 1 Open Gym○	Thursday, March 16th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 4 Open Gym○ Chess Club-Grade 5○ Winter Carnival
Tuesday, March 14th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 2 Open Gym○ Lego Club- Kindergarten○	Friday, March 17th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 5 Open Gym
Wednesday, March 15th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 3 Open Gym○ Student Led Clubs-Grade 2○ Tinker Tray Play-Grade 3-5	Upcoming Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ March 21st- Lego Grade 1○ March 22nd- Tinker Tray Play- Grade K-2○ March 24th- Professional Learning-No school for children

Information Items:

- A huge shout out to families who contributed to **Staff Appreciation Week!** We certainly felt the love this week 😊
- The children had a great time during **Winter Carnival Day** yesterday! The weather and activities were perfect!
- **Morning supervision begins at 7:40** so please do not drop your children off on the playground before that time as they will be unsupervised.
- The **Great Rothesay Food Bank Challenge was a huge success!** As a school, we collected 1566 items for the KV Food Basket. The classes that brought in the most items were Mrs. Elias with 221 items, Mme. Culligan with 196 items, and Ms. Tai and Mme. Porter students both brought in 192 items.
- Thank you to those families who have committed to participating in our **Multicultural Night** in May! So far, we have 8 families. If you are interested in helping us celebrate our school community's rich diversity with interactive cultural booths, please complete the form sent home earlier this week. I have attached a copy in case yours has been misplaced.

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- As you know we have **three drop off zones** for families who drive their children to school in the morning.
 - ✓ Option #1- Drop off circle in front of our gymnasium. Cars remain single file with children exiting passenger side of vehicle to the sidewalk that leads in front of the school to the playground. Adults remain in the vehicle and circle around to exit through the same driveway that you used for entry.
 - ✓ Option #2- Pull into a parking spot in front of Dreamland, park, exit vehicle and help/watch children as they enter through the gate directly to the playground. Be careful when backing out on to the roadway.
 - ✓ Option #3- Drive beyond the telephone pole at the end of the playground parking area, do a U-turn, and pull up parallel to the fence across from the grade 3-5 door (where games are painted on the pavement). Like Option #1, students exit the passenger side with adults remaining in the vehicle. Proceed back into traffic carefully.

There have been safety concerns with families who use Option 3 but without following the safety protocols. Several people doing drop off do a u turn directly in front of the fence instead of proceeding to the location beyond Dreamland where it is safe to turn around. Vehicles also pull in and park perpendicular to the fence exiting their vehicle to help children. This blocks the third drop off zone and creates an unsafe traffic flow with people backing out of the parking spots in front of Dreamland, people backing out from this area where they shouldn't be parked, and those attempting to access and leave Option #3 appropriately.

School zones often have a lot of traffic, stressed drivers (especially if families are running late), and distracted children. Unsafe driving practices such as speeding, distracted driving, parking in the no parking zones, or not following other safety protocols can be a recipe for disaster in terms of child safety. It's simply not worth taking safety risks. Remember to keep calm, have patience, and always put the safety of children at the top of your list.