

# F.E.S. Family Connections

September 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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<b>Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Fire drill evacuation practice</li><li>○ Deadline to return Early Closure form</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ School photo day!</li><li>○ Deadline to return Student Information forms, RTIPPA, and Allergy Awareness forms</li></ul>	<b>Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Grade 5 leadership application due</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ordering site closes for Healthy Food Period #1</li></ul>	<b>Upcoming Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>- First Day of Food Period #1</li><li>○ Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>- Terry Fox Walk &amp; Student Fee deadline</li><li>○ Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>- Lock down practice</li><li>○ Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>- Photo retakes</li><li>○ Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>- Orange Shirt Day</li></ul>

## Information Items:

- **Photography Flewwelling** will be here on **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** for school photos. For best results, clothing free of large logos and busy designs is best. Retakes will be taken on **September 27<sup>th</sup>**.
- Children who arrive between **7:45-8:05 go to the playground** and then enter through their designated door at 8:05. Those children who are dropped off at the drop off zone in front of the gymnasium will walk on the sidewalk in front of the school to the playground. There is adult supervision at both drop off zones, at the bus unloading area, and on the playground.
- Mrs. Casey is looking for a baby and parent for our **Roots of Empathy** Program. Please see the attached poster for more details.
- The **Rainbows program** will be offered this fall, beginning in October. Rainbows is an international not-for-profit organization that fosters emotional healing among children grieving a loss or life altering event. The curriculum is designed to assist children grieving a death, divorce, separation, or any other painful transition in their family within a safe supportive environment with a small group of peers. If you feel your child could benefit from participating in this program or if you have questions, please contact our guidance counsellor, Mrs. Kerry Casey at 847-6304 or [kerry.casey@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:kerry.casey@nbed.nb.ca) . A flyer with more information (including a registration form) is attached.
- We are excited to have the **healthy lunch program** back to five days a week for this school year. The ordering system has been reset so all accounts have been cleared. Those individuals with credits from last year will be activated once you open a new account with the same email address. Please open a new account and register your child soon at <https://fairvale.hotlunches.net> . **Ordering for Food Period #1 is currently**

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**open and will close on Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.** Late orders will not be accepted. If there are any questions or concerns, please email [fairvalehealthylunch@gmail.com](mailto:fairvalehealthylunch@gmail.com) , rather than emailing or calling the school. Please see the attached guide that provides step by step directions on setting up an account.

- **Recess** is a crucial and necessary component of child development, so our children go outside to play at recess and lunch, even when it is wet or cold. Outdoor recess provides opportunities for free play, talking with friends, access to nature, fresh air, and room to move their bodies. Please ensure your children are **dressed appropriately for the weather** and send an extra set of all-weather school clothes that stays at school.
- Our only **offerschool pickup location** is on the playground side of the building.
- Please pay **student fees** of \$45 per child through your School Cash Online account at <http://asd-s.schoolcashonline.com> by September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you require a payment plan, please reach out to me at [Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca)
- Please find attached information about ordering an **F.E.S. Busy Family Calendar**. The calendar runs from September 2022 to September 2023 and includes statutory holidays, PL Days, library details, Hot Lunch details, report card dates, and many more relevant dates. It is a one-stop place to go to know what is happening. Orders need to be made through School Cash Online, at <http://asd-s.schoolcashonline.com> by Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The direct link is: <https://asd-s.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/33614/193/False/True>
- Dr. Laura Clarke (optometrist) and Jessica (optician) from **Rothsay Eye** have offered to come to our school to do **visual screenings** with each child K-5. They will set up in the school during the school day and send home a report with each child after their assessment is complete. Their services are voluntary/free of charge. A permission slip will be sent home on Monday. A child needs healthy eyes and good vision to learn to read and write, see the interactive whiteboard, use a computer, participate in sports, and stay safe. Parents, guardians, and teachers cannot always tell when a child has trouble seeing, and children usually think their own vision is normal.
- There are many **volunteer opportunities** for parents and guardians. A detailed list of available committees and activities with required time commitments will be sent next Friday.
- Please remember to complete the **"REQUEST FOR COURTESY SEATING TO AN ALTERNATE ADDRESS"** form online if you wish for your child to go anywhere but home. The plan must be consistent five days a week as per provincial directives.
- Please return the **RTIPPA (Right to Information and Protection of Privacy), Student information forms**, and **medical forms** by Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

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- Please expect to receive a hard copy of the “**F.E.S. Early Closure**” form (on yellow paper) on Monday. Complete and return by Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. On rare occasions, school closes prior to regular dismissal time due to severe weather, electrical problems, plumbing problems or other reasons and we need a plan for each child. I have attached a copy for you to see.
- We will have our first **fire drill** on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and **lock down practice** on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Teachers practice these protocols with our children and refer to our fire drill and off-site evacuation as our 'outside' safe locations and the lock down as our 'inside' safe location. We do not discuss with students the specific reasons why we would be in a lock down situation.
- We are looking for a few parents to join our **Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)**. If you are interested in volunteering for this valuable committee, please email me at [Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca). The PSSC provides advice, feedback, and direction to the principal and school administration on school policies, partnerships within the community, maintaining a positive learning environment, supporting the language and culture of the school, and planning for school. We meet six times through the school year, with each meeting lasting less than an hour and a half.
- **Grade 5 leadership applications** will be distributed on Monday and due on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Please report your child's absence(s) using the **Safe Arrival program** (any of these three convenient methods):
  1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account (use the email address you have on file with the school). Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
  2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
  3. Call the toll-free number 1-833-219-9065 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.