

F.E.S. Family Connections

September 13th-17th, 2021

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Monday, September 13th	Thursday, September 16th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ First fire drill○ Deadline for Busy Family Calendar order○ Media & student information forms due
Tuesday, September 14th	Friday, September 17th
Wednesday, September 15th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ordering site opens for Food Period #1	Upcoming Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sept. 21st- School Photo Day○ Sept. 27th- First day of healthy lunch○ Sept 29th- Terry Fox Walk○ Sept. 30th- Orange Shirt Day

Information Items:

- Beginning Monday **children who arrive between 7:45-8:05 will go to the playground** and then enter through their designated door (which the students know from staggered entry training). 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 will be teacher supervision.
- Students need to bring a water bottle and a **mask** (preferably two). They will wear the mask while on the bus, in hallways and all common areas. Masks are not required outside.
- **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.
- The Rainbows program will be offered this fall, beginning in October. **Rainbows** is a YMCA program for children who have experienced a significant loss in their lives through death, illness, divorce, separation, or another painful transition. This program is delivered during the school day once a week and is free of charge. If you feel your child could benefit from participating in this program or if you have questions, please contact our guidance counsellor, Ms. Casey at 847-6304 or kerry.casey@nbed.nb.ca.
- Our only **afterschool pickup location** will be on the playground side of the building. Please wait for your child/children on the outside of the fence. We will no longer be using the pickup area in front of the gymnasium.

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- Information on how to register for the online ordering system for **Healthy Lunch** is attached. If you have an account from last year, please remember to log in and update your child's homeroom teacher. **Orders for Food Period #1** need to be placed online between **Wednesday, September 15th and Wednesday, September 22nd**, with the first day of food delivery being on Monday, Sept. 27th.
- Please pay **student fees (\$57 per student)** by the end of September via School Cash Online. If you do not have an account, please register for **School Cash Online** at <http://asd-s.schoolcashionline.com> .
- Please find attached information about ordering an **F.E.S. Busy Family Calendar**. The calendar runs from September 2021 to September 2022 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.schoolcashionline.com> by Thursday, September 16th.
- 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.

- 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.
- Photography Flewwelling will be here on **Tuesday, September 21st for school photos**. For best results, they suggest clothing that is free of large logos and busy designs. Retakes will be taken on **Tuesday, October 19th**.

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- Please return the **Media Release** and **Student information** forms as soon as possible. They are due by Friday, September 17th.
- We will have our first **fire drill** on Thursday, September 16th and **lock down practice** on October 1st. 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. 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 virtually six times through the school year, with each meeting lasting less than an hour and a half.