

# F.E.S. Family Connections

September 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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<b>Monday, September 20th</b>	<b>Thursday, September 23rd</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ School Photo Day!</li></ul>	<b>Friday, September 24th</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 22nd</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Healthy Lunch System closes</li></ul>	<b>Upcoming Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>- First day of healthy lunch</li><li>○ Sept 29<sup>th</sup>- Terry Fox Walk</li><li>○ Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>- Orange Shirt Day</li><li>○ Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>- Lock down</li></ul>

## Information Items:

- The **healthy lunch system was reset at the end of last year** therefore everyone is required to create a new account for this school year. Session #1 of our Healthy Lunch Program is now open and will **close at the end of day Wednesday September 22nd**. Please place orders on [fairvale.hotlunches.net](http://fairvale.hotlunches.net), remember to order your child's milk separate from their food order and make sure both are in your cart before paying. Please double check all information for your child's order before finalizing as changes cannot be made after orders have been placed. **Session #1 will run from Monday September 27th - Friday Oct 29th**. We are keeping the lunch days Monday, Wednesday and Friday for this session. NO SCHOOL- Monday Oct 11th Thanksgiving. We strongly recommend paying by credit card on the [fairvale.hotlunches.net](http://fairvale.hotlunches.net). We will no longer be accepting cheques or cash as a method of payment. Just a reminder that payment for this period must be received by the end of the day Wednesday, September 22nd when the system closes. Unpaid accounts will result in your order being cancelled. Please note- the system does not send out a confirmation email when you order. You can always review your order in the system by going to ORDERS- Student Orders- Session 1. If there are any concerns regarding the lunch program, please email us at [fairvalehealthylunch@gmail.com](mailto:fairvalehealthylunch@gmail.com)
- **To reduce congestion at morning drop off, we are asking parents to utilize our two drop off locations-** the one near Dreamland for those whose children's surname beginnings with the letters A-L and the one in front of our gymnasium for children whose surname begin with the letters M-Z. There is supervision at both areas and an adult will guide children dropped off near the gym to the playground. **Over the last week and a half, we have had fewer than 10 families dropping off near the gym. Please do your part to reduce congestion.**

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- Just a reminder to be **careful (and patient) if you are dropping your child/children off at school**. There is a crosswalk on School Avenue (located near the playground side of our building) that is used frequently by our students who live within walking distance to our school. We need to work together to keep our children safe.
- When we closed early in March of 2020, **many signed out library books were not returned**. In fact, we currently have over 100 missing books. If you have any library books at home, please send them in with your children next week. This is only coming to light now as we did not have regular class library visits last school year due to COVID restrictions.
- Our first Fire Drill was very successful with everyone out of the building in just over a minute. Over the next few weeks, we will have another **fire drill** and a **lock down**. Teachers practice these **safety protocols** with our children and refer to our fire drill 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.
- 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](mailto:kerry.casey@nbed.nb.ca).
- Our only **after school 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.
- 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 chilly**. 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. As our Director of Early Childhood says "there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing choices". We do stay inside if it is colder than -20 in the winter or raining heavily.
- If your child travels on a bus, please remember to sign up for **Bus Planner** if you have not already done so. Our Transportation Department shares "late bus notifications" using this system. On Thursday bus 610 was 30 minutes late due to a mechanical breakdown and we were informed through Bus Planner.

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- 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.schoolcashonline.com> .
  
- Please report your child's absence or tardiness 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.