

F.E.S. Family Connections

September 2nd-6th, 2019

Vision: F.E.S students will be passionate life-long learners who contribute as responsible leaders in the global community.

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| Monday, September 2nd <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Labour Day | Thursday, September 5th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Gang's All Here- First day for all kindergarten children together |
| Tuesday, September 3rd <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ First Day for all grade 1-5 students and half of our kindergarten students○ | Friday, September 6th |
| Wednesday, September 4th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Day 2 of staggered entry for kindergarten students○ Food Period #1 Ordering begins | Upcoming Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sept. 10th- Home and School Meeting@6:30pm○ Sept. 11th- Food Period #1 Ordering site closes○ Sept. 12th- School photos by Flewwelling Photography○ Sept. 23rd- school photos retakes○ Sept. 30th- School Fees Due○ Sept.- 26th Terry Fox School Walk |

Information Items:

- It was great to see so many families at our New Family Orientation and our Back To School corn boil /Meet the Teacher this week!
- All students will come **directly into the building** when they arrive on the first day. Students will go to their classes where teachers will be waiting to greet them. Specialist teachers will be available to assist in the lobby and will work as tour guides. We have designated educational assistants and student teachers to take our kindergarten children to the classes in small groups.
- Please remember that if you are **dropping your child/children off that morning drop off is between 7:40 and 8:05**. There are two drop off zones, one in front of the gymnasium and the other near Dreamland. In order to keep traffic flowing, please drop and go meaning that your child exits the vehicle on the side nearest the drop off sidewalk (by gym) or fence (near Dreamland) and you move along. If you feel the need to walk your child to the drop off zone or into the school, please park in the visitors parking area or near Dreamland. The driveway directly in front of the school is for bus traffic only.
- Please pay student fees (\$57 per student) by Monday, Sept. 30th via School Cash Online. If you do not have an account, please register for **School Cash Online** using a link on the right hand side of our school website, <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/asd-s/1930/Pages/default.aspx>. The first item "All Inclusive Student Fees" is now available for payment..
- Please remember to complete the "**REQUEST FOR COURTESY SEATING TO AN ALTERNATE ADDRESS**" form if your child is going anywhere other than home after school. A copy is attached for your convenience.

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- Please find attached information on **Safe Arrival**. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using 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.
- A reminder to subscribe to the **Bus Planner Parent Portal** to receive notifications specific to your child's bus service. The direct link to this service is <https://bp.nbed.nb.ca/asds>. In order to set up "My Children", you will require your child's student ID number, which is available from your child's teacher or from Mrs. Cowan by calling the school.
- Photography Flewwelling will be here on **Thursday, September 12th for school photos**. For best results, they suggest clothing that is free of large logos and busy designs. Retakes will be taken on **Monday, September 23rd**.
- We will use <https://fairvale.hotlunches.net> for lunch orders again this year. If you already have an account, please update with appropriate teacher names. If you do not have an account, please sign up. **Ordering for Food Period #1 opens on Wednesday, September 4th and closes Wednesday Sept. 11th**. You will be able to place orders, make online payments, and receive email notifications and reminders when a new food period is about to begin. The system is a Canadian-based site developed in BC, and is widely used in schools across Canada.
- **On Tuesday a number of forms will be sent home including:**
 - ✓ Student Information forms (for those who didn't attend our Meet the Teacher event)
 - ✓ Information sheet on volunteer opportunities (this year sign-ups will take place online through Google Docs- <http://bit.ly/fesvolunteersignup>)
 - ✓ Fluoride permission slips and brochure
 - ✓ Allergy Awareness
 - ✓ Right to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act (RTIPPA)