

F.E.S. Family Connections

September 9th-13th, 2019

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<p>Monday, September 9th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open Gym grade 1 	<p>Thursday, September 12th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open gym grade 4 ○ School photos by Flewwelling Photography ○
<p>Tuesday, September 10th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open Gym grade 2 ○ Home and School Meeting@6:30pm ○ Fire Drill ○ Grade 5 student leadership forms due ○ Fall running club forms distributed to interested grades 3-5 	<p>Friday, September 13th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open gym grade 5
<p>Wednesday, September 11th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sept. 11th- Food Period #1 ordering site closes (see below) ○ Open Gym grade 3 ○ School wide assembly ○ Cross Country Meet 3:15 at Hampton Elementary 	<p>Upcoming Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sept. 16th- Lunch session #1 begins ○ Sept. 17th- running club permission forms due ○ Sept. 18th- Cross country Meet ○ Sept. 18th- Lock Down practice ○ Sept. 21st- Becca Told Me to Day ○ Sept. 21st- 5th Annual Tanya Shand Milk & Cookie Fun Run ○ Sept. 23rd- school photos retakes ○ Sept. 23rd- Fall Running club starts for grade 3-5 ○ Sept. 23rd- Newcomers party ○ Sept. 25th - Cross Country Meet ○ Sept. 25th- Off Site Evacuation ○ Sept.- 26th Terry Fox School Walk ○ Sept. 30th- School Fees Due

- **Food Session #1 is now open to place orders on fairvale.hotlunches.net and will close at the end of the day Wednesday September 11th.** Please remember to order your child's milk separate from their food order and make sure both are in your cart before paying. This session will run from Monday September 16th- Friday October 18th (5 weeks). With the school going cashless we strongly recommend paying by credit card on the fairvale.hotlunches.net but cash and cheques will be accepted if needed. Just a reminder that payment for this period must be received by the end of the day Wednesday September 11th when the system closes. **Unpaid accounts will result in your order being cancelled.** If there are any concerns regarding the lunch program please email us at fairvalehealthylunch@gmail.com.
- **Grade 5 Leadership** application forms were distributed yesterday. We encourage all students to become involved! Every effort is made to ensure that children are assigned one of their top three choices. Completed forms are due by **Tuesday, September 10th**.
- **Morning Open Gym** starts will start on Monday, September 9th with Grade 1 students on Monday, Grade 2 students on Tuesday, Gr. 3 students on Wednesday, Gr. 4 on Thursday and Gr. 5 on Friday. On their designated day, children are welcome to go to the gym for activity stations instead of going to the playground upon morning arrival.
- 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**.

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- **Fall running club** for interested grades 3-5 students will begin the **week of September 23rd**. Grade 3 students will run on Mondays, grade 4 students on Wednesdays, and grade 5 students on Friday. Permission slips will be sent on Tuesday, September 10th and will be due on Tuesday, September 17th.
- The **Rainbows program** will be offered this fall at Fairvale Elementary, beginning in October. Rainbows is a YMCA program designed to support children who have experienced a significant loss in their lives such as a death, illness, family divorce/separation, or any another painful transition. 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.
- Each year at Fairvale Elementary School we invite new Grade 1-5 students and new staff members to join us at our **Newcomers Party**. At this celebration, we enjoy a frozen, healthy treat and complete a "getting to know you" activity. This year our party will take place on **Monday, Sept. 23rd**. At the end of the party students will leave with a welcome bag from "Java" (the puppet) thanks to the support of F.E.S.' generous Home & School Committee. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms. Casey at 847-6304 or kerry.casey@nbed.nb.ca. A big welcome to all of our new families!
- Over the next couple of weeks we will continue to **practice our safety protocols**. We had our first fire drill this morning and will have two more before the end of September. Our off site evacuation practice to True Life Church will take place on **Wednesday, Sept. 25th**. A lock down practice will take place on **Wednesday, September 18th**. Teachers practice these protocols with their 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 specific reasons why we would be in a lock down situation.
- 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. Please find attached the instructions to subscribe (which was handed out at our Open House/Meet The Teacher).
- Order deadline for our **F.E.S. Busy Family Calendar has been extended to Tuesday, 17th**. An order form is attached. Printed calendars will arrive before the end of September. Thank you to our dedicated Home and School group for overseeing this initiative.
- We are still looking for more **PSSC members**, so if you are interested in volunteering for that, please email me at Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca. The PSSC (Parent School Support Committee) provides advice, feedback, and direction to the principal and school administration. This important role includes providing advice to the principal on: school policies, partnerships within the community, maintaining a positive learning environment, supporting the language and culture of the school, and planning for school improvement.
- The **5th annual Tanya Shand Milk & Cookie Fun Run** to end the silence on Domestic Violence will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21st at the aplex beginning at 10am. 100% of the proceeds

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go back into our community to help those impacted by domestic violence. Each kilometer of the run is dedicated to the memory of a woman killed by intimate partner violence. Time to lace up, get your family and friends together, and hit the road for an important cause!

- The Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick declared the third Saturday in September of each year the **Becca Schofield Day** in recognition of the outstanding efforts of this young woman to encourage goodwill and kindness. One of her wishes, while fighting brain cancer, was to make sure that as many people as possible perform random acts of kindness and share them on social media. In recognition of the inspiration Schofield provided to the world, New Brunswickers are encouraged to keep her legacy alive by performing random acts of kindness on Saturday, September 21st.

- 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/ascd-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.

- 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 ensure that you have returned the following forms:**
 - ✓ Updated Student Information forms
 - ✓ Allergy Awareness
 - ✓ Right to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act (RTIPPA)