

F.E.S. Family Connections

February 14th-18th

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Monday, February 14th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Valentine's Day (wear red, white or pink, if possible)	Thursday, February 17th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Chess Club at lunch (gr. 5-small group-select students)
Tuesday, February 15th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tinker Tray Tuesday at recess (K-1 small group-invited students)○ Lego at lunch (Gr. 3-small group-invited students)	Friday, February 18th
Wednesday, February 16th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Healthy Lunch Ordering Site closes○ PSSC Meeting @ 8pm	Upcoming Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ February 21st- Family Day○ February 23rd- Pink Shirt Day○ February 23rd- First Day of Healthy Lunch○ March 3rd- Winter Carnival○ March 4th-PJ Day (\$2 for IWK)

Information Items:

- We are excited to share that we were the recipient of a \$3000 Desjardins Foundation Prize! Our proposal centered around extending our school garden to include a year-round green house. We are continuing to submit proposals to other organizations to secure more funding for this project.
- Chess club, Lego club and Tinker Tray Tuesday (STEAM) are starting next week for small groups of children. We will rotate through the grade levels each week and ensure social distancing between children from different class bubbles.
- An important reminder that families are not permitted to use the designated bus lane from 7:40-8:15. For those who are dropping children off in the morning, please use one of our three drop off locations- in front of Dreamland, across from the grade 3-5 door (on the playground side of the school), or in front of the gymnasium. Please remember that our supervision team is outside to greet our

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children from 7:40-8:05 only. If children are dropped off after that time, they will need to make their way into the school on their own and check in at the office. We understand that more families are opting to drive children to school and recognize that it can be congested at times. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as our children's safety is of utmost importance.

○ As per provincial directive, Public Health will no longer be able to inform our schools of new cases, conduct contact tracing, or provide notification letters for close contacts. Please follow the following steps if your child tests positive for COVID:

1. Have your child isolate immediately.
2. Notify me (or your child's teacher) and all close contacts
3. Report your positive test to Public Health (if POCT rapid test was used).

ASD-S will post all school notifications daily to a new COVID-19 Dashboard on the ASD-S website. The dashboard will be updated by 5pm daily, and weekend cases will be added to Monday's totals. On this site, you will also find important Public Health information on testing positive, reporting, and isolating. Please note, families will no longer receive notification of school cases directly through School Messenger, social media, emails, or otherwise. Instead, families are encouraged to check the ASD-S COVID-19 Dashboard for daily updates of cases in schools.

<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Pages/welcome.aspx>

○ If a member of your household tests positive for Covid-19, all members of the household must isolate for 5 days if vaccinated and 10 days if not fully vaccinated. Students are not permitted to attend school during this isolation period.

○ Masks are required for all students and staff inside and outside. The only exceptions are when eating and drinking or outside as an individual class bubble. Please ensure your child has a few extra masks in their backpack.

○ The Healthy Lunch Ordering site closes on Wednesday, Feb. 16th. Late orders will not be accepted. The first day of Healthy Lunch is Wednesday, Feb. 23rd (as Feb. 21st is Family Day).

○ Although it is only mid-February, planning for the 2022-2023 school year has already begun. At this point, the number of students registered to begin kindergarten is significantly lower than in past years. If you have friends or neighbours in our serving area who have not yet registered their children for kindergarten, please encourage

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them to do so. The direct link to register is below:

<https://www.nbed.nb.ca/preregistration/Default?strlang=en&district=asds>

Pink Shirt Day will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd. Please find attached more information on this important event that raises awareness for anti-bullying initiatives and promotes kindness. Thank you to Ms. Casey and Java for planning a fun day 😊

Please see below a note from the Home and School group:



TOP SECRET MISSION

(For F.E.S. Staff Appreciation Week)

It has been another challenging year for teachers and staff at Fairvale Elementary. More than ever, we want to show them our appreciation for all their hard work. COVID-19 presents obvious challenges to the traditional staff appreciation week, so again this year **F.E.S. Home & School** is collecting money and gift cards to distribute to teachers and staff, rather than our usual daily buffet of snacks and prizes.

BUT shhh, don't let your teachers know,

we want it to be a surprise for them!

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If you would like to participate in our SECRET MISSION, please send gift cards to school no later than **Friday, February 18th** (just put them in an envelope marked “Top Secret” and have them sent to the office) OR Electronic Money Transfer to fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com

Any contribution is greatly appreciated (but certainly not required)!

Once we have collected all the money and gift cards, we will distribute them evenly among the staff. Staff Appreciation Week at F.E.S. is February 28th.



Thank
You!