

F.E.S. Family Connections

February 7th-11th

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| Monday, February 7th | Thursday, February 10th |
| Tuesday, February 8th | Friday, February 11th |
| Wednesday, February 9th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Healthy Lunch Ordering Site Opens | Upcoming Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ February 14th Valentine's Day○ February 16th- Healthy Lunch Ordering Site closes○ February 16th- PSSC Meeting @ 8pm○ February 21st- Family Day○ February 23rd- Pink Shirt Day○ February 23rd- First Day of Healthy Lunch |

Information Items:

- A reminder that if you are dropping your children off in the morning, you have three options:
 - Pull into one of the parking spots in front of Dreamland and have your child enter through the Dreamland gate (where an adult will be waiting to direct them into the building)
 - Drop off at the drop off zone across from the grade 3-5 door on the playground side of the building. Please remember that it is a drop and go zone so please have your child exit the passenger side of the vehicle.
 - Drop off at the drop off zone in front of the gymnasium which is also a Drop and Go area. If you are using this drop off zone, pull ahead until you are across from the dumpster and allow your child to exit the passenger side of the vehicle. It will allow more vehicles to enter the drop off zone from Strong Avenue.

The entrance to the playground and the sidewalk directly in front of it were not cleared of snow until late Tuesday night which caused a safety concern as children were exiting vehicles parked in front of Dreamland and were walking amongst cars in the drop off

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zone. After many attempts, I was able to reach the owner of the company who has the contract for snow removal and the problem was rectified Tuesday night.

- As per the 'Healthy & Safe Schools - Winter Plan' K-8, there are a few new protocols in place:
 - If one new or worsening symptom develops, a student or a school personnel is not permitted to attend school until they have a negative point-of-care-rapid-test (POCT). Should symptoms develop during the school day, parents will be contacted to pick up their child.
 - If a student or a school personnel has a constant and recurring symptom, for instance seasonal allergies, they may continue to attend school after they have received a negative POCT. The test can be done once for the same recurring symptom, as long as that symptom is not worsening and no new symptoms develop, at which point a retest will be necessary.
 - Masks are required for all students and staff within the class. Masks may only be removed when seated for eating and drinking.
 - Masks are required when students and staff are outside with other classes. Please send in a few extra masks as students play outside twice daily. As we all know, when we breathe through a mask in cold conditions, the moisture from our warm breath collects on the mask and causes it to become wet.
 - If a class goes outside on their own (class bubble), masks may be removed.

- 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 with a PCR or POCT (rapid test):
 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

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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.
- The Healthy Lunch Ordering site opens on Wednesday, Feb. 9th and closes on Wednesday, Feb. 16th. Please make sure place your child's order during that time frame. Late orders will not be accepted. The first day of Healthy Lunch is Wednesday, Feb. 23rd (as Feb. 21st is Family Day).
- Pink Shirt Day falls on the last Wednesday of February every year so this year it is on February 23rd. The goal of this initiative is to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness for anti-bullying initiatives. Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to **Lift Each Other Up** and have greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone so important. Our school will once again be participating in this year's Pink Shirt Day national broadcast. We will be joining Travis Price, co-founder of Pink Shirt Day, Witsup the walrus, and their special guests in celebrating kindness in Canada! This 40-minute show is exclusive to schools in Canada and is all about reducing bullying & conflict and increasing inclusion and positive relationships.
- In 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia classmates David Shepherd and Travis Price bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born. In recognition of the Berwick event, Nova Scotia proclaimed the second Thursday of September "Stand Up Against Bullying Day." In 2008, British Columbia proclaimed February 27 to be the provincial anti-bullying day, and the movement has continued to grow. In 2012, the United Nations declared May 4 as Anti-Bullying Day, and the last Wednesday each February is now the national anti-bullying day across Canada. Thanks to Travis' tireless efforts over 14 years, many countries now recognize days to prevent bullying and promote kindness. Travis continues to be a leader in the Pink (Shirt) Day movement, winning the Meritorious Service Medal of Canada for his work in bullying prevention and mental health advocacy.