

# F.E.S. Family Connections

January 31<sup>st</sup>- February 4<sup>th</sup>

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<b>Monday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Welcome back everyone!</li></ul>	<b>Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chinese New Year</li></ul>	<b>Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Groundhog Day</li><li>○ Switch day for our grade 5 English Prime/ Intensive French students</li></ul>	<b>Upcoming Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day</li><li>○ February 21<sup>st</sup>- Family Day</li><li>○ February 23<sup>rd</sup>- Pink Shirt Day</li></ul>

## Information Items:

- We look forward to having everyone back on Monday. Students will be coming directly inside upon arrival in the morning. If you are dropping your children off at school, please use one of the three options:
  - Pull into one of the parking spots in front of Dreamland and have your child enter through the gate (where an adult will be waiting to direct them into the building)
  - Drop off at the drop off zone 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.

Please plan to drop off between 7:40-8:05 when teachers are outside to supervise.

- As per the 'Healthy & Safe Schools - Winter Plan' K-8, there will be some 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

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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 direction and communication from Ms. Watson to families on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 your school principal 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 able 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>

- We ask that laptops and Ipads that were borrowed for Virtual Learning be returned by Tuesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The 23rd Annual Family Literacy Day (FLD) was yesterday Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The theme for this year's Family Literacy Day is Learning in the Great Outdoors. Families are encouraged to get outside and take 15 minutes of fun

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spending time in nature, which provides many benefits for our minds as well as our bodies.

<https://nbliteracy.ca/family-literacy/#:~:text=The%2023rd%20Annual%20Family%20Literacy,as%20well%20as%20our%20bodies.>



## Family Literacy – Literacy Coalition of New Brunswick

Joanne was born into a storytelling family, and as an educator, told stories throughout her career. Today, in this time of social distancing, she has created a YouTube channel in order to share folktales and other stories for children, told in the traditional storytelling way.. Children undergo a different experience when they are told stories orally, versus a story shared through picture books.

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