

F.E.S. Family Connections

November 8th-12th , 2021

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Monday, November 8th	Thursday, November 11th ◦ Remembrance Day- No School
Tuesday, November 9th	Friday, November 12th
Wednesday, November 10th	Upcoming Dates: November 14 th - Word Diabetes Day

Information Items:

- Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and continued support as we quickly transitioned to At Home Learning. Our teachers have been making daily contact through email and Microsoft Teams with learning continuing through direct teaching on Teams, home learning kits, and a mix of virtual and paper-based learning. Depending on the age of the children and the availability of families, some classes are meeting on Teams once a day, while others may be meeting two or three times, for shorter periods of time. Mr. Melanson (phys. Ed), Mrs. Russell (music) Mme. Chopin (STEAM and phys. Ed) and Mrs. Casey (guidance) have been joining Team meetings to facilitate learning and Ms. Richards and I have been dropping into class meetings to say hi and to see the children's sweet faces (without masks). Ms. Richards, Mrs. Tokach and Ms. Lint continue to provide academic support to students virtually. We recognize this shift to home learning is difficult for families with many children at the elementary level being at daycare or in the care of relatives during the day. To support this, our teachers are recording their sessions and/or posting videos and other material on their Team sites so families can access them in the evenings, if time permits. We do not want to add unnecessary stress so please do what you can.
- We have loaned many laptops and Ipads to families who require them to access MS Teams. If you are in need, please reach out to your child's teacher. We have a few more available.
- Please find attached information on creating an at home worry/feeling box. Ms. Casey discussed it with the children during her virtual class visits.
- The preparations for our virtual Remembrance Day ceremony were put on hold with the move to At Home Learning, but Mrs. Russell will be posting (by Monday) the video from last year's ceremony on each teacher's Team as well as on the F.E.S. Music Team. A

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reminder that there will be no school on Thursday, November 11th in recognition of Remembrance Day.

- Our playground committee will be hosting an **online auction** from Nov. 19-21st. Families can search F.E.S. Christmas Auction on Facebook. Please see the flyer attached.
- To keep our children safe while continuing our commitment to career exploration, we plan to host a **virtual career expo**. As in the past, the Career Expo will provide an opportunity for **family and other volunteers to educate F.E.S. students about the variety of career paths available in our community**. This year, however, we are inviting you to create a video of yourself (feel free to use your phone or tablet) at your workplace sharing what your work environment looks like, demonstrations of what you do which may or may not involve equipment/tools, and any other special parts of your career (e.g., uniform, special vehicle). We would love to meet your co-workers during your video tour. The length of your video is up to you. Our hope is that our 22 classrooms will watch your video during November which we will officially designate as "Canada Career Month at Fairvale Elementary School!". Please send your video to kerry.casey@nbed.nb.ca . If your video is too large to send via email, please use www.wetransfer.com (a free site to share large files and videos). If you run into any problems, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Casey. More information will be sent home next week.
- We look forward to welcoming everyone back in-person as soon as the current situation is resolved. Please reach out to your child's teacher or me if you require help or support.