

F.E.S. Family Connections

November 29th-Dec. 3rd, 2021

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Monday, November 29th	Thursday, December 2nd <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Scholastic Book Fair○ Parent Teacher (4pm-7pm)
Tuesday, November 30th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Report Cards distributed	Friday, December 3rd <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No School for students, Parent Teacher (9-11) & Professional Learning Staff
Wednesday, December 1st <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Scholastic Book Fair○ Lunch Period #3- Ordering site closes	Upcoming Dates: Dec. 6th- Hat/Mitten Drive for Bayview Elementary - Toy Drive Begins - Food Period #3 begins Dec. 13th-15th- Holiday Workshop Dec. 16th- Last day for new toy donations Dec. 20th- Last day for hat and mitten donation Dec. 21st- Holiday Dinner, Holiday Sweater Day, First Day of Winter Dec. 23rd- PJ Day/ Last Day of school

Information Items:

- Again this year our **Parent-Teacher conferences will be held virtually on Thursday, Dec. 2nd from 4:00-7:00pm and Friday, Dec. 3rd from 9:00-11:00am.** When you book an appointment with a specific teacher, both you and the teacher will receive email confirmation. If you use Office 365, the meeting will appear in your calendar. You will receive a meeting reminder via email one day and one hour before your scheduled appointment. **The appointments are first come, first served, so it is best to book your appointments early.** Please use this link to book your appointment:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/FairvaleElementary@nbed.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

- **Deadline to order lunch** for food period #3 is Wednesday.
- It has been a fun week at F.E.S.! We had **Career Dress Up Day** on Tuesday and today is **Crazy Hair Day** for Juvenile Diabetes and **National Jersey Day**. So far, we have collected \$327.40 for JDRF.

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- F.E.S. will be hosting an **on-site Scholastic Book Fair** from **Dec. 1st, 2nd, and 6th**. In addition, we will host a **virtual fair** so families can purchase books online. The link to the fair is <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5157354> . Online orders will be shipped to the school, and we will contact you for pick up once received.
- The **Home and School Online auction** was a huge success. We will provide you with the total fund raised through this event next week.
- The first night of **Hanukkah** 2021 is November 28th. "Hanukkah" means dedication in Hebrew, and the Jewish holiday, also known as The Festival of Lights, represents joy. It's punctuated by an eight-night display of dancing flames atop candles held in intricate menorahs, conveying warmth, comfort, and in Hanukkah's case, a miracle. Children at F.E.S. will be learning about the most classic Hanukkah game, spinning the dreidel.
- We are very appreciative of a local community member who has donated numerous **knit winter hats** to our school over the years (with our most recent donation this week). If you are looking for homemade hats, we would recommend Shirley's Hats (849-9276). Prices range from \$15-\$25, depending on style and size.
- Our annual **Holiday Dinner** will continue this year (on Tuesday, Dec. 21st) but will look a bit different. Individually packaged meals, prepared by a licensed cater, will be delivered to each classroom bubble. The menu will be similar to past years with potatoes, turkey, carrots, rolls and holiday cookie.
- We are excited to share that our **Holiday Workshop** (formerly Santa's Workshop) will take place this year. Students will have the opportunity to purchase inexpensive (between \$1 and \$5) holiday gifts for their family members. We will require three volunteers per class visit to assist with shopping and wrapping of those special gifts. If you are interested in assisting, please let us know. The class visitation schedule will be finalized next week.
- Our **holiday tradition of giving back to those less fortunate in our community** is continuing this year. We will be collecting **new hats** and **mittens** for students of Bayview Elementary and new **toys** for those in need through a partnership with KV Fire Department. The last day to bring in toys is Thursday, Dec. 16th and the last day to contribute to the hat and mitten drive is Monday, Dec. 20th.
- Mrs. Russell, our incredible music teacher, will be recording the songs for our **virtual Christmas concert** over the next few weeks. We will send you the link when it is complete.