

F.E.S. Family Connections

March 14th-18th

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Monday, March 21st <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day	Thursday, March 24th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Chess Club at lunch-Gr. 1○ Wear green for National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day (which is on Friday)
Tuesday, March 22nd <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tinker Tray Tuesday at recess-Gr. 2-3○ Lego at lunch-Gr. 5	Friday, March 25th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day○ No school for students (report card preparation and professional learning)
Wednesday, March 23rd	Upcoming Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ March 30th- Website opens for orders for next Healthy Lunch Food period.○ April 1st- April Fool's Day○ April 6th- Website closes for lunch orders○ April 11th- First day of food for next food period○ April 11th-Report cards distributed○ April 13th- Evening Parent Teacher○ April 14th Morning Parent Teacher and Professional Learning

Information Items:

- We returned on Monday to the lifting of restrictions in our province and our schools – some are relieved and happy this day came, and others remain cautious. Dr. Russell reminds us that COVID-19 is still here, and we will continue to see cases in our communities and schools. It is important to remember that if your children are more comfortable **wearing their masks** for all or part of the day, that is respected. It is a **personal and family choice**.
- Thank you to the generous donations of our F.E.S. families, we raised **\$400 for IWK** with our PJ Day before March Break.

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- World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) is March 21. Over time it has also been promoted as Lots of Socks day. The idea was created **because chromosomes are shaped “like socks” and people with Down syndrome have an extra chromosome**. People all over the world wear colorful, attractive, crazy socks on WDSD to get noticed.
- Saint Patrick's Day is not the only time in March to wear green. A lot of individuals outside of the cerebral palsy community are unaware that the month of March is dedicated to **Cerebral Palsy Awareness! March 25th** is a nationally recognized day intended to focus support for those affected by this condition. This day serves to provide those in the community with a platform to come forward and share their stories while supporting one another.
- Students are excited to start playing on the playground **with friends outside of their grade level bubble** beginning on Monday. As before the pandemic, we will continue to have grade specific soccer fields for our upper elementary students.
- Second term **Parent Teacher meetings** will take place on Wednesday evening April 13th from 4-7 and Thursday morning, April 14th from 9-11. We will be offering in person and virtual meetings. Wednesday evening will be in person and Thursday morning will be virtual, on MS Teams. More information will be shared next week.
- We look forward to **reintroducing some of the fun activities** and events that were part of our culture before Covid. In the coming weeks/months, we expect to start intramurals, choir, and running club.
- Our **year end grade 5 events** will be in person this year! More details to follow.