

Florenceville Elementary School  
January 2019 Newsletter!

***Happy New Year! Let's make 2019 a great year!***

Important Dates:

**Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Roll Out the Bag  
Night for Pre-K Students. @  
FES 5:45-6:45 pm**

**Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> - No School for  
students. PL day for  
teachers**

**Roll Out the Bag Night**

We are inviting the Pre-K (4 yr. olds) in for a family activity, Roll Out the Bag Night. The District has provided bags for the children that hold a multitude of resources promoting educational readiness activities. The kids circulate in stations with their parents to see how to use the resources. The children thoroughly enjoy this time. An invitation was sent to the registered Pre-K students and this will take place on Jan. 23.

IF you have or know of a child who is turning 5 this year and has not yet registered for Kindergarten, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

**Sora Parent Information  
Night**

Parents are invited to learn more about the e-library that FES is piloting. Mrs. Mahar will host an information session from 5:45-6:45 on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Plan to attend!

**Fox Dens**

Groups of students have been formed that will meet for 15 – 20 min on Monday mornings. The overall target of Fox Dens is to mix students up across the school, with varying ages in each group. Social skills are taught and practiced and will be followed up on. A Core Leadership Team within the school developed this with help from District Leads. Ask your child about this after we begin.

**Busing**

Just a reminder that we do not do day-to-day notes for bus changes. You need to have identified stops with the option of one primary and one secondary stop. These should remain the same each week. If there is a change in your plans, either you need to pick them up at school or their designated stop for that day. Our buses are very full. Thanks for your attention to this.

**French Immersion  
Registration**

There will be notices coming home soon with all students presently in Kindergarten and Grade 5 regarding Immersion for the upcoming school year.

Grade 3 is no longer an entry point, only grade 1 and grade 6. Information meetings will be held. Stay tuned for further information.

**Lunch Options**

We are presently looking at some lunchtime options to feed the students here at FES. We cannot run a cafeteria but may be able to have some food brought in. Again, it is work in progress and we will inform you as we make progress. Thanks to Laura Brennan and Valerie Carmichael for their work thus far. This is made possible by a private donation to help feed children.

**Art clubs**

We are looking into setting up some Art Clubs with help from the local Art Gallery, possibly at noontime for the elementary students and at 2:00 for primary students... When we have more information, we will send it out to you. Stay tuned

**Chocolate Milk**

Chocolate milk is back as an option for a lunch drink. Both types of milk remain at \$.50.

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**TNB Performance**

Each year we try to book a cultural performance for the students. This year we are bringing the show Hansel and Gretel on Feb. 13. This is made possible by money raised through the school. So thanks for your support!

**Rocks and Rings**

We have booked this program over two days for the students to be exposed to some curling. The program gives the basics of how curling works and takes place in our Gym. I hope that it will spark further interest for students to join curling. This opportunity is made available through our Wellness Grant fund. The date planned for this is Feb. 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Gymnastics**

We are in the process of getting some time booked at the Fitness Center to expose the students to Gymnastics. We cannot offer many of the components of gymnastics due to both the size of the gym and lack of equipment. The children really enjoy this experience and some students have gone on to join the gymnastics club. It is basic exposure. Again, our Wellness Grant makes this possible.

**Safe Arrival to School**

We are a pilot school for this program to be set up shortly. This program keeps track of daily attendance. It gives both you and the school reports and data on your child's attendance. The main goal is to ensure that each child arrives safely to school daily. MORE information is coming home next week with your child.

**Family Literacy Day**

We are setting up some activities for the children around Family Literacy spread out over a few days. The actual designated day for Family Literacy Awareness is Jan. 27, which is a Sunday.

At FES, we will have a visiting author on Jan. 24 and are trying to re-schedule our Christmas Readers for Jan. 25. The children are invited to dress up as their favorite book character that day. Literacy activity ideas will be sent home during that time, with a chance to win prizes. Stay tuned for more to come and we will remind you of these events. Our goal is to promote awareness that literacy can be achieved in many ways and is very important for everyone in the family.

**Public Health Note**

*This is good to discuss with your children...*

Exercise is good for your brain. It helps you feel good about yourself, learn and remember. Just 10 minutes of active playing can make you smarter! A little exercise is good, but more is better. Try to exercise for at least one hour every day! Exercise is fun in the winter! You can go for a walk in the snow, make a snowman, snow fort or snow angel, go sledding, skating or skiing. Exercising in the fresh air is healthy for you. Did you know there are many ways to exercise inside your home? If the weather is not nice outside, you can dance, do yoga, stretch, build a blanket fort or play a game like "Twister."

**IT'S 2019!!**

One thing to note for this New Year is 'Teaching children **Respect.**' Respect is something that needs to be talked about at home and at school. Try to find opportunities to note where you hear and see it. Modeling it for them is the most powerful tool. It covers everything!

Happy New Year!