

DECEMBER 2019

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It really is hard to believe that December is already here!

Thank you so much for everyone who supported our fundraising efforts with the poinsettia and Christmas flower campaign. The plants were big, full, and beautiful! With this fundraiser, we raised just under \$2000. Monies from fundraisers such as this help to offset the costs associated with athletics, school performances, student activities and trips. Any leftover funds are used for all other educational purposes. We look forward to collaborating with Jolly Farmer again in the spring for our spring flowers, which are always a huge hit!

Students are being encouraged to be active during the noon hour block, and many more students are choosing to go outside and enjoy the snow! We are looking for your support to ensure that your child is properly dressed for the weather. Please let us know if you need any help with this.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AND MOVIE

We are so looking forward to our third annual Christmas Brunch!

On Tuesday, December 17th, students will be bussed to Atlantic Cinemas in Woodstock for a movie and popcorn. We will then return to Florenceville True North Baptist Church for our Christmas Brunch. The Home and School (Thank you!) are supporting with the planning, preparation, and serving of our whole school meal of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and fruit.

We are asking families to send in \$5 per child, which will cover some of the cost of the movie/snacks, as well as go toward the brunch. Any other donations are welcome!

SPORTS TEAMS

Badminton season is wrapping up, and so far our students are doing well. Thank you to Matthew Guest, Colby McIntosh (and family!), Mrs. Pelkey and Mme Frennette for coaching our boys and girls!

Basketball is almost in full swing! We are pleased to have Mme Sanders supporting our girls, with Grant Robinson coaching our boys. The season for basketball wraps up in February, with Volleyball beginning in early February.

KEEPING FAMILIES INFORMED

Thank you for continuing to listen to School Connects messages and emails, as well as connecting with your child's teachers. We appreciate that you spend some time attending to these, as well as reading through the newsletter when it arrives. We will also be more attentive to using the school website (<http://fms.nbed.nb.ca>), where you can find information including teacher email addresses. Thanks for taking the initiative in keeping informed!

If you missed parent teacher, don't hesitate to call the school and leave a message for your child's teachers! They would love to have a chance to talk with you!

We wish you a joyous holiday season with family and friends! Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2019

4th - Newsletter
6th – MAAD Presentation (7/8s)
17th – Christmas BRUNCH and Movie
20th – Last Day of School

January 2020

7th – First day back to school
8th – School Newsletter
16th/23rd – Crabbe Mountain Ski Trip
30th – School Dance
27th – Family Literacy Day

Physical Education and Being Prepared!

Many students are not coming to school prepared for Physical Education. We have a stash of clothing that students can use if they forget their own clothes, but that stash is slowly dwindling as students are not returning them.

Please check to see if you have any stray shorts that belong here at FMS!

Also, please encourage your child to bring their own clothing to use for PE each day.

Thank you!



BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

This is just a note that Blood Donor Clinics will now be held at Centreville Community School! The next blood donor clinic will be held on Monday, December 16th from 2-4 and 5:30-8:30pm. Thank you for donating!

SUPPORT REQUESTED!

We are continuing to collect PJ's for Emma Pearson this week! On Friday, we will have a PJ day, and students can opt to wear PJ's in support of Emma Pearson. We are asking for a donation of PJ's or a monetary donation that will be used to purchase PJ's that are then donated to the IWK, local hospitals, and women's shelters.

Our bin is pretty empty – so PLEASE help us fill it up!

Winter Safety

Snow and ice provide a great playground for many fun outdoor activities in New Brunswick. Activities like sliding, snowshoeing, skiing and skating are all ways to get kids outdoors and active during the long winter months. Participating in winter activities has many benefits including improved physical and mental health. Below are a few things to keep in mind to help keep them safe while enjoying the great outdoors;

- Keep an eye on the weather. If temperatures fall below – 25 C (-13 F) children should stay indoors as exposed skin can freeze within a few minutes.
- Bundle up. Dressing in layers (an absorbent synthetic fabric next to the skin, warmer middle layer and a water resistant/ repellent outer layer) will keep them warm and dry. A single pair of wool blend socks is better to keep feet dry and avoid restriction of blood and air flow to the feet. Avoid loose scarves and drawstrings to prevent strangulation.
- Wear safety gear. Helmet use is recommended when skiing, skating and sliding. Goggles, sun glasses and sun screen may also be appropriate. Ensure that equipment is in good repair and properly fitted for your child.
- Check the depth and quality of the ice of ponds, lakes, and rivers before traversing. Ice thickness should be approximately 20 cm (8 inches) for skating and 25 cm (10 inches) for snowmobiles.
- Use caution when operating snowmobiles. Children under age 6 should not ride as passengers. Children under 16 should not drive. All riders should wear helmets and warm clothing. Ride on trails that enforce safe driving rules. Never tow a person behind a snowmobile.

Stay safe and enjoy fun outdoor activities this winter.

For more information;

Parachute Canada <http://www.parachutecanada.org/>

NB Trauma <https://nbtrauma.ca/injury-prevention/falls/>

Walk Like a Penguin <https://nbtrauma.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Walk-Like-a-Penguin-English-Poster.pdf>

Stay safe this winter!

A gentle reminder to check your home for fire hazards.

- Have your heating appliance checked by a professional.
- Make sure your chimney is clean and that the liner is in good repair. Rust, separated seams, and interior collapse are signs that your chimney must be replaced.
- Check all ductwork, heating vents and registers. Dust and other combustibles can collect on your heating elements over the summer.
- A working smoke alarm is your first defence in the early detection of fire. Install one on every level of your home. Make sure you change its battery regularly.
- A carbon monoxide detector will help protect you against toxic gases and deadly fumes. These should be placed in furnace and laundry rooms, hallways and in any room containing a heating unit.
- Portable fuel-fired heaters and gas lanterns need ventilation when used indoors. Before operating these appliances, make sure gases are properly vented outdoors.
- Prevent deadly gases from entering your home. Don't run your car's engine or a portable generator in an attached garage or next to an open door or window where the exhaust can enter your home.
- Never attempt to thaw a frozen pipe with a torch or other form of open flame. Call a professional. You may also try using a hair dryer or electric pipe heat tape.

Office of the Fire Marshall: https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/public-safety/law-enforcement-and-inspections/content/fire_marshall.html