



Florenceville Middle School October 2014 Newsletter

School Vision - "All students will be given the opportunity and support to become responsible citizens."
School Mission - "The mission of FMS is to develop students who are intellectually, technologically, physically and socially ready for their place in the 21st century world."

October is here!

Things are rolling along very nicely for us at FMS and we are thoroughly enjoying getting to know our new Falcons and re-acquainting ourselves with returning students. A focus for us in September was to introduce, review and rehearse the procedures, routines and practices that allow approximately 225 people sharing a building each day to function well and meet our goals. When students are struggling with meeting the expectations, we make opportunities to revisit, review and practice the routines or changes in behaviour that will get them 'back on track'. You can expect to hear from us if we are finding ourselves moving beyond the simple reminder stage with your child.

Soccer and Drama are underway!

Many thanks to Mrs. Carr and M. Clair for their leadership in drama. This year's production has a Christmas theme! Also thanks to Harvey Hillis and Jean Anne Green who are coaching and coordinating the girls' soccer team and Mme Hamilton and Patti Jurczak for coaching our boys!

Our School Fundraiser

We are again this year selling QSP magazines and new to us is their candle catalogue. Monies raised help support school wide activities, both extra-curricular and curricular. We've challenged each homeroom to work together to sell \$1000 in merchandise and if they do, we will host a school dance party during the day later this month! There are also many individual incentives through QSP and a pizza party for the class with the most per capita sales.

We appreciate any support you can provide to this initiative by encouraging your child to reach out to friends and family members who might purchase from the catalogues. This is a quick campaign, so they should hit the trail now! All monies collected are to be turned in on one of the three identified collection days: October 6th, 14th and 20th.

Cheques are to be made payable to Florenceville Middle School. There is an envelope and forms for credit card orders. You may also order or renew existing subscriptions online and FMS will be credited if you use this information: <http://www.gsp.ca/> Our school # is: **3706421** and you choose the student whom you wish to be credited with your purchase. THANK YOU!

MediAlert's *No Child Without* Program is at Our School

The *No Child Without* program offers a free MediAlert membership to students who attend our school and are of the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MediAlert membership through this program. MediAlert is your child's voice in an emergency,

MediAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur. To register your child you will need a *No Child Without* brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the *No Child Without* program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MediAlert at 1-866-679-3220 to update your child's file. For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to www.nochildwithout.ca.

Safe Schools Week

All schools in Anglophone West School District are recognizing Safe Schools Week this week, September 29 – October 3. At FMS, we are providing students with reminders and opportunities to explore 'what if' scenarios related to classroom, gym, playground and home safety as well as taking extra care and time to review the procedures that are a part of our Emergency Response Plan. We will be practising each of our response drills, including evacuation, secure the building (lock down), and clear the halls. Safety will continue to be a focus throughout the year across the curriculum, and with a particular focus on personal safety and Internet safety through the Health and Personal Development curriculum. This week is a good opportunity for you to do the same at home. Why not review your emergency escape route, including what to do if the main route is blocked!

Has your contact information changed?

Please be sure to notify us when your phone numbers or email addresses change. It is important for your child's well-being that we have a current number by which to contact you at all times.

If you have had a change in phone numbers or email addresses, please call Jane in the main office (392-5115) or send a message to the homeroom teacher so that we can update our records!

Two-way communication is an important key to a successful school year.

A note from the cafeteria: the cutlery (forks and spoons) available in the cafeteria is for the students who have purchased a Chartwells' meal. If your child has a meal from home that requires cutlery, they need to pack that in their bucket. Thank you!

My child isn't home yet!

Anglophone West has a protocol which outlines the step by step procedure used in cases of a missing bus student. The school's main telephone line is answered for one hour after the last school bus has left the school yard to ensure all students are delivered safely home.

Parents are reminded to allow 15 minutes after expected arrival time in the afternoons before calling the school looking for students who have not yet arrived; this allows for time delays which may be the result of spare drivers new to a route, breakdowns that may occur on the road to get communicated, delays as a result of the driver dealing with behaviour issues, student dawdling on the way home from the stop, or other occasional delays.

Supports to Families

Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision is New Brunswick's dental and vision plan for children of low-income families. Implemented in September 2012, the program was developed based on recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Health Benefits, one of three committees established to address key issues in New Brunswick's fight against poverty. **Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision** covers the cost of basic dental and vision services for some low-income children under the age of 18.

To determine if this program might be right for your family, find out more by doing a Google search for Healthy Smiles Clear Vision or by calling toll free at **1-855-839-9229**. Mr. Elliott is also available to assist you in the application process.

Achieving Inclusion is a retreat-style workshop for parents of children with disabilities sponsored by the New Brunswick Association for Community Living. Set for November 15 and 16 at the Riverside Resort and Conference Centre in Fredericton, this is a time to network with parents as well as hear from guest speakers. Contact Rebecca Pilson at rpilson@nbacl.nb.ca or 866-622-2548.

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Safe Schools Week Continues

3rd: Picture Day. Smile!

4th: Fundraiser Collection Day

9th & 10th: Professional Learning Days. No school for students

13th: Thanksgiving – No school

14th: Fundraiser Collection Day

16th – 17th: School Wide English Language Arts Reading and Writing Assessment Mornings

20th: Final Fundraiser Collection Day

31st: Grade 7 Probability Fair

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5th: Monthly newsletter and Progress Reports go home

7th: FMS Remembrance

10th: Parent-Teacher Interview and PD Day – No school for students

10th: Parent-Teacher Interviews (evening)

11th: Remembrance Day – No school

18th: Blood Donor Clinic

20th: 2nd HPV vaccination (girls)

20th: FMS Dance

UPCOMING EVENTS

Picture Day: Students are reminded that our photographers from Harvey's Studio use green screen technology to allow you to choose from a variety of backgrounds. Students are asked to **not wear green** on Picture Day, this **Friday, October 3rd**.

Basketball for K-6: The Northern Carleton Minor Basketball Association will be holding its annual registration night for the 2014/2015 basketball season for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Grade 6. Registration will take place Oct. 6 & 7 from 5-8pm each night at the Northern Carleton Civic Centre. Levels offered are K/1, 2/3, Mini Competitive and Mini Recreation. Please note: These will be the only registration dates and children must be registered to play.

The Northern Carleton Minor Basketball Association is excited to host a **Saint John Mill Rats Basketball Clinic** on Oct. 18 at the Carleton North High School for boys & girls in grades K-6. Grades K-3 will run from 10am-12pm and Grades 4-6 from 1pm-3:30pm. Cost is \$20 for NCMBA registered players (includes a Mill Rats T-shirt and BOGO Mill Rats Ticket) and \$45 for non-NCMBA players. Interested players can register for this clinic during season registration nights on Oct. 6 & 7 or at the door on event day. Inquiries contact Charles Walker at 392-9114.

Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery Programs for Kids, Teens & Families :

1. Teen Open Studio - Ages 13-17 - \$2/teen includes Pizza Dinner - Friday October 3 - 6:00-8:30pm
 2. Kids in the Gallery - NB Arts Bank Exhibit Tour & Art Project - Ages 5-12 - \$5/child - Saturday October 4 - 2:00-4:00pm
 3. Kids Night Out at the Gallery - Hallowe'en Theme - Ages 5-12 - \$5/child - Friday October 17 - 6:00-8:30pm
 4. Family Pumpkin Painting at the Gallery - All ages - \$10/family - Saturday October 18 - 1:00-4:00pm
 5. Toddlers in the Gallery - Ages 1-3 with Parent/Caregiver - \$5/child - Thursday October 30 - 11:00am-12:00pm
- For more information, visit www.mccainartgallery or call 392-6769 or email jaime@mccainartgallery.com.

Free Yard Sale: October 18th at Florenceville Baptist Church Gym 8:00 til it's all gone!! Come and check it out. ☺

All fundraiser order forms and monies must be in by **October 20th**. Thank you!