



Florenceville Middle School June 2015 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."

We are in the home stretch!

Many would describe this time of year as 'winding down' in schools. It won't feel like that over the next three weeks since we have lots going on, including lots of new learning! You'll see there are many events and a few off-site learning opportunities. Despite these, we are full steam ahead with our regular timetable on most days and with the expectation that students are living by the FALCON code and abiding by the routines and procedures that help our school run well. We thank you for your ongoing support by encouraging students to be all that they can be.

Student Fee for 2015-2016

The fee will remain at \$55.00. Current Grade 6 and 7 students can pay the fee for next year anytime from now to June 23; it can be dropped off at the office. It works best for us to have the fee in advance to improve our buying power during June and August when most school supplies are on sale. Receipts will be issued when payment is made.

All Hilroy scribblers, binders, duotangs, and paper needed for all subjects are provided. Pens, pencils, erasers, a lock, and planner are also provided to each student. Class sets of scissors, rulers, glue, coloured pencils, markers, highlighters, and calculators are available for students to use in classrooms. This fee also includes school-wide performances (drama, music, inspirational presentations), bristol board for projects, many of the consumables for exploratory subjects and helps defray costs associated with our school-wide presentation days (Heritage Fair, Probability Fair and Science Fair).

Parents are asked to supply a book bag, a lunch container and clean sneakers for Phys Ed classes.

Bon Voyage!

40 Grade 8 students from FMS and BMS leave early tomorrow morning for a three-day cultural and educational tour in Quebec City. Many thanks to all those in the community who have supported this opportunity for students through participating in fund-raising events, providing volunteer hours and encouraging travelers to be a part of this event. We wish all students and chaperones a great trip!

Please note: During the absence of these students and their teachers, the remaining students are expected to attend school as usual. On both Thursday and Friday, students in 80 and 8B will attend all classes, following their regular timetable, and students in 8C and 8Q will form a combined immersion class and will also follow a regular schedule. All Grade 8 students will return to their regular class and schedule on Monday.

Other Learning Opportunities this month. . .

On June 9th, all Grade 8 students are being given the opportunity to visit a selection of the captivating programs available at NBCC Woodstock! The idea of the morning is for the grade 8's to go away with an enjoyable experience, college as part of life, career routes as options and many a supper table conversation. This very worthwhile experience supports learning targets in our PDCP curriculum. Grade 8 students are asked to bring a water bottle and morning snack with them; lunch will be provided on site before returning to FMS for afternoon classes.

While the Grade 8s are visiting NBCC, our Grade 6 and 7 students will further develop learning targets from the Provincial Art Curriculum by participating in workshops provided by local artists. Thanks to the Andrew and Laura McCain Art Gallery Programming and Mme Muise for coordinating this learning opportunity!

FALCONS in the Community

Our Leadership Group will be spear-heading two citizenship activities this month. There will be a garbage pick-up day on June 3rd and a food drive between June 8th and 18th.

June 2014

1st-2nd: Math Assessments including Provincial sampling at Grade 8

3rd: Newsletter goes home

4th-6th: Grade 8 trip to Quebec City

5th: Disability Awareness Week's Walk'n'Roll

8th – 18th: Food drive competition between homerooms.

9th: Grade 8 field trip to NBCC and Grade 6-7 Art Activity morning

10th: Middle School Track and Field Meet at FMS

13th: Final Rugby Jamboree at FMS

18th: Off-Site Team Trips

19th: Awards Ceremony

19th: Last day for students; report cards go home. Half day for students: full day for

Band News

On June 11th from 3:00 - 4:30, Band will have an instrument clean up and inventory. This is a mandatory session for band students in Beginner and Jr. Band. Even if students rented their own instrument, they are expected to attend to return and sort their sheet music from the year. All instruments, sheet music and band books must be returned on the 11th.

Team Trips for Off-site Phys Ed

Each Team has planned an off-site field day for learning and activities outside our school walls. All Team trips will take place Thursday, June 18th. Grade 6 and 7 students will be swimming and bowling and Grade 8 students will be taking in a number of physical activities at Camp Shiktehawk. Keep an eye out for permission slips later this month.

Awards Ceremony

On Friday, June 19th, starting at 9:00 am, we will be recognizing a variety of student achievements, both academic and extra-curricular, from this school year. You are invited to attend. We will begin with athletic awards and extra-curricular events and then move onto academic awards.

Last Day

The last day of school for students in the 2014-2015 school year is Friday, June 19th. This will be a half day for students. We will inform you of anticipated bus departure times once these are provided to us by Transportation. Report Cards will go home with students on the last day of school. You should be seeing your child come home with locker contents gradually over the last 2 – 3 days of school rather than their saving it all up for Friday!

Congratulations!

We recognized many May initiatives at our last rally, including congratulations to several groups who finished up their long-term endeavours or represented FMS well on the road.

Ten grade 7 and 8 students represented FMS at the **UNB Math Competition**; thanks to Mme Muise for helping them prepare for this event and accompanying them that day. One of our own, Jaymee Henley, was recognized as a District sub-winner. Congratulations, Jaymee! We now

have the results from the **Let'sTalk Science** competition, also at UNB; many thanks to Mme Morin for coordinating their practices and challenges throughout the year in preparation for this event. All our teams did a great job, with one of our teams placing 6th among 32. Great job Jaymee Henley, Nick Colborne, Kathryn Chase and Thane Hutt! Thanks also to Mme Kelly who accompanied four Grade 6 students to participate in the **Regional Heritage Fair**.

Beginner and Junior Bands finished up another busy year with their final concert on Monday. Many thanks to Mrs. Carr for the many hours of dedication to both those groups, as well as to Mrs. McMonagle and Mr. Clair who also gave of their time and talents to our developing musicians.

Volleyball wrapped up their successful seasons last month. Many thanks to coaches Mme Morin for the girls and Mr. Mark Thompson, assisted by high school student Logan van Cingel, for the boys. The **Rugby** season will be wrapping up on June 13th with their final jamboree and we appreciate Mr. Jefford Dennis, Mme Quinn and Mrs. Pelkey for giving of their time to allow many FMS students this opportunity. Also thanks to Mr. Oakes who is helping train students for the upcoming **Track and Field Meet** on June 10th.

These and other athletic, academic and artistic opportunities have been made possible for our students this year due to many, many, **many** hours of dedication and energy by coaches, directors, and coordinators. Without their generosity, we simply would not be able to provide FMS students with the many opportunities we have been privileged to have as part of our school culture. On behalf of all our students and staff, thank you very much!

*Best wishes for a wonderful summer holiday to all our students and their families.
We look forward to seeing returning students on Tuesday, September 8, 2015!*