



Florenceville Middle School October 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."

October is here!

We are 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 240 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.

This week is Wellness Week in New Brunswick

As a part of Wellness week, students are being reminded of healthy Mental Fitness tips on morning announcements. They have also been given a bookmark featuring these tips. Ask them to share the info with you at home!

FMS in the community

In recognition of World Food Day on October 16, our school will participate in the FCC Drive Away Hunger program by collecting donations of food for people who are hungry in our area.

We would like you to send a food item to school with your child between *October 14th and 21st* to support this program. We will have student representatives meet the FCC volunteers on October 21 at 2:00 pm to make our donation to "Volunteer Family Services" in Woodstock.

Below is a list of most needed food items according to Food Banks Canada:

- Pasta (canned or dry) and pasta sauces
- Canned meats and fish
- Meat alternatives (peanut butter, soy, assorted packaged nuts)
- Canned goods (beans, soups, and stews)
- Dairy (canned and powdered milk)
- Canned vegetables and fruit
- Whole grain cereals
- Infant foods and baby formula
- Rice
- Flour

Thank you for your support. Working together, we can drive away hunger! For more information on FCC Drive Away Hunger, visit www.fccdriveawayhunger.ca.

Help Build Our 10-Year Education Plan

We need New Brunswickers like you to share their ideas and insights as the Government of New Brunswick gets ready to develop its 10-Year Education Plan. Check out the information on the web site, fill out the online survey or come to the Open House here at FMS on Thursday, October 22 between 5:00 and 8:00 pm. Add your voice today!

Expectations for French Immersion

All students in French Immersion had an assembly with their teachers and the Administrators on Monday to review the expectations for the use of French as the only language of communication in French Immersion classes. It was explained to students that this is not a 'nice to have' habit, but rather, it is an expectation of the Province and District as well as the School that students speak only in French to teachers and classmates during all courses in French as well as other times during the day that they are with other FI students. We appreciate your support in relaying this very important expectation that will help students achieve their French proficiency targets.

FMS Book Fall Book Fair

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair being held in the library at FMS will be open to the public the following times: Wednesday October 28 from 2 - 4 and Thursday October 29 from 12 - 4:30. Students will have the opportunity to shop during scheduled times on Wednesday and Thursday. We accept cash or cheques made out to Florenceville Middle School. Thanks in advance for your support!

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!

The Grade 8 Trip Meeting on Tuesday at 7:00pm is for families interested in planning/participating in fundraising. If you are going to pay out of pocket, you need not attend.

October 2015

8th & 9th: Professional Learning Days. **No school for students**

12th – Thanksgiving – **No school**

13th: Smile, it's picture day!

13th: Grade 8 Trip Fundraising Meeting 7:00 pm

14th – 21st: FCC Food Drive

26th -30th: FMS Book Fair

27th: PSSC meeting at 7:00 pm

30th: Probability Fair

November 2015

4th: Monthly newsletter

10th: FMS Remembrance Service

11th : Remembrance Day – **No School**

19th: Parent-Teacher Interviews (evening)

20th: Parent-Teacher Interview and PD Day – **No school for students**

26th: FMS Dance

Our sports teams

Many thanks to Gord Phippen and Mrs. Quinn who are coaching the girls' soccer team and Jared Joudry for coaching our boys. Their season ends on October 31st. Next up will be Badminton, from November 2nd to December 11th.

Supports for 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.

The **No Child Without** program offers a free MedicAlert 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 MedicAlert membership through this program. MedicAlert is your child's voice in an emergency,

MedicAlert 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 Guidance 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 MedicAlert 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.

Achieving Inclusion is a Provincial Inclusive Education Family Conference for families who have a child with an intellectual disability. Sponsored by the New Brunswick Association for Community Living, the conference will be held in Fredericton but it is open to all families across the province. There is a small cost to families of \$25. Bursaries are available for families who are unable to pay this fee. Parents will have the opportunity to hear from Keynote speaker, Michael George who is a life leadership coach, motivational speaker, and writer. He helps families living with a disability to believe in a future that is bigger than the past so that they can achieve wildly successful outcomes. See more details in the poster

on the FMS Website. **To register or for additional information please contact:** Rebecca Pilson, 866-622-2548 #2 (toll free)

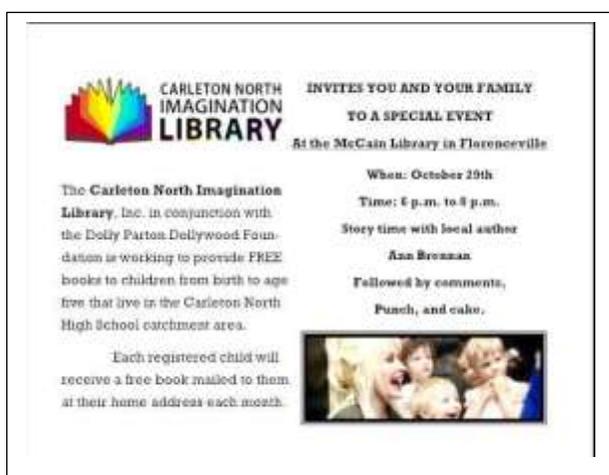
UPCOMING EVENTS

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, Tuesday, October 13th.

Art Opportunity THIS WEEK

No School on Professional Learning Days means an opportunity for children aged 5-12 to engage in fun activities and art making at The River Art Centre & Studios. Participants will have a full day of fun and learning, both inside and out (weather permitting). Those registered will need to bring a bag lunch with drink, and weather appropriate clothing. The program runs from 9am-3pm and those who pre-register will be given/sent a consent form for their child. Spaces are limited and Pre-registration is required.

Cost is \$30 per child. To register please call 245-2568 or email bryanne@mccainartgallery.com.



CARLETON NORTH IMAGINATION LIBRARY INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO A SPECIAL EVENT At the McCain Library in Florenceville

When: October 29th
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Story time with local author **Ann Brennan**
Followed by comments, **Punch, and cake.**

The Carleton North Imagination Library, Inc. in conjunction with the Dolly Parton/Dollywood Foundation is working to provide FREE books to children from birth to age five that live in the Carleton North High School catchment area.

Each registered child will receive a free book mailed to them at their home address each month.




To open a mind **OUR GOALS**

- ⇒ Improve literacy in the area.
- ⇒ Prepare our children for learning in school.
- ⇒ Allow children to discover the world through books.

Open a book

Discover the world

*We will register children on a **first come first serve basis** (to be expanded at a later date).

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

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