

# Florenceville Middle School

## June 2016 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 21<sup>st</sup> century world."

### We are in the home stretch!

There are people who would like to describe this time of year as 'winding down' in schools. It won't feel like that over the next three and a half 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 FALCONS 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.

At this time of year, many of our Phys Ed outcomes and activities are best suited to outdoors. For this reason, students should be prepared with appropriate wear for both indoors and outdoors physical activities. Flip flops and sandals are **not** acceptable footwear for Phys Ed whether indoors or outdoors. All students are expected to be participating in Phys Ed class, just as they are expected to participate in all classes. There are sometimes exceptions which are supported with evidence from a medical doctor which means some of the activities may need to be adapted to accommodate the injury or condition; however, generally speaking, if your child is well enough to be at school, they are well enough to be participating in Phys Ed.

We encourage students to have a refillable bottle of water daily and sunscreen is something to keep in their book bag or locker. Spray sunscreens must be applied outdoors only and we appreciate your efforts to purchase unscented or reduced-scent sunscreens to meet the expectations of our Scent free policy.

The **Student Fee for 2016-2017** 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 (rental), 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 as well as facial tissues, band aids and disinfectant wipes. This fee also includes school-wide performances (drama, music, and inspirational presentations), a paid DJ for dances, one trifold presentation board and one or two sheets of bristol board for projects, and many of the consumables for exploratory subjects. The fee helps defray costs associated with our school-wide presentation days (Heritage Fair, Probability Fair and Science Fair) as well as beginning and end of year celebrations.

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

**The Grade 8 Farewell Party** is an event at which many like to take photos. We would remind you of our photo policy which is aligned with Provincial policy and outlined in our Student/Parent handbook: **all photos** taken at school or school events including sporting events and extra-curricular activities are not to be shared on the Internet or Social Media apps (including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and others) without the express permission of the parent of each child in the photo. Please contact all parents of students in your photos before posting or sharing them.



**The FMS Book Talk Initiative comes to a close this month.** Students should be finished their books and return them to the library on Friday, June 17; weekly book talks should be taking place until then. We thank you for participating in this learning opportunity and hope you are enjoying your talks with your buddy reader! ☺

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1<sup>st</sup>: FMS newsletter

1<sup>st</sup>: Final rugby weekly jamboree for FMS

2<sup>nd</sup>: Farewell Party

4<sup>th</sup>: Gathering of the Scots (Rugby in Perth-Andover)

9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>: Grade 8 Trip to Quebec City

15<sup>th</sup>: Track and Field Meet at Bath School

17<sup>th</sup>: Return your Book Talk book to the library

21<sup>st</sup>: CPR sessions for Grade 8 students (in class)

22<sup>nd</sup>: FMS Spelling Bee

23<sup>rd</sup>: FMS Year End Activities – local and on-site

24<sup>th</sup>: last day of classes. This is a half day for students and a full day for staff.

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Bon voyage to the 38 Grade 8 students from FMS and BMS who leave next Thursday 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, there will be scheduled classes for Grade 8 students not on the trip.

**Congratulations** to Cloey Kinney in Grade 7 who has placed in the top 10 in the national "Write for a Better World" contest! WOW!! Way to go, Cloey!

### **Sales Month for our Gr. 7s engaged in an exciting project!**

As many of you know, two of our grade 7 social studies classes have been learning about economic empowerment throughout the year by creating their own business venture. With the help of our McCain business partner (François Bourgoïn) and BMR in Florenceville, 7E students have created a business called "Hangin' Ten", through which they will be marketing and selling foot hammocks/fidgets during the month of June. 7AB's business, "Carleton Customs" has partnered with the town of Florenceville (Charles Walker) and McCain (François Bourgoïn & Jeff Rector). Their business aims to design and market logos and slogans. With the help of their community partners, they have created t-shirts that support tourism in Florenceville and promote Fry Day at McCain. All proceeds from sales will go directly to the charities chosen by students: Make a Wish Foundation (Carleton Customs) and ALS (Hangin' Ten). The t-shirts and the foot fidgets will be on sale at noon next week at school for \$20.00 each. Thank you in advance for your support!

### **Awards Ceremony**

On Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 2015-2016 school year is Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. 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, but generally, students arrive home 3 hours before their normal arrival time. 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.

Seven grade 7 and 8 students represented FMS at the **UNB Math Competition**. Two were recognized as District sub-winners. Congratulations, Savannah Cullins and Morgan Greene!

Beginner and Junior Bands recently finished up another busy year with their final concert. Many thanks to Mr. Golding for the many hours of dedication to both those groups!

**Volleyball** wrapped up their successful seasons last month. Many thanks to coaches Mme Morin and Mme English for the girls and Mr. Mark Thompson, assisted by high school student Noah Smith for the boys. The **Rugby** season will be wrapping up this month with their final weekly jamboree, the Gathering of the Scots and season-end social. We appreciate Mr. Jefford Dennis and Mme Quinn for giving of their time to allow many FMS students this opportunity. Special thanks go out to Ella Crawford who willingly took on some managerial duties for the rugby team this year. Also thanks to Mr. Oakes and Mrs. Pelkey who are helping train students for the upcoming **Track and Field** Meet on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 6, 2016!***