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Florenceville Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 School year! We are very excited to begin another year of learning at FMS, and are pleased to have the opportunity to get to know your very special children.

We will focus our attention on teaching academic subjects, as well as guiding students to become ready for all of the challenges life will bring. We look forward to working shoulder to shoulder with you to bring out the best in each and every student!

Yours in learning,

Ms. Rioux, Ms. Pearson, and the FMS Staff

STAYING INFORMED AT FMS

There are many ways to stay up on the news happening at FMS!

- Watch for the newsletter on the **first Wednesday of every month**.
- Visit our website (FMS.nbed.nb.ca)
- Read the emails or listen to the phone messages from **School Connects**.
- Read and discuss with your child the **FMS Student/Parent Handbook**.

And...join us tonight at our **Meet and Greet**, Wednesday, September 6th at 6pm in the gym! There will be a general overview about changes to the school, an introduction of the teaching staff, as well as our **PSSC Election!**

Communication is an important key
to a successful school year!

Please sign and return to us the following documents:

- Student Data Sheet (legal sized paper with pre-filled info). Please verify the accuracy of information and make corrections, sign where indicated, and return ASAP.
- Student/Parent Handbook. This is designed for you to review each page with your child, signing that you have done so. There are also important pages at the back requiring information such as Photo Permissions.
- Student Fee of \$55 which includes all school supplies as described in the Student/Parent Handbook.
- Custody Information. By law, schools are required to provide, on request from non-custodial parents, information about a student's education, except when a court order prohibiting access of a parent to a child exists. **If there is a current, valid court order prohibiting access to this child, the responsibility rests with the custodial parent to provide the school with a copy of this document. Please send in a copy or contact Sally for other arrangements. This is required ASAP.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2017

6th – Meet & Greet and PSS Election, 6pm.

21st – Vaccinations/Dance

October 2017

4th – Newsletter, Thanksgiving Dinner

9th – No School, Thanksgiving

24th – Half Day, Afternoon

Professional Learning

27th – Probability Fair (Gr. 7)

TBA: Safety Week, Book Fair

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keeping track of 200+ students makes the office a very busy place!

If you know that your child is being picked up, please send a note in for the homeroom teacher rather than calling the office.

If an emergency arises and you need to make a change during the day, it is imperative that we are aware before 2:00pm in order to ensure the message reaches your child.

If your child forgets their lunch, we will ensure they are fed. If they forget their gym clothes, we have clean ones to borrow. There is no need to make an extra trip to school for forgotten lunch/gym clothes.

MORE IMPORTANT NEWS

NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome Cindy Pearson, Acting Vice-Principal, Steve Chan, teacher, Stephanie Mackey, teacher, Jessica Schrader, teacher, Isabelle Vienneau, teacher, and Ann Giggie, Educational Assistant, to the FMS team!

SCHOOL SAFETY

Throughout the next few weeks we will be practicing drills including fire drills, school lock downs, and evacuations to our alternate site, the Carleton Civic Centre. We occasionally walk from school to the Civic Centre by way of Main Street sidewalk or the NB Trail to practice this routine.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS

Students being driven to school should be dropped off at the front door **after 7:55am**. Please enter on the 'McCain' side of the driveway and exit by the 'bridge' side.

CAFETERIA SERVICE

Chartwells, our food service provider, will have a regular menu in place very soon. Norma and Carrie work diligently to meet the expectations in the Nutrition Policy, while also making food that is appealing to our students! The cafeteria does not offer credit. Students bringing their lunch need to bring along their own cutlery, as the condiments and cutlery in the cafeteria are for those purchasing their lunch. If your child forgets their lunch, they should fill out an "Oops, I forgot my lunch" ticket and we will ensure that they have food!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

FMS is continuing to offer grab and go breakfast options to any student who wishes to have something to eat after arriving. If you are interested in helping to support our program, please contact Sally!

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

When issues arise please first make contact with the teacher. In most cases, this will lead to a resolution. If the issue is not resolved, contact the principal who, in most cases, will arrange a meeting of the parent/guardian, teacher and principal. In cases where resolution is still not met, contact can be made with the Director of Schools at the Woodstock Education Centre. Thank you in advance for adhering to this protocol.

ATTENDANCE

Having your child attend school regularly and on time promotes good routines, enables success and allows teachers to do their jobs well. Please help us make this a priority with all our students. The instructional day is from 8:25 to 2:50. We appreciate your waiting until the dismissal time before picking up your child whenever possible. This reduces the interruptions to everyone's learning day.

Contact Information

If your contact information changes throughout the year, including home phone, work phone, cell phone, email address and/or mailing address, please let us know **as soon as possible**. It is important for your child's wellbeing that we have a current number by which to contact you at all times. Please note this includes the **email address** we have on file for our School Connects Messaging so that you will continue to receive our voice messages.

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

FMS STUDENT SAFETY

FMS is a nut free and shellfish free school, as well as a scent reduced facility!

If your child comes into contact with Chicken Pox, please let Sally know ASAP as we have a child with a medical condition that warrants this information in order to maintain good health.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FMS MEET AND GREET

We would love to have each student represented at the **information session** being held tonight, September 6th, in the gym! An opportunity to casually meet staff will be provided following the PSSC election.

IMMUNIZATIONS

The Public Health nurses will be holding an immunization clinic at our school on Thursday, September 21st. The purpose of the clinic is to administer a vaccine against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) to all grade 7 students, and the HPV vaccine to the grade 7 girls only.

Grade 7 students will receive information pamphlets and consent forms to take home. Any questions can be directed to Public Health.

FMS DANCES

Our first FMS Dance will be held on September 21st. Doors open at 7pm. All students are to be picked up at 9pm. Students are to remain in the building for the entire dance unless an administrator has been informed of an early pickup. Please see the Student Parent Handbook for further guidelines. The 'fee' for the first dance is a box of tissues!

When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more.

– Henderson, Mapp