

# December Newsletter

## Fairvale Elementary School

Vision: FES students will be passionate life-long learners who contribute as responsible leaders in a global community.

### Literacy Corner

#### Ends Policy #2

*Students at FES will demonstrate continuous improvement in literacy skills, striving to meet or exceed the standards set by the Province of New Brunswick.*

## Literacy FAQ's

(Adapted from Miriam Trehearne)

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How much time should my child and I spend reading together?

Two factors are more important than the number of minutes spent reading. First, make sure that the time you spend together is enjoyable for both of you. Second, make sure your reading time occurs daily. Make reading together a habit. The actual number of minutes will depend upon your child's interest in the book, ability to concentrate, and appropriateness of the material. As a general rule, at least 15 minutes should be spent together daily, you reading to your child and your child reading to you. In addition to that sustained reading time, look for literacy experiences on the run. Read everything around you and take your time in the car for conversations, asking good questions and playing word games.

Once my child begins to read independently, should I still read aloud?

No child or adult is ever too old to be read to. Families should never stop reading together. Things like fluency, phrasing and comprehension are important skills that are enhanced by hearing good reading.

How do I increase my child's vocabulary?

Talking with your child, reading to and with your child, writing together, and visiting many locations will help in vocabulary development.

# Math Corner News

## Partitioning Numbers

Not sure what your child means when they talk about partitioning numbers? It is just a way of thinking of a number in parts. In the early grades children are taught to see a number as being made up of many parts. 7 is the same amount as 5 and 2, 6 and 1, or 4 and 3. In the older grades children are partitioning larger number. 546 can be thought of as  $500+40+6$  or  $500+20+20+5+1$ . As children practice and become more flexible with partitioning numbers they will begin to select partitions that will help them solve math problems mentally.

### Mental Maths Partitioning Strategy

When we add numbers, sometimes it helps to break these numbers up into parts which helps to simplify what is being added.

$7 + 5$

$7 + 3 + 2$

TOP NOTCH TEACHING

# Guidance News

Dear F.E.S. Families,

It's hard to believe December is upon us! November was certainly a busy time in the guidance office. November marked **Canada Career Week** and on behalf of students and staff, I would like to extend a big thank you to those parents and community members who dedicated a great deal of time and effort into making our **2017 Career Expo** a success. Students thoroughly enjoyed engaging, hands-on presentations thanks to the following parent and community volunteers:

## 2017 Career Expo Participants

Mr. Fowler- Operator at Irving Pulp and Paper

Mr. Richard- Registered Nurse at the SJRH

Mrs. Quinn- Materials Manager at Ameco

Constable Toner- Police Officer with the Kennebecasis Regional Police Force and "Partner" Auxiliary Police Officer  
Mr. McCabe

Mr. Benjamin- Environmental Consultant at Stantec

Ms. Dorcas- Interior Designer for Homestar Inc.

Mr. Barrett- Firefighter with the KV Fire Department

Dr. Robinson- Veterinarian at Atlantic Veterinary Hospital

Mr. Gorham- Criminal Lawyer

Professor J.P. Lewis- Professor of Canadian Politics at UNBSJ

Constable Caissie- RCMP Officer

Mr. Woods and Mr. Rust- Foresters with JD Irving Woodland

Mr. Finlay- Animator with Finlay Studios

Mrs. Steeves- Dog Groomer at the Fairvale Animal Hospital

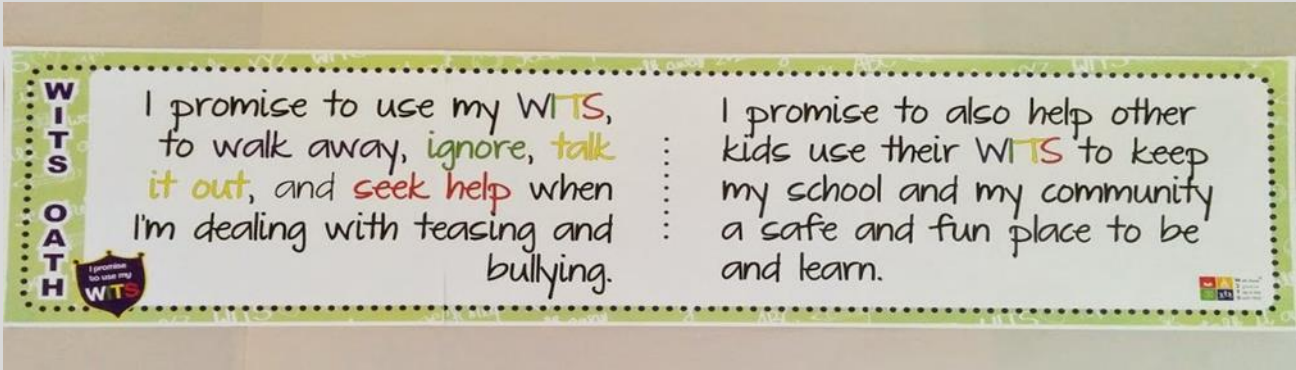
Mr. Gallucci- Account Executive with BNI

Massage Therapy Students from Eastern College



# Guidance News Continued

During November Java and I also had the opportunity to visit each class to talk about using our WITS not only to help ourselves, but to also help others. When we take action to help others in need (e.g., use our words to remind someone to be kind, invite a student who isn't being treated with respect to join our group of friends, or seek help for someone who is being disrespected) we can proudly call ourselves **WITS Upstanders** and uphold our WITS oath!



Of course, December will be a shorter but busy month for our little guidance department (Java and me!). When we return in January, we can look forward to our January assembly and classroom visits at which time we will begin to learn about the *Zones of Regulation*. Stayed tuned for more information in the new year. Until then, Java and I wish FES families a safe and happy holiday!

Mrs. Casey

**The ZONES of Regulation®**

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
			
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Terrified Yelling/Hitting Out of Control

# What's Happening In the Gym?

## **K-1 Outcomes for this month**

### **Students are expected to:**

#### **DOING:**

- 1- Demonstrate personal space while standing still and moving.
- 2- Identify and move different body parts.
- 3- Move in the gym in a safe and controlled manner and stop in control with good balance.
- 4- Move through space while changing directions and being in control.
- 5- Toss and roll objects while standing still and moving.

#### **KNOWING:**

- 1- Keep my eye on an object in order to be able to catch it.
- 2- Look at my target when passing an object and make sure my partner is ready to receive.
- 3- Explain the importance of following rules in P.E. class.

#### **VALUING:**

- 1- Listen to directions and explanations.
- 2- Show safe behavior when moving and using equipment.
- 3- Share space and equipment.
- 4- Take turns being a squad leader and help my team get points.

#### **Lessons:**

Students will:

- Demonstrate dribbling basketball skills while standing still and moving
- Play basketball lead-up games
- Demonstrate Cup Stacking skills such as practicing how to up stack and down stack with 3 or 6 cups
- Play Seasonal / Christmas games while doing relays and stations

## **2-3 PE Outcomes**

### **Students are expected to:**

#### **DOING**

- 1- Solve movement tasks by following teacher given directions
- 2- Keep control of an object while standing still and moving in space.
- 3- Use movement skills to play low organized games.

#### **KNOWING**

- 1- Identify safety rules and procedures for various activities.
- 2- Be aware that working with a partner or group may affect my performance.

#### **VALUING**

- 1- Accept responsibility for assigned roles.
- 2- Work willingly with others of different abilities and interests.
- 3- Explain the importance of listening to directions and staying on task.

#### **Lessons:**

Students will:

- Demonstrate basic basketball skills such as Dribbling, sending and receiving the ball with increasing control and accuracy.
- Play basketball lead-up games
- Demonstrate Cup Stacking skills while practicing how to up stack and down stack with 3, 6 and 9 cups.
- Play 1 on 1 Competitions with timer



# What's Happening In the Gym?

## 4-5 PE Outcomes

### Students are expected to:

#### **DOING**

- 1- Demonstrate ways to send and receive an object with increasing accuracy, individually and with others.
- 2- Demonstrate basic motor skills and use these in games and sport activities.
- 3- Use basic offensive and defensive positions and strategies.
- 4- Be involved in fitness activities.

#### **KNOWING**

- 1 - Show a knowledge and understanding of safety rules and procedures for activities.
- 2- Be aware of the 5 basic components of physical fitness such as aerobic endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility and body composition.

#### **VALUING**

- 1- Be aware of the importance of rules, routines and safety in different PE activities.
- 2- Assume the responsibility of a squad leader and cooperate in a group setting.
- 3- Show proper behavior and fair play by participating in PE activities with others that have different interests and abilities.

### Lessons:

Students will:

- Demonstrate basic basketball skills such as dribbling, passing and catching with increasing accuracy as well as offensive and defensive positions and strategies during an assessment
- Demonstrate Cup Stacking skills while practicing how to up stack and down stack with 3, 6 and 9 cups
- Play 1 on 1 competitions with timer
- Play Seasonal / Christmas games while doing relays and stations

## A Note from the Music Room

All students this month will be preparing a special song for our upcoming Christmas Concert. The Full School Concerts are on Monday December 18th (families A-L) and Tuesday December 19th (families M-Z). Our Choir Concert will be the evening of December 14, at 6:30 pm.

Along with concert preparation students will be playing games to reinforce concepts learned from September to November as well as learning about the composer Tchaikovsky and the music from the Nutcracker.



# FES Home & School

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## December Events

December is a busy month for our Home & School! We have many events coming up this month including Santa's Workshop December 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> and our Turkey Dinner on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Both are popular events that the students look forward to every year. If you would like any additional information on either of these events please email us at [fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com)

### Thank You Fairvale!

#### Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. Our library received \$400 in books as well as \$1000 to spend on other books! Some of the new books will include French, graphic readers and fiction. Thank you to everyone who purchased books and to our wonderful volunteers.

#### KV Santa Claus Parade

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped create our awesome Harry Potter float in this year's Santa Claus Parade. The parade committee did a wonderful job with the float and it looked amazing.



### We want your bottles!

If you have empty bottles after the Holidays filling up your garage please consider donating them to the Home & School. Simply label your bags Fairvale Elementary School and drop off at the Redemption center desk. No need to wait in line! Thank you!

### December Reminders

Happy Feet Painting Party: Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

Santa's Workshop: Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

Turkey Dinner: Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

Fairvale Family Pizza Night (Papa John's) - Dec 20<sup>th</sup>



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### Home & School Executive

**Co-Presidents:** Traci MacVay & Jennifer Roy

**Vice President:** Carolyn Smith

**Co-Treasurers:** Nancy Washburn Pynn & Erin Staal

**Secretary:** Nancy Sooley

Congratulations to Jodi Millett & Dave MacLeod for being our December volunteers of the month!

Thanks 'a latte' Jodi & Dave for being so generous with your time and all you do for FES!!!





# Speaking of Speech and Language...

(from the ASD-S Speech-language Pathology Department)