

# F.E.S. Family Connections

December 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

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## **What is Happening:**

- **Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**- No School for children. Parent Teacher meetings and Professional Learning for staff
- **Monday, Dec. 7 to Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**- Virtual Art Richard Holiday Concert (personalized for F.E.S.) available for classes to enjoy
- **Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>- Monday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**- Toy & children sock drive for Hestia House
- **Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**- Turkey Dinner (in individual classes)
- **Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**- Christmas Sweater day!
- **Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**- Last day before Christmas Holiday (& PJ Day)

## **Information Items:**

- Thank you to the families who are participating in **virtual Parent Teacher meetings** this evening and tomorrow morning. Join by using the link in your email reminder or in your Outlook calendar.
- Our **PJ Day in support of Hestia House was a huge success. Due to the generosity of our F.E.S. families, we raised \$569.35 for this worthwhile cause.**
- Our **holiday tradition of giving back to those less fortunate in our community is continuing this year.** We will be collecting **new toys and new children's socks** for Hestia House from **Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> to Monday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**. Following COVID guidelines, all toys will be sanitized as they come in and will be set aside for 72 hrs. before delivery on Friday morning, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Toys and socks will need to be brought in by students as access to our school is limited to students, staff and district personnel.
- Our annual **Holiday Dinner** will continue this year (on Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>) but will look a bit different. Individually packaged meals, prepared by a licensed cater, will be delivered to each classroom bubble. The menu will be similar to past years with potatoes, turkey, stuffing, carrots and rolls. As per our operational plan, access to the building is limited to students and school/district personnel so we will be meeting the cater outside. **Please note the date change from Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**. This change was made because many families have already ordered hot lunch for Wednesday.
- The Home and School is selling **F.E.S. school clothing**. The online store is setup for FES families to access through 2020-2021 school year. Estey Group advised that online orders are retrieved weekly, usually on Thursday, and that production time takes

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approximately two weeks. When the order is ready, Estey will drop it at the school for pick up by families. Each order is individually wrapped and labeled. Please see the attached flyer. To order please visit the online store at <https://fairvaleelementaryschool.logoshop.com/>

- Our Home & School has created a **FlipGive** Team which is a team fundraising service that makes raising money easier than ever before! Using Flip Give, you can start raising money for Fairvale Elementary School by earning cash for things you are already buying (in-store or online). Please see the one-page flyer for details.
- We have had inquiries from families about our annual **Santa's Workshop** event where children are given the opportunity to buy relatively inexpensive gifts for their family members. Although all items were purchased during Boxing Week last year, this event relies on many volunteers and has the possibility of many small hands touching the same items. **Due to the pandemic, we are taking a one-year hiatus from Santa's Workshop.**
- Due to COVID restrictions, **we will not be holding our Christmas Lip Sync** this year. If the situation changes, perhaps we will hold this beloved event in the spring.
- Mrs. Russell, our incredible music teacher, will be recording the songs for our **virtual Christmas concert** over the next couple of weeks. As families, you will have access to the videos the week of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Due to the restrictions with singing, the children will be playing instruments instead of singing.