

F.E.S. Family Connections

April 17th-21st, 2023

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Monday, April 17th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 1 Open Gym○ After School Frozen rehearsal 2:35-4:00	Thursday, April 20th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 3 Pancake Breakfast○ Chess Club-Grade 1
Tuesday, April 18th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 2 Open Gym○ Matilda-10:15-10:45○ Lego Club- Grade 4○ Home and School Family Fun Night Planning Meeting @7:30pm	Friday, April 21st <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 5 Open Gym○ Matilda-10:15-10:45○ Deadline to register for Grade 1 and 6 French Immersion
Wednesday, April 19th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 3 Open Gym○ Tinker Tray Play-Grade 3-5	Upcoming Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ April 22nd- Ramadan ends○ April 22nd – Earth Day○ April 25th- Lego Club Gr. 5○ April 26th- Tinker Tray Play-K-2○ April 27th- Chess Club-Kindergarten○ May 2nd- Fire Drill○ May 2nd- Lego Club○ May 3rd -Tinker Tray Play Gr. 3-5○ May 3rd- Healthy Lunch Food Period #7 Opens

Information Items:

- **Earth Day**, celebrated on April 22nd, is an annual global event that raises public awareness of the importance of protecting the environment. Many people spend Earth Day doing activities to improve the environment. Typical Earth Day events in many communities include cleaning up parks and beaches, planting trees, or setting up recycling stations. Some environmental groups hold large rallies to raise awareness about pollution or habitat protection.
- We are pleased to announce that our annual **Family Fun Night** is returning after a three-year hiatus. An initial planning meeting will take place on **Tuesday, April**

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18th at 7:30 for any parents willing to volunteer. It is a major event, so many hands make light work.

- To **register your child for Grade 1 Early French and Grade 6 Late French Immersion**, please complete the registration form at the following link before April 21st: <https://forms.office.com/r/dPYsvpjGAf> .
- This year, and every year, our goal is to ensure that all our students are **attending class regularly and arriving on time**. COVID has made attendance a challenge and we have learned that some absences, such as sick days are unavoidable. That is why it is more important than ever to help our students get back into the habit of consistent daily attendance. Being present has a huge impact on a student's social and academic success, starting in kindergarten. When your child or children are sick (high temperature, vomiting, diarrhea, pink crusty eyes, or undiagnosed rash), we encourage you to keep them at home. Otherwise, it is important to send them to school. **Since September, 111 of our 344 students (32.3%) have missed at least 10 days and 53 of 344 (16%) of our population has missed at least 15 days which is substantially higher than pre-COVID.**
- A reminder that ASD-S has a **scent-reduced policy**. **Exposure to perfumes and other scented products can trigger very serious health reactions in individuals with asthma, allergies, migraines, or multiple chemical sensitivities**. The health effects of fragrances – ranging in severity from mild to debilitating – can include headaches, migraines, dizziness, nausea, fatigue, shortness of breath and wheezing. For some people, especially those with asthma and other respiratory disorders, exposure to fragrances can trigger the need for emergency medical treatment. Perfumes and colognes are considered the most concentrated form of fragrance; however, fragrances can be found in a wide range of products including soaps, shampoos, deodorants, hairsprays, and cosmetics. **We have three staff members who experience serious reactions to scents and who have had to leave F.E.S. on more than one occasion due to exposure to fragrances.** Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone.
- **Morning supervision begins at 7:40** so please do not drop your children off on the playground before that time as they will be unsupervised.