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| **Monday, April 24th**   * Open gym grade 1 * Drama at lunch | **Thursday, April 27th**   * Open gym grade 4 * Grade 2 Choir * Harry Miller Middle School & Rothesay Park School band performance at lunch for interested students * Spring running club forms will be sent home with interested grades 3-5 students |
| **Tuesday, April 25th**   * Open gym grade 2 * Gr. 3-5 Choir * Drama after school * Grade 2 Activity Stations (2 B & 2 O’B) * Community Spelling Bee- Valley Christian Academy | **Friday, April 28th**   * Professional learning day for staff. No school for students. |
| |  | | --- | | **Wednesday, April 26th**   * Open gym grade 3 * Grade 3 Nucombe Volleyball:   Game 1: Hawks vs Blues  Game 2: Stars vs Oilers   * Drama at 12:15 | | **Upcoming Dates:**   * May 2nd dress rehearsal for Lion King at 11am * May 2nd- Performance at 4:30 and 6:15 for families * May 3th- Monthly 7 Habits Assembly- Habit #7- Sharpen The Saw * May 5th- Subject Council Day for Educators- No School for students * May 11th- Introduction to Golf (phys. Ed classes) * May 17th-Drama Fest at KVHS (please note date change) |

**Information Items:**

-Tomorrow is Earth Day! Please take the time to celebrate with your family by adopting a few new earth-friendly practices. Volunteering to clean up a local park on Earth Day is a great way to get some fresh air and explore the bounty of the natural world, but it isn't the only option. From showing your children how to use water wisely around the house to teaching them (and yourself) to reuse and repurpose common household objects, there are lots of activities that will help your family embrace the idea of a lifelong dedication to [making every day Earth Day](http://science.howstuffworks.com/environmental/green-science/5-ways-earth-day-every-day.htm).

- Congratulations to all grade 3-5 students who participated in our school spelling bee. It was evident that all participants took the time to study the word lists and we are proud of their efforts. A special congratulations to our top speller, Liam Veale, as well as our top three spellers in each grade level who will be participating in the KV Community Spelling Bee on Tuesday, April 25th at 10 am at Valley Christian Academy. (Please see the rules of the event attached). Family members are welcome but not required to attend. Those representing F.E.S.at the Community Bee include:

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| Grade | Names |
| 3 | Alex Backman, Owen Millett, Sean Sabean |
| 4 | Ewan Benjamin, Tess Nason, Howie Wright |
| 5 | Lucas Jay, Camden Mills, Liam Veale |

Those participating will be walking to Valley Christian Academy on Tuesday with a teacher supervisor.

-.  On Thursday, May 4th the PSSCs of the Saint John area high schools will host their third and final ***It Takes A Village to Raise A Teen*** parent session for the year at Harbour View High.  Attached you will find the information on our Youth Anxiety session for parents with guest speaker Dr. Daniel Chorney, a psychologist from Nova Scotia. Please see attached flyer for more details.

-We are pleased to be hosting four NBCC interns over the next four weeks (April 24th-May 19th). Kristen McIntyre and Makayla Hachey are Human Services students who will be completing their internships with Mrs. Buckley and Mrs. Blanchard/Mrs. Grant. Sam Risk and Sheila Blanchard are Early Childhood Education students who will be working with Mrs. Dawes/Mrs. Dow and Ms. Curtis/Ms. Kindred. We are pleased to be able to provide practical experience for these students who, in turn, are helping to support our own F.E.S. students.

-To date we have sold \_\_\_\_\_tickets to the 4:30 performance of the Lion King and\_\_\_\_\_\_tickets to the second show at 6:30 show (both on May 2nd). Tickets were initially sold to families of cast and choir members but are now available on a first come, first served basis to any F.E.S. family. Please complete the attached order form and send it in to the school. Tickets are $2 each. All students will get to view the great show during our morning dress rehearsal.

- A reminder that any requests for student placement for the 2017-2018 school year must be submitted in writing to me at [Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca) before 9pm tonight. Please remember to describe a learning environment that may suit your child’s learning style/needs (social, emotional and or academic) or provide me with the reason your child should be placed with another child or separated from another child. Do not state which teacher you do or do not wish your child to be placed with next year. Teacher assignments change from year to year, and the teacher you request may not end up teaching your child’s grade level. We do our best to place your child in an appropriate setting given the information shared. For more details about the process we use for class creations, please refer to last week’s F.E.S. Family Connections.

- Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our themed baskets. Tickets will remain on sale until May 2nd with the baskets being on display (and tickets available for purchase) at our two performances of Lion King.