

# F.E.S. Family Connections

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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<b>Monday, December 12th</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Morning Open Gym-Grade 1</li><li>○ Kindergarten Student Led Clubs</li><li>○ Toy, Hat, and Mitten Drive continues</li></ul>	<b>Thursday, December 15th</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Morning Open Gym-Grade 4</li><li>○ Chess Club- Grade 1</li><li>○ Grade 3 &amp; 4 Student Led Clubs</li><li>○ Toy, Hat, and Mitten Drive continues</li><li>○ Holiday Workshop: 4 Elias, 2 Kilpatrick, 4 Robichaud, K Creamer, K Barry, 5 Sanford, 3 Lister</li><li>○ Choir Concert- 6:30pm</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, December 13th</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Morning Open Gym-Grade 2</li><li>○ Lego Club- Grade 4</li><li>○ Grade 1 Student Led Clubs</li><li>○ Toy, Hat, and Mitten Drive continues</li><li>○ Holiday Workshop: 4/5 Culligan, 1 Martell, 2 Martin, 11 Tai, 1 Batt, 3 Porter, 3 Chopin</li></ul>	<b>Friday, December 16th</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Morning Open Gym-Grade 5</li><li>○ Toy, Hat, and Mitten Drive continues</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, December 14th</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Morning Open Gym-Grade 3</li><li>○ Tinker Tray Club (Gr. 3-5)</li><li>○ Grade 2 Student Led Clubs</li><li>○ Newcomers Club @ 10:15 in the guidance office</li><li>○ Toy, Hat, and Mitten Drive continues</li><li>○ Holiday Workshop: 5 McRae, 2 Gamble, 2 Woods, 1 McLellan, K Reevey/Veale, 4/5 Johnson, 3 Shillington</li></ul>	<b>Upcoming Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>- Last day for Toy, Hat, and Mitten Drive</li><li>○ Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>- Holiday Concert 8:30am (for families whose surnames begin with A-L)</li><li>○ Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>- Holiday Concert Repeat 8:30am (for families whose surnames begin with M-Z)</li><li>○ Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>- 11am- Class Act, from Sussex will be performing an interactive children's Christmas show entitled Aesop's Fable-ous Christmas Tree.</li><li>○ Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>- Holiday Dinner and Holiday Sweater Day!</li><li>○ Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>- Holiday Lip Sync</li><li>○ Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>- Last Day before break; half day and Holiday PJ Day</li></ul>

## **Information Items:**

- Each year we plan our **Scholastic Bookfairs** to align with **Parent Teacher Conferences**, although this year that means that the bookfair and Holiday Workshop are taking place on back-to-back weeks. Next year, we will ensure that our fall Scholastic Bookfair is scheduled by the second week in November regardless of the date of Parent Teacher Conferences. We recognize that this is a busy, expensive time for families and even though both events are optional, most students want to participate.

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- Students will be visiting the **Holiday Workshop** next week where they will have the opportunity to purchase inexpensive (between \$1 and \$5) holiday gifts for their family members. We require three volunteers per class visit to assist with shopping and wrapping of those special gifts. If you are interested in assisting, please let us know. The class visitation schedule is attached.
- Our **choir will be singing the National Anthem at the Sea Dog's game at 7pm on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** . To purchase **flex tickets** to use for this game or another game of your choice, please log into your School Cash Online account before midnight tonight. Tickets will be available for pick up from the school on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. If you prefer that they be sent home with your child, please email Jennifer Russell, our music teacher at [Jennifer.Russell@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Russell@nbed.nb.ca) . Parents can then take the Flex Tickets to TD Station Box Office anytime before the game you want to attend and redeem the Flex Tickets for the date and seat of your choice.

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- Our **Holiday concert** is being performed twice- On **Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am** each morning. Families whose surname begin with the letters A-L are asked to attend on Monday and those with surnames that begin with M-Z to attend on Tuesday. The Home and School committee will be selling tickets on **VIP Parking and Seating** for both performances of the concert. The winners will receive two parking spots directly in front of the school and four front row centre seats in the gymnasium. More information to follow early next week.
- The annual **Lip Sync event** is returning after a two-year hiatus! Small groups of interested grade 3-5 students have selected songs and will be "auditioning" next week. A few primary classes will also be performing as a whole class 🎵
- We are continuing to collect new **toys, mittens, and hats** to support those who are less fortunate this holiday season. The toys will be given to the KV Fire Department who distribute to families in need in the greater Kennebecasis Valley area and the hats and mittens will be donated to Princess Elizabeth School.
- We are excited about our upcoming **Holiday Dinner**, catered by Cask and Kettle, on Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Early next week, children will be coming home with **menu selectors** to indicate what food items they want. The choices include turkey, potatoes, carrots, roll, gravy, cookie, and apple juice. This is one of the favourite events of the year where children come together to enjoy a meal (and where many parents volunteer). Our Kindergarten and grade 1 classes will eat at

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11am, our grade 2-3 children will eat at 12 and our grade 4-5 students will enjoy the meal at 1pm.

- The New Brunswick Health Council, in collaboration with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Departments of Health, is currently conducting the **Student Education and Wellness Survey**. Information collected is used to develop strategies and programs to support children wellness. We received notification today that the deadline for parents to complete the survey has been extended until Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **F.E.S. Celebrates Pets with a Pet Bulletin Board!** We know the important role our pets play in our lives and in our mental health. For that reason, staff and students are invited to send in a photo or drawing of their present or past pet to be displayed on the guidance bulletin board. Please label your photo/drawing with your child's name, their pet's name, and their teacher's name so that it can be returned to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Casey at 847-6304 or [Kerry.casey@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Kerry.casey@nbed.nb.ca)