

F.E.S. Family Connections

February 13th-17th

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Monday, February 13th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 1 Open Gym○ Student Led Clubs- kindergarten○ Great Rothesay Food Bank Challenge continues!	Thursday, February 16th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 4 Open Gym○ Chess Club-Grade 2○ Skating- Kindergarten-Grade 2○ Great Rothesay Food Bank Challenge continues!○ Pancake breakfast for kindergarten and grade 1○ Welcome to Kindergarten event 3:30 and 5:30
Tuesday, February 14th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 2 Open Gym○ Valentine's Day- wear red, pink, or white○ Student Led Clubs- Grade 1○ Lego Club- Grade 3○ Great Rothesay Food Bank Challenge continues!	Friday, February 17th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 5 Open Gym○ Student Led Clubs-Grades 3 & 4○ Great Rothesay Food Bank Challenge continues!○ Deadline to submit your contribution to the Top Secret Mission (see letter attached from Home and School group)
Wednesday, February 15th <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 3 Open Gym○ Student Led Clubs-Grade 2○ Tinker Tray Play-Grade 3-5○ Healthy Lunch Period #5-Order site opens○ Great Rothesay Food Bank Challenge continues!	Upcoming Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Feb. 20th- Family Day- No school○ Feb. 21st- Lego Club for Gr. 4○ Feb. 22nd- Pink Shirt Day!○ Feb. 22nd-Tinker Tray Play- K-2○ Feb. 22nd- Healthy Lunch Period #5- Ordering Site closes○ Feb. 23rd- Chess club Gr. 1○ Feb. 27th-March 3rd-Staff Appreciation Week

Information Items:

- **February is Black History Month** -Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities. The 2023 theme for Black History Month is: "Ours to tell". This theme represents both an opportunity to engage in open dialogue and a commitment to learning more about the stories Black communities in Canada have to tell about their histories, successes, sacrifices and triumphs. No matter where you live, we invite all Canadians to learn more

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about these communities, and how they continue to help shape Canadian history. For more information, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

- **Monthly Pancake Breakfast-** We are excited to bring back our Pancake Breakfast. Each month a different grade will get the opportunity to enjoy pancakes, milk, or juice with their classmates directly following morning announcements. Thank you to Kennebecasis Valley Superstore for donating all food items and to a group of Educational Assistants who have volunteered to come in early to help us cook pancakes and transform our gymnasium into a cafeteria. We will have gluten free and dairy free options available for students and staff with specific dietary needs. The dates are below:
 - ✓ K&1- Feb. 16th, Gr. 2- March 16th, Gr. 3- April 20th, Gr. 4-May 18th, Gr. 5-June 15th
- **Staff Appreciation-** Please see the attached letter from our Home and School group regarding an upcoming Top-Secret Mission.
- We are excited to be participating in the **Great Rothesay Food Bank Challenge!** As rising inflation and cost of living spikes continue to hit Canadians hard, food insecurity is becoming a more widespread issue. February is also a month with Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt Day; opportunities to demonstrate Kindness to others! Throughout the month of February, classrooms will be collecting nonperishable food items to donate to the KV Food Basket. January, February, and March are typically slow months for donations, and we want to do what we can to support. A pizza party will be given to the class that collects the most items (per class capita).
- On Pink Shirt Day, we will be participating in **Pink Shirt Day Canada's National Broadcast** with host Maya Kara, WITSup, the walrus, and special guest Peter H. Reynolds who is the author of Be You, Say Something, The Dot, and many more inspirational stories. During this 40-minute Show, the hosts will talk about being kind, hear from youth and award-winning authors, honour Indigenous people, hear from students about their own kindness projects, play a game with chances to win prizes! We will also host a sock hops (K-2 at recess and gr. 3-5 at lunch), enjoy pink frozen treats with alternatives available for those who have dietary needs/allergies), and have non-toxic pink heart hand stamps.