

F.E.S. Family Connections

February 10th-14th, 2020

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| <p>Monday, February 10th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 1 Open Gym ○ Great Food Bank Challenge continues ○ Activity Stations-5M &4R ○ Staff Appreciation Week | <p>Thursday, February 13th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 4 Open Gym ○ Chess club ○ Drama |
| <p>Tuesday, February 11th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 2 Open Gym ○ Lego club ○ Choir ○ Activity Stations-2G&2Ch | <p>Friday, February 14th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 5 Open Gym ○ Lunch Period #4 Ends ○ Activity Stations 1B&1M ○ Valentine's Day! ○ Day 100 |
| <p>Wednesday, February 12th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 3 Open Gym ○ Monthly 7 Habits assembly ○ Drama ○ Skating starts for 1Russell, 1 Batt, 1 Martell, 1-2 Woods ○ Activity Stations-3C&3B/G ○ Healthy Lunch #5 Ordering Closes ○ French Immersion Program Information Night at KVHS for kindergarten and grade 5 families ○ PSSC Meeting at 7:30pm | <p>Upcoming Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 17th - Family Day/No School ○ February 18th Healthy Lunch Food Session #5 begins ○ February 18th Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse poster submissions due (interested grade 4 & 5 students) ○ February 19th- Read Canadian Day ○ February 19th- Skating 1Russell, 1 Batt, 1 Martell, ½ Woods ○ February 25th- Bilingual Magician and Illusionist Remi Boudreau visit ○ Februar. 26th- Pink Shirt Day ○ February 26th- Skating starts- Kindergarten classes, 2 Blanchard, 2 Chopin, and 2 Gamble ○ February 27th- Winter Carnival Day ○ February 27th- end of Great Food Bank Challenge ○ February 28th- Last day before March Break |

Updates

- The **Great Food Bank Challenge (elementary edition)** continues until **Thursday, Feb. 27th**. It is a friendly competition between elementary schools to collect food and toiletries for the Food Banks in the Saint John region.
- **Information Nights on the Grade 1 and Grade 6 French Immersion entry programs** for parents and guardians of current kindergarten and grade 5 parents will take place at **KVHS on Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 6:30.**
- We have a limited supply of **Valentine's Day cards for sale for \$1** a box in the office. Themes include Disney Princesses, Transformers, Trains, Batman, and Mickey Mouse.

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- A new nationwide initiative that celebrates the richness, diversity, and breadth of Canadian literature, was announced in fall 2019. The **I Read Canadian Day, taking place for the first time ever on February 19, 2020**, will empower families, schools, libraries, bookstores, and organizations to host activities and events by reading Canadian books for just fifteen minutes. "The purpose of this event," says Rose Vespa, Executive Director of the Canadian Children's Book Centre, "is to raise awareness of Canadian books and to celebrate the excellence of Canadian literature."
- **Pink Shirt Day** is **Wednesday, February 26th**.
- We are excited to be offering families an afterschool enrichment program on Mondays beginning on March 16th. **SNAPOLOGY** provides an interactive, hands-on learning experience for children ages 3-14. Using LEGO bricks and other building mediums, children explore age-appropriate science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) concepts under guided instruction. Please see the flyers attached for more information including a link to register.
- Our **Curriculum Night** originally scheduled for **February 20th** has been rescheduled to **Thursday, April 30th** to allow us to **showcase student engagement including our outdoor learning initiatives**.
- **Cheques are no longer being accepted** for payment of Healthy Lunch orders.
- "**Rainbows** is an international not-for profit program that fosters emotional healing among children grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis and transition in their family. The curriculum is designed to assist people who are grieving a death, divorce or any other painful transition in their family within a safe, supportive environment." This program is offered at our school by our guidance team Ms. Casey and Mrs. Branch. If you feel that Rainbows would benefit your child, please inform our Guidance Team. You may contact us at 847-6304 or kerry.casey@nbed.nb.ca/ sara.branch@nbed.nb.ca. Thank you!
- We celebrate our students featured in newspapers on our "Falcons In the Spotlight" bulletin board. We want to take it one step further and are **looking to acknowledge and celebrate our children's achievements-great and small in the community** that are not necessarily featured in the Telegraph Journal, KV Style or the Valley Viewer. Please email me, Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca with the details of your child's accomplishment and we will include it in our morning announcements. Examples may be accomplishments in Beavers, Brownies, Girl Guides, Cadets, Art, Music, photography, sports, volunteering...the sky is the limit☺