

F.E.S. Family Connections

February 17th-21st, 2020

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<p>Monday, February 17th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Day/No school 	<p>Thursday, February 20th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 4 Open Gym ○ Chess club ○ Drama ○ Food Bank presentation
<p>Tuesday, February 18th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Healthy Lunch Food Session #5 begins ○ Grade 2 Open Gym ○ Lego club ○ Choir ○ Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse poster submissions due (interested grade 4 & 5 students) ○ Activity Stations- 2B & 1/2W 	<p>Friday, February 21st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 5 Open Gym ○ Activity Stations 1R&1M
<p>Wednesday, February 19th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read Canadian Day ○ Grade 3 Open Gym ○ Skating for 1Russell, 1 Batt, 1 Martell, 1-2 Woods ○ Activity Stations-3K & 3/4S ○ Drama 	<p>Upcoming Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 25th- Bilingual Magician and Illusionist Remi Boudreau visit ○ February 26th- Pink Shirt Day ○ February 26th- Last skating date for 1 Russell, 1 Batt, 1 Martell, ½ Woods ○ February 27th- Gr. 1 & Gr. 6 Program Registration Forms due ○ 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. Following the theme of **"Hunger, It's a Towering Problem"** we plan to build a mountain or pyramid of canned food in the front hall and watch it grow!
- **Grade 1 and Grade 6 program registration forms are due by Thursday, Feb. 27th**. The Grade 1 form (on blue paper) went home with kindergarten students yesterday and the Grade 6 form (on pink paper) was sent home with Grade 5 students yesterday. All families are required to register their children for either English Prime or French Immersion.
- 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."

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- **Pink Shirt Day** is **Wednesday, February 26th**. During the week of Feb. 24th, we have a number of activities planned. Details will be included next week.
- 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.
- This is the time of year when we encounter many viruses and bacteria. The **best protection is good handwashing**. Below are some useful resources for Elementary aged children:

[Caring for Kids](#) handwashing handouts

[Cover Your Cough](#) poster

"Wash Your Hands" CDC (2010)

SafeYouTube Link: <https://safeYouTube.net/w/5700>

Original : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJG72sycQB8>

Children's Hospital of Colorado (2015)

Safe YouTube Link: <https://safeYouTube.net/w/h800>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3QUtQQp8W4>

Germ Smart (2013) Saskatchewan Health Authority

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/V800>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoxdS4eXy18>

Cough Etiquette CDC (2019)

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/uC00>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQINuSTP1jl>

Cough Etiquette CDC 2019

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/DC00>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLXzw6j9JVw>

- 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**.
- Because of the bus delay on Wednesday, skating was cancelled. **The final skating day for Mme. Batt, Mme. Martell, Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Wood's classes will be Wednesday, Feb. 26th**. The skating dates for **Mrs. Blanchard, Mme. Chopin, Mme. Gamble, Mrs.**

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Reevey/Veale, Mrs. Creamer, Mrs. Dawes and Ms. McCutcheon will be **March 18th, March 25th, April 8th, April 15th.**

- 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☺