

F.E.S. Family Connections

January 20th-24th, 2020

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<p>Monday, January 20th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 1 Open Gym ○ Student Led Clubs- Grade 1, Grade 4, 	<p>Thursday, January 23rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 4 Open Gym ○ Chess club ○ Drama ○ Welcome To Kindergarten 3:30 and 5:30
<p>Tuesday, January 21st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 2 Open Gym ○ Student Led Clubs- Grade 3 ○ Lego club ○ Choir 	<p>Friday, January 24th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 5 Open Gym ○ Student Led Clubs –Kindergarten, Grade 2 ○ Dress as your favourite story book character
<p>Wednesday, January 22nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 3 Open Gym ○ Drama 	<p>Upcoming Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 25th- Chinese New Year ○ January 27th- Staff Professional Learning- No school for students ○ January 27th- Family Literacy Day ○ January 29th- skating starts for 1Russell, 1 Batt, 1 Martell, 1-2 Woods ○ January 30th- Home and School Meeting at 7pm ○ February 3rd- Grade 5 English Prime/Intensive French switch ○ February 3rd-27th- Great Food Bank Challenge

Updates

- Congratulations to all students who participated in our annual **Mouse Trap Car Races**. This activity helped student build creativity, problem solving skills, develop spatial awareness and practice cooperative behaviour. Congratulations to the following students for placing in the top three positions in terms of distance traveled: Luke White, Jake Arbeau, Carson O'Toole, Maggie Wright, Sydney Mills, Claire Maloney Blossma, Cameron Daley, Ryder McIntyre, Jaxon Hilchie, Andersen Cameron, Kynan Perry, Rylan Stillwell, and Hunter Robichaud. Thank you to Mr. Armstrong who volunteered his time during retirement to oversee our Mouse Trap Car event.
- Monday, January 27th is **Family Literacy Day**. To celebrate literacy, each morning from Jan 20-24th our literacy leaders will share some ideas and facts about family literacy during morning announcements. We also challenge buddy classes to come together to try out one of the Family Literacy ideas shared in this month's newsletter <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/20-family-literacy-activities-to-keep-you-busy-in-2020/>. **Our Literacy Week will culminate with students dressing as their favourite story book character on Friday, January 24th.**
- "**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

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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!

- All six valley elementary schools will participate in the **2020 Great Food Bank Challenge** from **Monday, February 3rd until Thursday, February 27th**. Last year we collected 4308 items, with an average of 12 per student and finished second overall to KPark, which collected 1870, an average of 13.26 per student.
- **Pink Shirt Day** is **Wednesday, February 26th**. We have some staff members who are **purchasing pink shirts** through **promoheroes.ca**. It is definitely not a fundraiser but if anyone is interested in purchasing one, please let me know by **Friday, January 31st**. More information is attached.
- 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☺