

# F.E.S. Family Connections

March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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<p><b>Monday, March 16th</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade 1 Open Gym</li> <li>○ Activity Stations 4/5 T &amp; 5W</li> <li>○ Grade 4 Curling @ Riverside Country Club</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, March 19th</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade 4 Open Gym</li> <li>○ Chess club</li> <li>○ Drama</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 17th</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade 2 Open Gym</li> <li>○ Lego club</li> <li>○ Choir</li> <li>○ Activity Stations 2B &amp; 1/2W</li> <li>○ Spelling Bee club (grade 4&amp;5 students)</li> <li>○ St. Patrick's Day- Wear Green☺</li> <li>○ Grade 4 Curling @ Riverside Country Club</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday, March 20th</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade 5 Open Gym</li> <li>○ Activity Stations 1B &amp; 1M</li> <li>○ World Down Syndrome Day (wear crazy, mismatched socks and bring a loonie or toonie- details below)</li> <li>○ First Day of Spring</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday, March 18th</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade 3 Open Gym</li> <li>○ Drama</li> <li>○ Activity Stations ¼ S &amp; 3K</li> <li>○ Food Period #6 ordering begins</li> <li>○ Skating begins for Kindergarten and Gr. 2 (grade 2 students skate from 9:30-10:15 and our kindergartens students skate from 10:30-11am)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Upcoming Dates:</b></p> <p>March 23<sup>rd</sup>- Grade 4 Curling @ Riverside          March 23<sup>rd</sup>- Second round of student led clubs begin          March 24<sup>th</sup>- Grade 4 Curling @ Riverside          March 25<sup>th</sup>- Food Period #6 Ordering ends          March 27<sup>th</sup>- Last Day of Food Period #5          March 27<sup>th</sup>- Grade 4-5 "Making A Difference" presentation by Anne Scott</p>

## Updates

- Final message regarding the **Great Food Bank Challenge**...Because of the generous donations of F.E.S. families, we collected 5273 items and finished second to only Chris Saunders. We actually collected the most food items overall but Chris Saunders has a smaller population so the average number of items per student was higher there. **Collectively, the six elementary schools in the valley collected a total of 21 015 items** which were donated to the following organizations: West Side Food Bank, North End Food Bank, Saint John Food Basket, East Side Food Bank, KV Food Bank, Hampton Food Bank and the Saint John Boys and Girls Club. This is something to CELEBRATE!!!
- **World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS) is Saturday, March 21, 2020.** We will be celebrating on Friday, March 20 by encouraging students to wear colourful, mismatched fun socks to help raise awareness of WSDS. **We are asking students to bring in a loonie or toonie which will be donated to the Canadian Down Syndrome Society.** Coloured socks came to play a role in raising awareness about Down Syndrome through the initiative "Lots of Socks" to encourage people to start a conversation about diversity, uniqueness, inclusion

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and acceptance. Another suggestion is that chromosomes are like socks, and individuals with Down Syndrome have an extra chromosome.

- The **afterschool Snapology program is postponed** until further notice.
- Please note that **all four of our kindergarten classes will now skate at the same time (10:30-11:00)**.
- 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](mailto: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☺