

F.E.S. Family Connections

May 22nd-26th , 2023

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<p>Monday, May 22nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No School; Victoria Day 	<p>Thursday, May 25th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chess Club-Grade 3 and 4 ○ Multicultural Night 6-7:15pm ○ Playdate in the Park (for next year's kindergarten students) 5:30-6:30pm
<p>Tuesday, May 23rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 2 Open Gym ○ Matilda-10:15-10:45 ○ Lego Club- Grade 3 ○ Golf-Grade 5 students 	<p>Friday, May 26th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 5 Open Gym ○ Grade 5 Running Club
<p>Wednesday, May 24th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 3 Open Gym ○ Tinker Tray Play-Grade Gr. K-2 ○ Grade 4/Marathon Running Club ○ Chapman's Frozen Fruit Pops for JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes \$1 ○ PSSC Meeting at 8pm in the conference room 	<p>Upcoming Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 30th-Lego Club- Grade 4 ○ May 30th- Golf- Grade 5 ○ May 31st – Matilda (Reader's Theatre) Performing for select classes ○ May 31st- Tinker Tray Play Grades 3-5 ○ May 31st-June 2nd- Scholastic BOGO Book Fair ○ June 2nd-Kindergarten Orientation for students beginning in the Fall of 2023/Current K's do not attend school that day ○ June 2nd- Family Fun Night 6pm

Information Items:

- It was wonderful to see a sea **of purple** today! Thank you for your support of the Sweet Caroline Foundation which promotes food allergy awareness.
- Our **Multicultural Night** will take place this Thursday from 6:00-7:15 and we look forward to seeing many of you in attendance. It will be an opportunity to travel the world without leaving F.E.S.!
- Our **Buy One Get One Scholastic Bookfair** takes place May 31st-June 2nd. We are looking for volunteers to help with class visits. Please see the attached class visitation schedule and reach out to Ms. Richards at Sarah.Richards@nbed.nb.ca if you are interested in helping.

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- Each spring, classroom teachers, in collaboration with our Education Support teachers and administration, create classes to ensure the best possible learning environment for every child. The team puts a great deal of time, effort, thought and collaboration into the process. We base this process on three foundational beliefs and understandings:
 - First, all teachers are competent and provide appropriate learning situations for children.
 - Second, teachers reflectively adjust to accommodate the needs of the students they serve.
 - Third, we apply a team approach to supporting academic and social emotional needs of children.

The following are some of the factors considered during the class building process:

- Pre-existing supportive relationships between children
- Pre-existing conflicts between children
- Social emotional needs
- Learning needs
- Learning styles
- Overall composition of class being created

Although each factor is important, each is weighted differently depending upon the individual circumstances under discussion. We consider placements balancing each child's needs with a more global view of class composition.

The following are NOT factors considered during the class building process:

- Child's previous placement in a combined or single grade classroom
- Parent preference for a specific teacher

If you would like to share some information about your child as a parent/guardian, please note the following:

Describe a learning environment that may suit your child's learning style/needs (social, emotional and or academic). Please do not state which teacher you do or do not wish your child to be placed with next year. Teacher assignments change from year to year, and the teacher you request may not end up teaching your child's grade level. We do our best to place your child in an appropriate setting given the information shared.

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Any communication regarding **class placement** for next school year should be sent to me via email at Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca **by 4pm on Friday, May 26th**. All information shared will be considered during the placement process.

- **Family Fun Night** will take place on Friday, June 2nd. We are asking families to help support our **Family Fun Night** event by sending in specific items with your child. Information on grade-specific items was sent home last week and is also attached. Advanced tickets can be purchased through School Cash Online at <https://ASD-S.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/42637/193/False/True> Please reference the FFN map and information document attached for number of tickets required by activity. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door but to avoid long line ups, we suggest purchasing in advance.
- A reminder that ASD-S has a **scent-reduced policy**. **Exposure to perfumes and other scented products can trigger very serious health reactions in individuals with asthma, allergies, migraines, or multiple chemical sensitivities**. The health effects of fragrances – ranging in severity from mild to debilitating – can include headaches, migraines, dizziness, nausea, fatigue, shortness of breath and wheezing. For some people, especially those with asthma and other respiratory disorders, exposure to fragrances can trigger the need for emergency medical treatment. Perfumes and colognes are considered the most concentrated form of fragrance; however, fragrances can be found in a wide range of products including soaps, shampoos, deodorants, hairsprays, and cosmetics. **We have three staff members who experience serious reactions to scents and who have had to leave F.E.S. on more than one occasion due to exposure to fragrances**. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone.
- If you have **new neighbours or know families who are moving into our serving area**, please have them contact the school to register their children for next year. We have already started planning so this information is important.
- **Morning supervision begins at 7:40** so please do not drop your children off on the playground before that time as they will be unsupervised.