

F.E.S. Family Connections

September 14th- September 18th

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Monday, September 14th <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Grade 1 Morning Open Gymo Estey Art presentation (at recess)o First day of Food Period #1o Leadership Applications sent homeo Allergy letter sent homeo Right To Information and Protection of Privacy Act	Thursday, September 17th <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Grade 4 Morning Open Gym
Tuesday, September 15th <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Grade 2 Morning Open Gymo First Fire Drill	Friday, September 18th <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Grade 5 Leadership Applications Dueo Grade 5 Morning Open Gymo Photo day!
Wednesday, September 16th <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Grade 3 Morning Open Gym	Upcoming Dates: Student Fees due by end of September

Information Items:

- We have had a great first week of school. Our students are getting acquainted with their teachers, meeting new friends, catching up with current friends, and learning expectations and routines! The children are very excited to have the opportunity to play with their older or younger siblings, buddy or neighbor on the playground. A school wide sense of community is developing as children play together.

-Our **online payment of school fees** (through Paypal) is now live and ready to go! The fee is \$25 per child with a family maximum of \$50. We encourage online payment but cheques made payable to "Fairvale Elementary School" will continue to be accepted. The link is https://biganto.formbin.com/forms/fes_school_fees.

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-Jennifer Kruger from Estey Art Creations will be doing a presentation on her afterschool art program for interested students at recess Monday.

-Class photos are scheduled for Friday, September 18th.

-Grade **5 Leadership applications** will be distributed to interested students on Monday and are due by Friday, Sept. 17th. Please encourage your son or daughter to apply. There are many different roles that fit the various interests and needs of our students.

-Please expect two information sheets to come home on Monday. The **allergy/anaphylaxis information** is on neon orange paper and the "**Right To Information and Protection of Privacy Act**" is on bright yellow paper. Please complete and return both.

-If you have not yet returned your child's information form, please do so as soon as possible. Also, if your child has medical needs, we need the updated medical plan immediately. If your child has a new **medical condition** or concern, please drop in to complete the appropriate medical forms ("Extreme Allergy Management and Emergency Plan", "Essential Routine Services and Emergency Plan").

-The two week food period will start on Monday. Lunch is only available three days a week for the first food period as Old Time Diner, our primary food provider, pulled out at the last minute. Our plan is definitely to have an option five days a week beginning with the second food period. Our lunch coordinator is currently working with other food service providers.

-Our first fire drill will take place on Tuesday. Classes have been practicing.

-**Morning Open Gym** starts this week with Grade 1 students on Monday, Grade 2 students on Tuesday, Gr. 3 students on Wednesday, Gr. 4 on Thursday and Gr. 5 on Friday. On their designated day, children are welcome to go to the gym for activity stations instead of going to the playground.

-There have been many changes to busing this year and, although we had some challenges early in the week, things are improving. An extra bus has been added for the upper elementary dismissal time. Families living within 1.5 km of the school are now considered walkers. What a great way to promote active transportation!! Please remember that if your child is going anywhere other than your home address, a "**Request For Busing To An Alternate Address**" is required. We need new forms for everyone (because of changes in bus routes and bus numbers) even if you had completed one in a previous year.

-Please remember to call **Safe Arrival** at 847-2087 if your child is not coming to school. It is an automated system that is available 24 hours a day.

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-We ask that parents who drive their children to school to use one of the drop off locations or park in front of the playground. For safety reasons, **only staff should be on the playground**. If you are walking your child to the playground entrance, please say your goodbyes at the gate.

-The children have had the wonderful opportunity this week to learn about Service Dogs and their valuable role in helping people. We are fortunate to have NSD (National Service Dog) Oakley join our FES community this year!

-All families should have received a pamphlet and letter about the new district attendance initiative, "**Attendance Matters**". Please ensure your children attend school regularly and arrive by 8:05.

-The **Rainbows program** will be offered this fall, beginning in October. Rainbows is a program for children who have experienced a significant loss in their lives through death, illness, divorce, separation, or an-other painful transition. If you feel your child could benefit from participating in this program or you have questions, please contact our guidance counsellor, Ms. Casey at 847-6304 or kerry.casey@nbed.nb.ca.

-Please remember to return your volunteer forms which went home this week on yellow paper. There are a variety of opportunities available based on your skill set and time available.

-Please follow our school on Twitter **@FairvaleFalcons**.