

F.E.S. Family Connections

September 21st- September 25th

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Monday, September 21st <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Grade 1 Morning Open Gymo Running club applications dueo Remember to order lunches for Food Period #2!	Thursday, September 24th <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Grade 4 Morning Open Gym
Tuesday, September 22nd <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Grade 2 Morning Open Gymo Upper Elementary Choir	Friday, September 25th <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Grade 5 Morning Open Gymo Healthy lunch cheques due (if paying by Paypal you have until 6pm)o Photo orders dueo Gr. 2 choir
Wednesday, September 23rd <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Grade 3 Morning Open Gymo Cross Country Fun Run- HES @ 3:15	Upcoming Dates: September 28 th - gr. 3 running club September 29 th - Lock down practice September 30 th -gr. 4 running club October 2 nd - gr. 5 running club October 6 th -photo retakes

Information Items:

- We had a number of parents inquire about the possibility of the school purchasing school supplies (in the future) and charging a supply fee to families. We are willing to do this if it is the desire of the majority of FES families. The advantages of the school providing families with supplies include convenience, cost savings because of bulk orders, and the standardization of supplies used in the classrooms. Please click on the link below to give us your opinion by Friday, September 28th. The two options are:

- 1) Parents purchase all school supplies and pay a school fee of \$25 to cover the cost of agendas, skating and school performances
- 2) Parents pay a \$50 all-inclusive fee per child which includes all school supplies and the cost of agendas, skating and school performances. The only items parents would be required to send would be backpacks, lunch bags, and indoor shoes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9B558J2>

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-As part of our District Improvement Plan, the district is asking families to complete a parent/family survey on communication. The survey can be found on our school website and on the district website, but I have included the link to make it easier for you. <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Lists/Communication%20with%20your%20school/NewForm.aspx?source=http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/lists/Communication%20with%20your%20school/overview.aspx>

-Did you know that one in five children lives with a medical condition, allergy or special need that must be communicated during a medical emergency? **No Child Without®** is a charitable program that offers all children under the age of 14 with medical conditions or allergies, free **MedicAlert** protection. Please drop by the school to pick up a brochure or contact No Child Without directly at 1-877-282-5378. More information is available on their website www.nochildwithout.ca.

- Unfortunately a Fairvale Elementary family lost everything in a house fire on Labour Day. Aidan and Kayleigh MacKenzie, two grade 1 students, and their parents are currently residing with family members. If you happen to have any children's clothing in size 7, or shoes/boots in size 13 or 1, we will gladly accept donations on their behalf. The family is also in need of household items. Please contact Tina Collins, the children's aunt who is coordinating house hold item donations at 608-8369.

-Our school fees are due at the end of the month. Please pay online at https://bigsanto.formbin.com/forms/fes_school_fees or send in a cheque made payable to "Fairvale Elementary". The fee is \$25 per child with a family maximum of \$50.

-We received many grade **Grade 5 Leadership** applications and will be assigning tasks next week.

-**Running club permission forms** for grades 3-5 students are due on Monday.

-**Cross Country Fun Runs** for students in the Hampton Education Centre continue this week on Wednesday at Hampton Elementary at 3:15. If your child (in grades 3-5) wants to participate and you have not completed a permission form, please contact Mr. Melanson or stop into the office. These runs continue until Oct. 22nd with the location rotating between Hampton Elementary and Ecole des Pionniers (the new French School). The Oct. 7th run will take place at Reversing Falls Park in Saint John with Saint John Ed Centre students also participating.

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-The **grade 5 Soccer Jamboree** will take place on Tuesday, September 29th from 2:45-3:45 at KVHS for interested students. Permission slips were given to interested students by Mr. Melanson.

-If you have not already done so, please return the **Allergy/ Anaphylaxis information form** and the **"Right To Information and Protection of Privacy Act"** forms as soon as possible. Both came home on brightly coloured paper.

-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").

-We had two fire drills this week and the children did awesome. On our second practice all classes were outside in their designated locations in under 2 minutes. We will be having our final fire drill this coming week. We will also be practicing a lockdown on Tuesday, September 29th and an offsite evacuation on Oct. 7th. Our off site evacuation location is True Life Church on Vincent Road. More details will be shared as the dates get closer.

-**Morning Open Gym** continues 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.

-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.

- Food period #2 opens on the Home and School website, www.fairvalehands.ca tonight at 6pm. Please be sure to hit the "submit" button after you complete the order. You will receive an email confirmation after you submit your order. If you do not receive an email confirmation, you either didn't hit 'submit' or you entered your email address incorrectly. Also, be sure to select this year's class! On the first order, a few families selected last year's teacher so the children's food was delivered to the wrong class. We are pleased to inform you that we will have at least one option for each day of the week.

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-We are still short on volunteers for our Safe Arrival program. This is a valuable program that ensures that all children arrive at school safely or are accounted for at home. In the past, volunteers came in to the school to listen to recorded messages from the Safe Arrival Talk Mail, compared these to the classroom attendance lists, and checked on discrepancies. For convenience, we are working to make this a job that can be done from your home or your office. If you are able to assist, please contact the Home and School at fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com .

- The Fairvale Home and School will be holding their 1st Annual Fundraising Stop and Shop in conjunction with this year's Santa's Workshop for the Children. The Santa's Workshop will be held in the library during school hours on Dec 3 and 4th and carried through the evening of the 4th. More information will be sent home regarding these events in the coming weeks.

-The Fairvale Home and School Stop and Shop will be held from 6 until 9 pm on Friday the 4th and again from 11 until 2pm on Saturday the 5th in the school gym. This fundraising event is an excellent opportunity to support your local school as a consumer, merchant, or both. We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invite to all local vendors (ie. direct sales, crafters and bakers) to purchase a table. According to response, vendors within the school zone will be given precedence but the invite is for all interested parties. If you would like more information on being a vendor at this event kindly forward an email to fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com including your name, phone number and the product you represent. We will follow up with additional details as soon as they are available. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated, thank you.

- The Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department's Fire Prevention Week "Open House" (Oct. 10th, 11-2pm) is an opportunity for all members within the community to learn about their fire department. Members of the public are encouraged to tour the fire station and sit inside various types of emergency response vehicles. Firefighters are available to answer questions about fire safety and assist with equipment demonstrations. There is a free barbeque, fire safety information pamphlets and handouts for children. You can also drop your name in a ballot box to win a prize. The event takes place rain or shine. www.kvfire.ca

-Please follow our school on Twitter [@FairvaleFalcons](https://twitter.com/FairvaleFalcons).