# F.E.S. Family Connections

February 21st-25th

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Monday, February 21st	Thursday, February 24th
o Family Day (no school)	<ul> <li>Chess Club at lunch (gr. 4-small group- select students)</li> </ul>
Tuesday, February 22nd	Friday, February 25th
<ul> <li>Happy Twosday! 2/22/22- wear a fun pair of socks and bring in two non-perishable food items for the KV Food Basket</li> <li>Tinker Tray Tuesday at recess (gr. 2-3- small group-invited students)</li> <li>Lego at lunch (Gr. 1-small group-invited students)</li> </ul>	
Wednesday, February 23rd	Upcoming Dates:
<ul><li>o Pink Shirt Day</li><li>o First Day of Healthy Lunch</li></ul>	<ul> <li>March 3<sup>rd</sup>- Winter Carnival</li> <li>March 4<sup>th</sup>-PJ Day (\$2 for IWK)</li> </ul>

### **Information Items:**

- o Tuesday is a special day! It is the 22nd day of the 2nd month in the year 2022. The date is 22-2-22. The world is calling that day "TWOSday" and it is the perfect day to do something important. At F.E.S., we are asking each student to bring in two non-perishable food items for the KV Food Basket. We will celebrate by twinning, by wearing pairs of things, or anything else that might creatively celebrate this special day. Let's have a crazy sock day where students and staff wear an interesting/fun pair of socks! We will be purchasing pears ("pairs"!) for all students and staff to enjoy!
- o Pink Shirt Day will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd. Please find attached more information on this important event that raises awareness for anti-bullying initiatives and promotes kindness. Thank you to Ms. Casey and Java for planning a fun day and to the Rothesay Regional Police for being our community partner for this important event.

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- Thank you to those families who have notified us when their children have tested positive for COVID. If your child tests positive, please do the following:
  - 1. Have your child isolate immediately.
  - 2. Notify me (or your child's teacher) and all close contacts
  - 3. Report your positive test to Public Health (if POCT rapid test was used).

ASD-S will post all school notifications daily to a new COVID-19 Dashboard on the ASD-S website. The dashboard will be updated by 5pm daily, and weekend cases will be added to Monday's totals. On this site, you will also find important Public Health information on testing positive, reporting, and isolating. Please note, families will no longer receive notification of school cases directly through School Messenger, social media, emails, or otherwise. Instead, families are encouraged to check the ASD-S COVID-19 Dashboard for daily updates of cases in schools. <a href="http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Pages/welcome.aspx">http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Pages/welcome.aspx</a>

- o If a member of your household tests positive for Covid-19, all members of the household must isolate for 5 days if vaccinated and 10 days if not fully vaccinated. Students are not permitted to attend school during this isolation period.
- o Masks are required for all students and staff inside and outside. The only exceptions are when eating and drinking or outside as an individual class bubble. Please ensure your child has a few extra three layer masks in their backpack.
- o An important reminder that families are not permitted to use the designated bus lane from 7:40-8:15. For those who are dropping children off in the morning, please use one of our three drop off locations- in front of Dreamland, across from the grade 3-5 door (on the playground side of the school), or in front of the gymnasium. Please remember that our supervision team is outside to greet our children from 7:40-8:05 only. If children are dropped off after that time, they will need to make their way into the school on their own and check in at the office. We understand that more families are opting to drive children to school and recognize that it can be congested at times. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as our children's safety is of utmost importance.
- o Although it is only mid-February, planning for the 2022-2023 school year has already begun. At this point, the number of students registered to begin kindergarten is significantly lower than in past years. If you have friends or neighbours in our serving area who have not yet registered their children for kindergarten, please encourage

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them to do so. The direct link to register is below: <a href="https://www.nbed.nb.ca/preregistration/Default?strlang=en&district=asds">https://www.nbed.nb.ca/preregistration/Default?strlang=en&district=asds</a>

Please see the message below from our Home and School group:

#### **TOP SECRET MISSION**



(For F.E.S. Staff Appreciation Week)

It has been another challenging year for teachers and staff at Fairvale Elementary. More than ever, we want to show them our appreciation for all their hard work. COVID-19 presents obvious challenges to the traditional staff appreciation week, so again this year **F.E.S. Home & School** is collecting money and gift cards to distribute to teachers and staff, rather than our usual daily buffet of snacks and prizes.

BUT shhh, don't let your teachers know,

### we want it to be a surprise for them!

If you would like to participate in our SECRET MISSION, please send gift cards to school no later than **Friday**, **February 18<sup>th</sup>** (just put them in an envelope marked "Top Secret" and have them sent to the office) OR Electronic Money Transfer to <a href="mailto:fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com">fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com</a>

Any contribution is greatly appreciated (but certainly not required)!

Once we have collected all the money and gift cards, we will distribute them evenly among the staff. Staff Appreciation Week at F.E.S. is February 28th.

