



"Fairvale Elementary students will be passionate life-long learners who contribute as responsible leaders in a global community."

Spring Running Club

Running club will commence on April 23. Students in grades 3,4, and 5 are welcome to attend this noon time event. **Grade three students will run on Mondays, Grade four students on Wednesdays, and Grade five students on Fridays.** Those grade five students who want to be part of our marathon runners will run all three days weekly with the goal being to complete the equivalent of a marathon by June 13th. We would love to have parents join us. We need parents to run with us and parents to be stationed along the course. If you are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and/ or Fridays, please indicate so on your child's permission form which will come home at the beginning of April. You will be invited to our Fun Run on Friday, June 13th where all runners will be cheered on by parents and students as they complete their final kilometer.

The Little Mermaid

The grade 5 drama group has been working hard to prepare for the performance of The Little Mermaid. The students received their scripts in October and have had two noon time practices a week along with after school practices. We will be setting a date for our performance in the near future. Be sure you come and check it out. The students have worked hard and it will be an awesome production.



Planning for the Future!

It is that time of year already where we start our planning for the 2014-2015 school year. If you plan on moving from our serving area or know of a family moving into the FES area, please let us know. Our staffing allotment is based entirely on student enrollment. We know there has been a lot of new construction in our area over the last year!



Gabriel Kuling Family Fun Run

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our 3rd Annual Gabriel Kuling Family Fun Run on **Saturday, May 24th at 10am.** Please expect more information to come home about this event before the end of April.



Counselor's Corner: Building Skills at Home in April

HABIT 6: SYNERGIZE

To put it simply, synergy means "two heads are better than one." Synergizing is the habit of creative cooperation. It is teamwork, open-mindedness, and the adventure of finding new solutions to old problems. But it doesn't just happen on its own. It's a process, and through that process, people bring all their personal experience and expertise to the table.

In create synergy, differences must be seen as strengths, not weaknesses. When we teach our children to synergize, we are giving them strategies that will be invaluable in today's society.

Try this activity together once a week or even once a day to get your family in the habit of synergizing. **Ready-Set-Synergize:** Start a "15 minute synergize session" where everyone drops what they are doing, and works together, as a team. Together, you could clean the house, do the dishes, or pull the weeds in half the time it would take one person to do it on their own!

Not all decisions in the family require synergy, of course, but a respect for everyone's opinion is important in creating a positive family culture. The key to your family culture is how you treat the child that tests you the most. When you can show unconditional love to your most difficult child, others know that your love for them is also unconditional. That knowledge builds trust and by properly communicating and synergizing around problems, you are building strength in your family's ability to survive the "storms of life."

Jane Perkins Love Guidance Counsellor C.C.C.

Math Corner

(Ends Policy #3—Students at FES will demonstrate continuous improvement in numeracy skills, striving to meet or exceed the standards set by the Province of New Brunswick)

MAKE A PICTURE OR DIAGRAM

Turning the words of a problem into a picture or a diagram can help you "see" the problem. By using the part of your brain that visualizes a situation or object, you may see relationships or information that help you solve the problem. Try making a picture or a diagram to solve these problems:

K - 2	3 - 5	Challenge!
On the playground there are three bicycles and four tricycles. How many wheels are there?	Every bike slot in a bicycle rack was filled. Donna's bike was in the middle. There were six bikes to the right of Donna's. How many bicycles were in the bicycle rack?	In the restaurant there are 12 square tables. Only one person can sit on each side. What is the greatest number of people that can be seated if the tables are pushed end to end into one large rectangle?

Mark Your Calendar: Important April Dates

April 2	Pomodori Fundraiser will come home
April 5	Healthy lunch website opens
April 10	Healthy lunch website closes
April 10	PSSC meeting 7:30 in the library—all are welcome
April 14	Food Period 7 starts
April 16	Deadline for Pomodori orders
April 17	Professional Learning Day (no school for students)
April 18	Good Friday
April 21	Easter Monday
April 22	Student led clubs start
April 23	Running club starts
April 28	Home and School meeting 7:30



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Literacy Corner

Ends Policy #2 - Students at FES will demonstrate continuous improvement in literacy skills, striving to meet or exceed the standards set by the Province of New Brunswick.

April is National Poetry Month! This was established in Canada in 1999 by the League of Canadian Poets to encourage the enjoyment and writing of poetry. What a perfect time to find some favourite poems to share with your child! Poems allow your children to visualize wonderful images and to hear the flow and rhythm of the language. This is great practice for reading with expression and fluency.

Why poetry is a big hit

may rhyme or not-free style

may use simple phrases and words- not always sentences

usually involves less writing

may be about anything!

often expresses personal feelings

more freedom with punctuation, capitalization, and page arrangement

Start out with reading a few poems, maybe by Jack Prelutsky or Dennis Lee and then try your own. Some of my favourite poems that I love reading over and over are Sheree Fitch's Toes in My Nose or Dennis Lee's Alligator Pie.

An easy one to start with is an Acrostic poem. Begin each line with a word or phrase that starts with the letter on that line.

A _____

P _____

R _____

I _____

L _____

Play with the words and know that you are helping your child to enjoy writing for the fun of it!

Mrs. Debbie Gillis, EST- Literacy

Home and School Updates

We are pleased to be working with our friends at Pomodori for our Spring fundraiser. We will be selling \$20 Pomodori gift certificates, the home and school will receive 10% of all sales. Order forms will be accepted until April 16th. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be going directly towards our work on the Dreamland.

If any families have suggestions for fundraising opportunities for our Dreamland project please let us know. As you all are aware this project is very large and will require a substantial amount of funds. We are open to hearing your suggestions, please let us know if you have any ideas.

April marks the beginning of planning for our annual Family Fun Night, the biggest fundraiser of the school year for the home and school. This year our family night will take place on May 30th. We are looking for any volunteers who are able to help organize, prepare and work the night of the event. If you can help please email us:

fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com

Scholastic Book Fair

Our second Scholastic Book Fair is coming at the end of next month. It will be on Thursday, May 29 from 8:30 to 2:30 and on Friday, May 30 from 8:30 to 2:30. The Book Fair will also be opened during Family Fun Night but staff members will be working during that time.

We are pleased to bring you this Book Fair because it gives you and your children the opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books and products at affordable prices. You will enjoy the excitement and atmosphere! Proceeds from this event will benefit our school.

Due to our teaching assignments, we will need volunteers to help out with the Book Fair to allow for classroom visits to the fair during school time. Your primary job is to assist students in their selection and to keep products organized. You may also be asked to act as cashier at our checkout table. If you or a family member is able to volunteer, please send a note with your child or e-mail: Francine.Martell@nbed.nb.ca by Friday, May 9th stating the following information: date and time available, your name and contact phone number or e-mail and your child's name and class.

Francine Martell

Book Fair chairperson



Transition Day

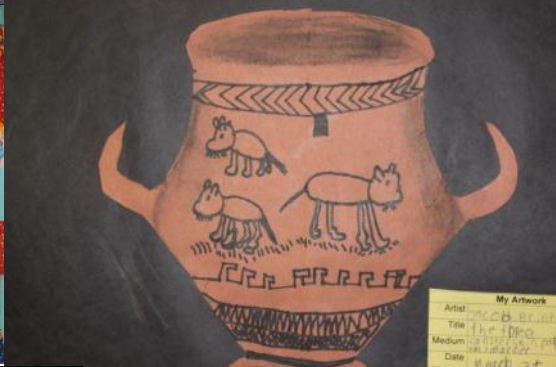
This year's Kindergarten Transition Day is scheduled for Friday, June 6th. Our current kindergarten students will stay at home to allow next year's group an opportunity to 'experience' school. The highlight for the students is the bus ride!! Half of our new K students will come from 8:45-11:15 and the other half will come from 11:30-2:00. If your child's surname begins with the letters A-L, he or she will attend the first session (8:45-11:15). If your child's surname begins with the letters M-Z, he or she will attend the second session (11:30-2:00). We look forward to getting to know our new F.E.S. students.

Art Curriculum Night

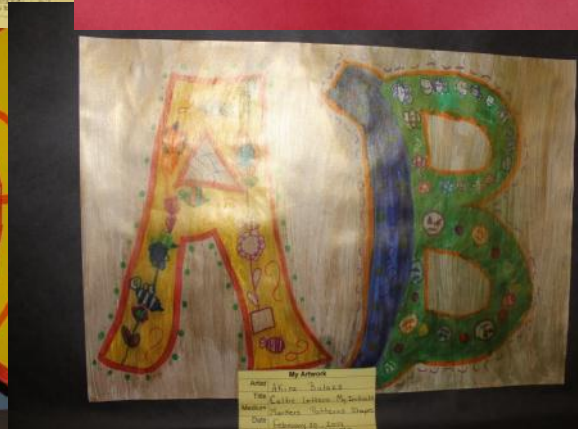




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What I loved about my art is: [Text]



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