

May Newsletter

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Fairvale Elementary

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

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The Little Mermaid

Congratulations to all of the staff and students who were involved in the production of *The Little Mermaid*. The play was wonderful! The adjudicators were very impressed with our students. While all of our students were stars, several of our students were recognized for their efforts. Congratulations to Noah Hyslop who was awarded Outstanding Actor, Ella Mercer was awarded Outstanding Actress, Stuart Hossack received Outstanding Supporting Actor and Samantha Moffatt was awarded Outstanding Supporting Actress. Well done!! We also received an award for outstanding costumes. Thank you Suzanne Yerxa of Valley Costumes and Helen Boyd for your help with costumes.



Running Club Resumes

Running Club has started for our grade 3-5 students. Grade 3's run on Mondays, grade 4's on Wednesdays, and grade 5's on Fridays. Our grade 5 marathon runners run all three days, with the goal of running the equivalent of a marathon by June 14th, which is the date of our 8th annual Fun Run.

For the students who joined the Running Club, we are asking for a commitment to run for the six weeks.

Students begin by running a kilometer or two a week, and are encouraged to increase their distance regularly.

The course will be the same as in the Fall. The students will run from the front of the school to the turn around at the end of Strong St. They will return to the school, cross School St., run to the turn around at the end of School St and then back to the school.

The running club is possible only with the support of parents/guardians.



Please Mark Your Calendar!

MAY DATES

- ◆ May 1 Mad Science starts
- ◆ May 2 Subject Council Day/ *No school for students*
- ◆ May 6 Family Fun Night Planning Meeting 7:30—library
- ◆ May 7 Grade 1 pancake breakfast
- ◆ May 8 Spring Choir Concert 6:30 pm
- ◆ May 9 Art Richard to perform for students
- ◆ May 10 Healthy lunch online ordering opens
- ◆ May 12 Meeting regarding new elementary school 7:30
- ◆ May 13 PSSC Meeting 7:30
- ◆ May 14 Volunteer Tea
- ◆ May 15 Healthy lunch online ordering closes / hot lunch counting will take place*
- ◆ May 16 NBTA AGM - *No school for students*
- ◆ May 19 Victoria Day
- ◆ May 20 Food period 6 begins
- ◆ May 22 HMMS Open House for new grade 6 students & parents 6:30
- ◆ May 22-30 Provincial Assessments
- ◆ May 24 Gabriel Kuling Fun Run
- ◆ May 29-30 Scholastic Bookfair 8:30-2:30 and during Family Fun Night
- ◆ May 30 Family Fun Night



Book Fair

Our second Scholastic Book Fair is coming at the end of the 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 need volunteers to help out with the Book Fair to allow for classroom visits to the fair during school time. So far we have only had one person volunteer. 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



Counselor's Corner- Building Skills At Home in May



The 7th Habit: Sharpen the Saw

Sharpen the Saw means to have balance in your life. There is a story of a man who was sawing down a tree and not making a lot of progress. When a passerby asked him why he didn't stop sawing to sharpen his saw, he remarked that he was too busy sawing. Habit 7 reminds us that we are more productive when we are in balance—body, brain, heart and soul. Just like the four tires on a car, if one area is being ignored or overused, the rest will feel the results. For children, the car analogy is one they understand; a car could not go on fewer than all four tires. Explain the four parts of each person (body, brain, heart, and soul) and how important it is to take care of each part to make them all work better.

Here are some ideas for Sharpening the Saw at home:

1. Develop a **Sharpen the Saw activity center** in your home. Include arts-and-crafts supplies, learning games, puzzles, classical music, books, etc.
2. Discuss various ways to Sharpen the Saw in all areas. Ideas might include: body (playing outside, riding your bike), brain (balancing reading with TV watching or making smarter choices about what you watch), heart (making a list of what makes you happy and doing something on the list every day, spending time with special friends and family), and soul (attending religious services, starting a journal).
3. Read inspiring books such as *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*.
4. Read Chapter 7 of *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids* book with your child and then complete the Parent's Corner.
5. Make sure you are modeling the behaviors in steps 1-3 yourself.
6. Join a gymnasium or start a regular exercise program with your child.
7. Pick an organization to volunteer with for you and your child(ren).
8. Visit a new museum or try a new type of cuisine—expand your horizons and try new things.

Whatever traditions you decide to create in your family culture, make sure they are nurturing, caring and empowering as renewing traditions can become one of the most powerful forces enabling people to handle difficulties and setbacks in life and promote physical, social, mental/emotional and spiritual health.

Jane Perkins Love BA, BEd, MEd, CCC

Guidance Counsellor

Transition Day

Transition day will remain the same for incoming kindergarten students. On June 6, our current kindergarten students will stay home to allow next year's group an opportunity to 'experience' kindergarten. One of the goals of this day is to make the children feel comfortable at our school.

In addition to the time in the class, the children will be taking part in a bus orientation session. This will familiarize the children, (and their parents), with bus procedures and safety rules.

Our grade 5 students will visit the middle school in June, for an hour. They will have their transition day the first day of school in September. The grade 7 and 8 students will remain home for the day.

We will let you know as soon as a date for the grade 5 visit has been confirmed.



Home and School News!

It's hard to believe that we are already looking into May!! Our home and school committee is busy planning and preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year - Family Fun Night. This year family fun night will be held on Friday, May 30th from 6-8pm. If you are able to help us prepare or volunteer some time to man our many activities please reach out to us: fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com There will be a planning meeting on May 6th at 7:30 in the library. Later in the month your child will be bringing home more information about Family Fun Night - we hope you will be able to join us!! All proceeds that are raised during this fun filled evening will be going to help with our Dreamland Rejuvenation project.

Our fit-tastic program is thrilled to be offering a golf program beginning May 4th - June 1st. This program is being facilitated by Don Connolly and will run Sunday afternoons. The cost is \$40. If you would like to register please see our website for the registration form www.fairvalehands.ca



Our final home and school meeting for the year will be held on Monday, June 9th at 7:30. It will be a pot luck meeting, for anyone who wishes to attend.

Problem Solving Strategy of the Month:

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 AN ORGANIZED LIST

Your brain is an organizer. When a problem involves many pieces of information, your brain will have an easier time sorting through it if you make an organized list. A list helps you be sure you have thought of all of the possibilities without repeating any of them. Like drawing a picture or making a diagram, making an organized list helps your brain "see" the problem clearly and find a solution. Try making an organized list to solve these problems:

K - 2	3 - 5	Challenge!
You have three pennies, two nickels and a dime. How many different amounts of money can you make?	If you must use 15 or fewer coins, how many different combinations of coins can be used to make \$1.00?	Tickets for the concert cost \$12 for adults or teenagers and \$6 for children. If the group has \$60, how many adults or teenagers and how

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.*

Procedural is one of the writing genres that your child often uses. This is the format for writing a Science experiment, for giving instructions to play a game or to make something.

Reading and writing a recipe also uses this genre. Think of this the next time you bake, and have your child read the recipe to you. If you find a good recipe in a magazine, have your child help you to write it on an index card.

This will give your child a fun "reason to write" and to practice procedural writing.

I am including a recipe for alphabet cookies which you may try. Then you can use the letters to practice spelling and for letter recognition. What a great way to spend some time with your child on a wet and dreary day!

Enjoy!!

Alphabet Cookies

Ingredients: 3 eggs, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour, 1 cup butter or margarine, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla, 2 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. salt

Method:

First: Mix flour, baking powder, and salt together

Then: In a separate bowl, mix sugar, butter, eggs, and vanilla.

Next: Add the flour mixture to the sugar, butter, and eggs. Mix well.

Then: Put in fridge for two hours.

Next: Make a letter or letters with the dough. Cookie cutters are optional.

Then: Place cookies on a baking sheet and bake for 8-10 minutes at 375o F.

Finally: Eat and enjoy!



Mrs. Debbie Gillis EST- Literacy

Music News

The grade ones have been working very hard getting ready for our upcoming musical. They are excited to show you their performance on June 10th.

The grade threes will be making their own instruments and are in need of materials. Please send in any empty boxes, cleaned plastic containers (such as large yoghurt containers or margarine containers), cardboard or any other materials that would be suited to making instruments.

Beginning in May, the grade 4s and 5s will start recorder lessons. The grade 4s will need to bring their recorders on Mondays and the grade 5s will need to bring their recorders on Thursdays.

Our Primary and Upper Elementary Choirs have been very busy preparing for the upcoming concert. It will be on Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 pm in the gym. Students should arrive at 6:10. It should be an exciting concert!!!!

Thank you to all parents and staff for your support with the music program.

Family Fun Night - May 30th 6-8pm



Our Family Fun Night is approaching quickly! As you know, this is a huge social event for our students and a wonderful evening for our families. Family Fun Night will have its outdoor DJ Dance Party! We will have Bouncy Castles courtesy of Go-Go Gymnastics and Zap Magic the Magician inside the school. We will be having a BBQ, cake walk, musical chairs, a bake sale, a silent auction, an outdoor raffle room, games in the gym, face painting, tattoos, a sand art room and much, much more! We will also offer advanced ticket sales that will help alleviate line-ups the night of the event. All proceeds from this evening will go towards expanding our awesome DREAMLAND PLAYGROUND.

To make this carnival event as successful as possible, we require parental help with a number of tasks.

Helpers on Friday, May 30th between 3-5:30pm for setup

Cakes for the cake walk

Donating items for the auction

Soliciting auction items from local businesses/Sending thank you notes after the event

Providing and filling treat bags with candy and little prizes

Providing goods for the bake sale

Overseeing the games the evening of the event

Sponsoring a game at the event - \$50 sponsorship fee

Clean-up after the event

Working in the canteen and BBQ area

Helping to organize the prizes for games

Working behind the scenes the night of the event



We plan to ask parents at specific grade levels to provide specific items. This helps to share the donations from grade to grade. Please contact Charlotte Pierce at 977-1346 or email at fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com to help or to make a donation.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. This is sure to be a wonderful family event!

