



# Fairvale Elementary November Newsletter



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## The Wall of Fame

We hope that when you have come in the school this year, you have noticed our new Wall of Fame. The Wall of Fame is to celebrate our students' great work. Each class has been given a frame on the Wall of Fame and the teachers will be changing the displayed work often. By the end of the year, each student in our school will have been celebrated on our Wall of Fame at least once.

The Wall of Fame is one of the many initiatives that supports *Ends policy #1* in our school improvement plan which states: *All members of the Fairvale Elementary School community will work to improve school climate and maintain a positive learning environment.* Our student-led clubs is another example of our working towards supporting ends policy 1.

Be sure you stop and have a look next time you are in the school.



## Career Week

Begin With the End in Mind Career Week is next week. We look forward to having many of you come in next week to talk to classes about your jobs. We realize you are all very busy and we are appreciative of you taking the time out of your busy schedules to expose children to a variety of careers. Career week supports *ends policy #4* which is to *enhance family engagement and community partnerships.*

If you haven't sent in your volunteer form yet, it's not too late. There's always room for one more! Contact Jane Perkins Love, Guidance Counsellor @847-6304.



## 2013-2014 Kindergarten Preparations Are Underway

### Kick-off to Kindergarten - November 7th 6:30

This parent session will provide parents with information on the Transition to School plans for this year. We will discuss kindergarten readiness and answer questions regarding the EYE-DA assessment that will be administered on November 15, 18, and 19th to every prekindergarten students in the province.

### "Welcome To Kindergarten"- December 5th (3:30 or 5:30)

This family event will give you tips and ideas on how to use the material you will receive when you leave this session. You and your child will move through learning centres with teachers, doing activities together. At the end of the evening, you will have a free bag full of resources worth more than \$25 to use at home! This session will be between 45 minutes and one hour. When you registered for kindergarten, you would have signed up for one of the sessions, either at 3:30 or 5:30.



## Important Dates

- ⇒ Nov. 4 Food Period 3 starts
- ⇒ Nov. 4-8 Career Week
- ⇒ Nov. 4– 18 District Numeracy Benchmarks– grade 4
- ⇒ Nov. 6 Career dress up day (dress for the career you hope to have)
- ⇒ Nov. 7 Skating (Bonner, Roul, McNeill, Russell, Wallace, Hanson)
- ⇒ Nov. 7 Kick-off to Kindergarten 6:30
- ⇒ Nov. 8 Remembrance Day Assembly
- ⇒ Nov. 11 No school in honor of Remembrance Day
- ⇒ Nov. 14 & 15 Planetarium display by Science East
- ⇒ Nov. 14 P.S.S.C Meeting at 7:30
- ⇒ Nov. 14 Skating (Bonner, Roul, McNeill, Russell, Wallace, Hanson)
- ⇒ Nov. 18 Gift card fundraiser goes home
- ⇒ Nov. 18-22 Be Cool Week
- ⇒ Nov. 21 Skating (Bonner, Roul, McNeill, Russell, Wallace, Hanson)
- ⇒ Nov. 22 Report cards go home
- ⇒ Nov. 23 KV Santa Claus Parade
- ⇒ Nov. 25 Home and School meeting 7:30
- ⇒ Nov. 28 Gift card fundraiser due
- ⇒ Nov. 28 Parent teacher conferences 4-7PM
- ⇒ Nov. 29 Parent teacher conferences 9-11 AM (**No school for students**)
- ⇒ Nov. 30 Website open for food period 4 hot lunch orders

### Looking Ahead to December

- ⇒ Dec. 5 Christmas Choir Concert (7PM)
- ⇒ Dec. 11 Christmas concert grades 1-5 (8:30 parents with surnames beginning A-M)
- ⇒ Dec. 13 Christmas concert grades 1-5 (8:30 parents with surnames beginning N-Z)
- ⇒ Dec. 17 Kindergarten Christmas Concert 12:30
- ⇒ Dec. 18 Turkey dinner for students
- ⇒ Dec. 20 Christmas lip sync for students
- ⇒ Dec. 20 Last Day before Christmas break

## Counselor's Corner: Building Skills at Home in November - The Second of the Seven Habits:

### Begin with the End in Mind

So, how long has it been since anyone asked you what you want to be when you grow up? It seems a very appropriate question to be asking children this month as we prepare for Career Week. But now that you are an adult that question may not seem fitting.

On the other hand, when you think about it, are you--right now--who you want to be, what you dreamed you'd be, doing what you always wanted to do? Sometimes people find themselves achieving victories that are empty--successes that have come at the expense of things that were far more valuable to them. Or conversely, people may find that they haven't realized their hopes and dreams at all. As Stephen Covey would phrase it, "If your ladder is not leaning against the right wall, every step you take gets you to the wrong place faster."

Habit 2 is based on imagination--the ability to envision in your mind what you cannot at present see with your eyes. It is based on the principle that all things are created twice. There is a mental (first) creation, and a physical (second) creation. The physical creation follows the mental, just as a building follows a blueprint.

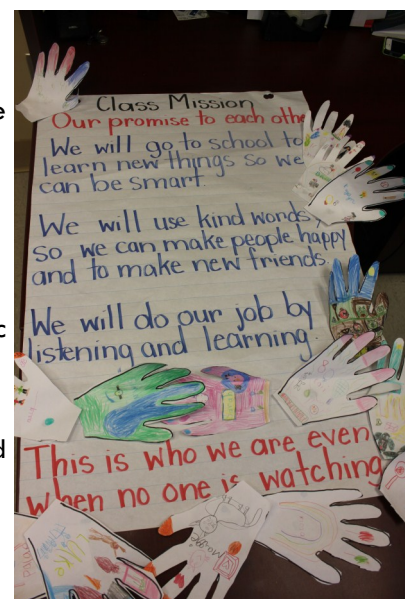
If you don't make a conscious effort to visualize who you are and what you want in life, then you empower other people and circumstances to shape you and your life by default. Beginning with the End in Mind means to begin each day, task, or project with a clear vision of your desired direction and destination, and then continue by flexing your proactive muscles to make things happen.

One of the best ways to incorporate Habit 2 into your life is to create a clear, compelling Vision of what you and your family are all about and then to develop a Family Mission Statement. A Vision focuses on what you want to be and do. A Mission Statement is your plan for success and makes you the leader of your own life. You create your own destiny and secure the future you envision. Plan to create a Family Mission Statement today, or at least by the end of the year. You'll be glad you did! For more information on the Habits, please refer to *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families* by Stephen Covey or contact me at 847-6304 or [jane.perkinslove@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:jane.perkinslove@nbed.nb.ca).

Ideas of how "Begin with The End in Mind" has been incorporated into school life include:

- Creation of academic and behavioural goals
- Creation of class mission statements
- Sharing ideas of "Beginning with The End in Mind" at our monthly assembly.
- Sharing a variety of children's literature such as "Very Busy Spider" by Eric Carle, *Tortoise And The Hare* (Aesop's Fables ) and *BFG* by Roald Dahl

Please see the photo of the mission that Mrs. Creamer's grade 1-2 class created collaboratively.



Registrations for the **Rainbows Program** are coming in steadily to the Guidance Office and soon groups will start for students in K to 5. If your child has had a major change, through death, divorce, adoption, parent in a new relationship, remarriage of a parent, new sibling, illness, etc. and you like your child to have the opportunity to be part of this wonderful program, then please contact Jane Perkins Love, at 847-6304 or [jane.perkinslove@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:jane.perkinslove@nbed.nb.ca).

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# Literacy News

Reading, reading, and more reading will strengthen your child's reading skills. It is like riding a bicycle, the more you practice, the better you can do it. It is just as important to read a variety of books. Books that are easy will reinforce the feeling that reading can be just pure fun. Books that are in the comfort zone will give him or her confidence with his or her skills. Books that are at a challenge will push him or her to the next level.

Try some of the following ideas to encourage your child's reading:

Read to your child as often as you can.

Draw attention to the illustrations when reading with your child

Select books that use repetition to capture the rhythm of language e.g. The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Teach your child the nursery rhymes.

Let the child hold the book and turn the pages.

Talk about everyday print. "We are going to get a pizza. See the sign it says, Antonio's Pizza."

Browse together in book stores.

Leave notes around the house or in lunchboxes

Read and enjoy a good book for yourself. Remember you are your child's best model!

*Mrs. Debbie Gillis, Literacy Teacher*

*By encouraging your child(ren) to read at home you are helping to support Ends Policy #2 which is:*

**" Students at FES will demonstrate continuous improvement in literacy skills, striving to meet or exceed the standards set by the Province of New Brunswick."**



## COOL

Plans are underway for BE COOL WEEK – November 18th – 22nd. There will be class activities, announcements and even a contest! The Cool Cats will be in the K – 2 assembly on the 19th and the 3 – 5 assembly on the 25th. Friday, November 25th is designated as "Be COOL Day" and students can wear sunglasses and a yellow shirt, like the one the Cool Cats wear, or another "cool" look. Remember to BE COOL, not Hot or Cold!

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## Numeracy News

### Be positive about math!

Let your child know that everyone can learn math.

Let your child know that you think math is important and fun.

Point out the ways in which different family members use math in their jobs.

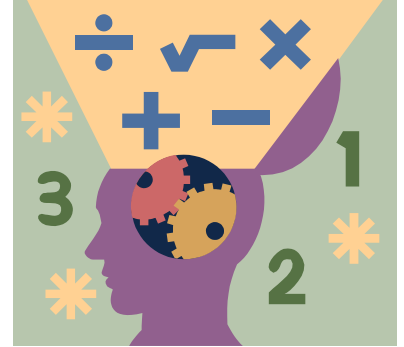
Be positive about your own math abilities. Try to avoid saying "I was never good at math" or "I never liked math."

Encourage your child to be persistent if a problem seems difficult.

Praise your child when he or she makes an effort, and share in the excitement when he or she solves a problem or understands something for the first time.

By being positive with your children about math you are supporting Ends Policy #3 which is:

**"Students at FES will demonstrate continuous improvement in numeracy skills, striving to meet or exceed the standards set by the Province of New Brunswick".**



## Home and School Updates



We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help with our many committees and activities so far this year. It was wonderful to see so many faces at our monthly meeting. November is always a fun time for our committee as we anticipate the KV Santa Claus parade. We would encourage all FES families to show their support for our float committee headed by Liz Tait and Rob Thompson. Give them a cheer and a big wave on their way by. This year's float promises to be the biggest yet!

We are also very excited to launch our fall fundraiser just in time for Christmas. You child will be bringing home an order form for gift card sales on November 18th. We would ask that all orders and payment be returned to the school by November 28th. All orders will be back in time for gift giving. This fundraiser is the perfect opportunity to shop for those hard to buy for people on your holiday list. As an alternative to the gift card sales we will also be sending home an order form for some very cute and very fun winter hats. All profits from these two fundraisers will be going towards our basketball court renovations.

## Penny for your Thoughts?

Wondering what to do with all those pennies laying around in your change jars and between the cushions of your couch now that they have been phased out by the Royal Canadian Mint? Send them to us!

The students of Grade 4 Woods are looking to collect 10 000 pennies. That's right! We said 10 000! Since we focus on numbers to 10 000 in Grade 4, we would like to know what 10 000 looks like. We will devise a plan of how to collect, count and keep track of the pennies we receive which will provide a valuable learning experience for the students.

We are hoping to reach our goal with the assistance of our families as well as with a little help from our friends within our school community. Once we have finished using the pennies, we will donate the money to charity. If we reach our goal in time, we would like to donate the money to the Empty Stocking Fund as our school choir will be performing on the annual Christmas telethon in early December. Thank you!

