



Fairvale Elementary September/October Newsletter



September 20, 2013

Welcome to Another School Year!

Welcome F.E.S. families to the opening of what promises to be a wonderful school year! The entire staff is looking forward to working with you, as partners, in your child's education. The staff of F.E.S. is dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing environment in which our students can grow academically, emotionally, and socially. Good communication between home and school is key to the well being of our children.

We have many new faces on staff at F.E.S. this year. We would like to welcome Mary Ellen Veale and Christine Reevey to our kindergarten team. They have job shared in kindergarten for a number of years at Seawood School in Saint John. At the grade two level, we welcome Julie Urquhart. Julie also comes to us from the former district 8; her most recent role was a literacy mentor. At the grade three level we have two new faces. Welcome to Tracy Comeau who comes to us from Kennebecasis Park Elementary. Tracy has taught a variety of grades within the former district six. Also at grade 3, we welcome Candace Arbeau. Candace comes to us from Hammond River Valley Elementary and is filling in for Nadine Martin until she returns from maternity leave. At the grade four level, we welcome back Ashley Bonner. Ashley was with us two years ago, left for a year and taught at Rothesay Park, and has now returned to us. Jamie Woods is also new on staff and comes to us from Hammond River Valley. At the grade five level we welcome Michelle Hanson who comes to us from Hampton Elementary. We also welcome Peter Wallace who is here with us until Andre Robichaud returns. Peter is replacing Tim Vandenberghe who secured a full time position at Bayside Middle School. In the music department Arlene Desroches has joined us on Thursday and Friday mornings from Kennebecasis Park school. Be sure you say hi to some of our new staff. We are excited to have them.

A few things to make our year go more smoothly - first, **call the Safe Arrival** number at 847-2087 if your son or daughter is going to be absent from school. This line is available 24 hours a day so if you are up in the night with a sick child and do not want to awaken in the morning, take a minute to call. It is an automated system so please follow the prompts. The purpose of this program is to ensure the safety of all children. If a child is not accounted for at school, we want to make sure they are at home safely with you.

Second, please follow our drop off procedures if your child is not coming to school via bus. The lane in front of the school is a **bus only**. All parents dropping off their children will have three options:

Park at the far end of Dream Land and have your child(ren) use the sidewalk and enter through the playground gate.

Use the revised drop off lane and have your children enter through the newest gate at the end of the school opposite the grade five door.

Use the drop off circle in front of the school closest to the main entrance. Children will then proceed to the playground using the sidewalk parallel to the school. ***This circle is for drop off only. No parking permitted in this circle.***

The first eight parking spots in front of Dream Land will be designated 'No Parking' from 7:30 - 8:30 to eliminate vehicles backing into the flow of traffic. Doing a U Turn in this area will now be permitted to access the drop off zone.

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A special thank you to all families who attended our Meet The Teacher event on August 28. It is going to be another great year of learning and fun at F.E.S.

Vision

F.E.S. students will be passionate life-long learners who contribute as responsible leaders in a global community.

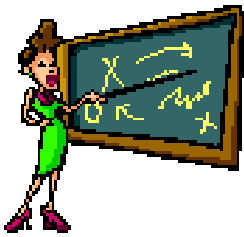
Mission

The F.E.S. community is dedicated to providing opportunities through best educational practices, for children to develop academically, socially, physically, and emotionally, reaching their fullest potential.

Fall Running Club

Our grade 3, 4, 5 fall running club will start on September 23rd. It will be on Mondays for grade 4, Wednesdays for grade 3, and Fridays for grade 5. Interested students run between 1 and 4 kms every week. Thank you to those parents who are able to help out.

Welcome... to our student interns. We are lucky to have Leah Thompson who is working with Judy Blanchard and Naomi Kennedy working with Anne O'Brien.



Medical Updates

If your child has a diagnosed medical condition (ie. asthma, allergies, diabetes) please ensure you have completed the medical forms and that we have all necessary medication.



Morning Safety

As a reminder, duty begins on the playground at 7:40 AM. For the safety of your children, please ensure it is 7:40 before dropping them off.



Music News



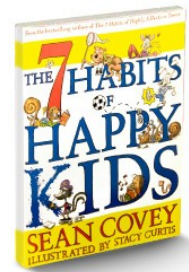
Welcome to another school year at F.E.S. I am very excited to be the Music Teacher this year while Mrs. Russell is at home with her new baby. I look forward to working with students as we develop our music skills using all the wonderful instruments that the Home and School purchased for us. I am very happy to be working with Mrs. Desroches who teaches some of the classes. She also teaches at K Park Elementary School. Early in October I will begin the Primary Choir (gr.2) as well as the Upper Elementary Choir (gr. 3-5). Anyone in these grades may join. We will first work towards the Remembrance Day assembly and then towards the Christmas Choir Concert early in December. I look forward to working with your children.

Ms. Shuttleworth

The 7 Habits of Happy Kids

This year we will continue to live the 7 habits. We will focus on one habit a month with classroom activities, announcements and assemblies.

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin with the end in mind
3. Put first Things First
4. Think win-win
5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the saw

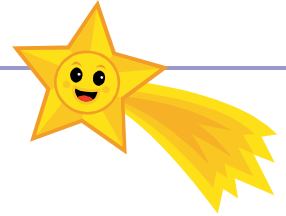


School Fees 2013-2014

Please pay your student fees by the end of September. The payment schedule is below.

Grade	Amount	Explanation
Kindergarten-Grade 2	\$20 (1 McNeill, 1 Kilpatrick, 1 Milburn will use agendas- add \$5)	Three school performances and five skating sessions at the pplex.
Grade 3-Grade 5	\$25	Three school performances, five skating sessions at the pplex and an agenda.
Family Maximum	\$50	All fees for students in the same family at FES.

Guidance Corner - Building Skills at Home: Living the 7 Habits



As we enter the third year of our *Living the 7 Habits* initiative, it is important to reflect on where we have been and where we are headed. It has definitely been an interesting journey, one that is continuous and never-ending yet without the feeling that we have arrived, very similar to the journey we embark on when we become parents.

Sometimes, even in the midst of the challenges and demands of daily life, if you can stand back, and look at your life, you will gain insight or perspective. 'Am I living the life I had imagined? Am I focusing on what is important? in my family? with my children? with my spouse?'

As the late Stephen Covey states in his personal message to his book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*, "...if we as a society work diligently in every other area of life and neglect the family, it would be analogous to straightening deck chairs on the Titanic." Our greatest joys and deepest heartaches surround what is happening in our family life. When family relationships are good, life itself is good. It is my hope and belief that as you learn and apply these 7 Habits, they will help you create a beautiful family culture in which life is really good.

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Dates To Remember

September 16	Yoga begins grades 1 and 3
September 18	School photo day with Photography Flewwelling
September 18	Zumba begins
Sept. 25th,	Cross Country Run—Hampton
Oct. 2nd, 16th, & 23rd	Cross Country Runs—Hampton
September 21	Website opens for food period 2
September 23	Running club starts grades 3-5
September 23	Home and School Meeting in the library at 7:30
September 26	Skating begins for 2B, 2O'B, 2M, 1M, 1K, 3M, 3J, 3A
September 27	School photo re-takes
October 3	Skating for 2B, 2O'B, 2M, 1M, 1K, 3M, 3J, 3A
October 7	Fundraising Catalogues sent home
October 10 & 11	Professional Learning Days (No school for students)
October 14	Thanksgiving (no school)
October 15-18	Kindergarten Registration
October 18	School fundraising orders due



Terry Fox Donation

Thanks to the generosity of our FES families, we had a very successful Terry Fox campaign. Together, we collected \$935 for this worthwhile cause.

Grade 5 Leadership

All grade 5 students were invited to apply for leadership opportunities this school year. We will have grade 5s who will be Junior Secretaries, Cool Cats, Ambassadors, Intramural leaders, Video Announcers and the list goes on. Leadership roles will be announced soon.

KVMHA Community Hockey Program

There is a lot of room left 2001 - 2004 (9-12 years old) program. The program is 1 hr per week: 8:45am at RNS every Saturday morning.

Upcoming Fundraiser- Great For The Holidays!



We are very excited to tell you about the fundraiser the school will be doing. We will be sending home two catalogues on October 7th that are full of wonderful gift ideas. One catalogue has jewelry, and the other one has gift wrap, kitchen items and calendars and stationery. It is through the same Canadian company we used the last two years - Dieleman DFS Fundraising. The items have always been very well received Thank you in advance for your support. Fundraising forms and payments are due October 18 (or sooner if possible).

Curriculum Corner – School Improvement Plan Links

Literacy

(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")

Welcome to a new year of literary adventures! Lots of activities are planned, so stay tuned to the school newsletter for updates.

Check out the bulletin board on the big wall outside the library to see new authors and some exciting creations from our budding writers. Also, help yourself to the literacy tips on the inside wall of the library.

Here are a few ideas to make literacy a part of your family's busy day:

Write and read Messages; Have your child leave messages on a message pad or white board. Leave your child a message to be read.

Play "Can You Read My Mind?" I'm thinking of something to eat that rhymes with seat. We're having i-c-e cream for dessert. What are we having?

Shop; Make a shopping list together. Have your child read the list back - did you forget anything? Take the list to the store and check off each item.

Play "I Spy"; I spy a person whose name ends with a _____ sound.

I spy a fruit that starts with the letter "b."

Numeracy How will your child learn math?

(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")

Children learn math best through activities that encourage them to:


- explore
- think about what they are exploring
- solve problems using information they have gathered themselves
- explain how they reached their solutions



Children learn easily when they can connect math concepts and procedures to their own experience. By using common household objects (such as measuring cups and spoons in the kitchen) and observing everyday events (such as weather patterns over the course of a week), they can "see" the ideas that are being taught.

An important part of learning math is learning how to solve problems. Children are encouraged to use trial and error to develop their ability to reason and to learn how to go about problem solving. They learn that there may be more than one way to solve a problem and more than one answer. They also learn to express themselves clearly as they explain their solutions.

Home and School Updates

- November 1st - FP#3 Envelopes due back
- Did you know you can keep up to date with what's happening by following us on Facebook? "Like" Fairvale Home and School to be in the know!
- The Home and School sent home a large white volunteer form last week. If you haven't already sent it back, could you please do so soon? You can also visit our website at www.fairvalehands.ca for an electronic copy. Any questions can be directed to our Gmail account at fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com
- If you have any Campbell's Soup Labels at home, please be sure to send them in. We collect them and redeem them for great school related products. We are also collecting Canadian Tire money to use towards the purchase of supplies for our AWARD WINNING Christmas Float! We would appreciate anything that you can give. 
- By now your child has brought home information and a registration form for our "Tune Tastic" program. We will be offering a learn to play keyboard program for beginners from October 8th—November 26th. This program will run for 8 weeks every Tuesday and you can choose to register for either the 4:30 or 5:30 class. Classes will be 45 minutes long and parents are responsible to drop off and pick up their child. Registration in this program is \$80 and spaces are limited. We are pleased to be offering this program using the keyboards purchased last year.
- We are looking for more volunteers for our Lunch time Zumba program that we offer on Mondays . You can choose whether or not to participate; we just need some adult supervision. Please contact Lisa Connell-Chiasson at 847-4534 if you can help.
- A big welcome to our new FES families this year from the Home and School, we are happy that you are here with us. Please feel welcome to attend our first meeting on September 23rd at 7:30pm. We want everyone to feel like they can be a part of the parent community at FES. No pressure...just a way to meet new friends and do good work. Of course, this welcome it extended to our existing FES families as well.
- We are very excited to let FES families know that our fall fundraiser this year is going to be gift card sales—just in time for Christmas! This exciting fundraiser will be running in November please keep it in mind when you are planning your holiday shopping. Gift cards are the perfect gift for employees, teenagers or those hard to buy for people on your list.
- And finally a HUGE Thank You again this year to **Katie Trask** for creating our new FES Busy Families Calendars. Be sure to support these wonderful, locally owned businesses and be sure to tell them you saw their ad in the FES calendar. We want our local businesses to be a part of our calendar for years to come! The cost of the calendars is \$10, if you haven't yet received your copy please email us fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com

