



# Florenceville Elementary School



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## Florenceville Elementary School Newsletter December 2019

Wow! December is here. This is a busy month and an exciting time for the students and staff. I hope you have a lovely holiday with your family and friends.

### School Clothing Orders

Thanks to all who purchased school clothing. The order has been placed and we will send home with students when it arrives.

### Safety on the Bus

As mentioned previously, safety on the bus is vitally important. Winter road conditions make it even more difficult for the drivers, so please remind your children to follow the bus rules and make good choices.

### Dressing for Outside

Students go outside daily for recess. It is also a school goal this year for students to be "taking their learning outside" as well. For this reason, please make sure your child has snow pants, hat, mittens, boots and a warm coat each day. It is a great idea to have extra socks and mittens in their bookbags too.



### Fox Dens

In our weekly meetings, students have continued to focus on managing "big emotions". Students have discussed and role- played different situations where they can **Take 5** during conflict with others.

- 1- Remind myself it is never ok to hurt others.
- 2- Take 3 deep breaths or count slowly to 10.
- 3- Use my words to say how I feel and what I wish would happen.
- 4- Ask for help to solve the problem.
- 5- Take time to cool down.

Please continue to talk to your children about these strategies and how they can help them when feeling big emotions.

### Chess Club

Noon hour chess club (grade 3-5) has started and it will continue in January as well. A K-2 Chess Club will begin in the spring.

### Minecraft Club

Weekly Minecraft Club has begun as well. This is a very popular club so students have been divided into smaller sessions and will have a turn in the New Year if they are interested.

### Drama Club

Students in grade 3-5 will once again have the opportunity to participate in a school drama performance. There has already been a noon hour meeting to determine interest. Keep an eye for more information coming soon! Encourage your child to participate. There are no small roles and it is a wonderful opportunity.



### Emma Pearson Annual PJ Drive

Our Pyjama Drive is in full swing. Annually, we collect new pjs for both children and adults in memory of Emma Pearson. Our last collection date is December 6<sup>th</sup>! Let's try to beat our total from last year.

### PJ Day/Flashlight Reading

On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, students are invited to wear their pyjamas. Also, they may bring a flashlight for our Flashlight Reading that will take place at 1pm. Students enjoy cuddling up and reading!

### **Christmas Concert**

Our Christmas concert this year is being held on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 1pm. This is a schoolwide concert for all students K-5. Although there are 2 shows, they are the same show, so we are asking that you choose only 1 show to attend. Parking and space in the gym is very limited. Carpooling is also encouraged because of the parking issues.

There is no charge to attend the concert. If you wish, we will accept donations for the Valley Food Bank as we know they support many families in our community.



### **Message from the GAIA Club**

GAIA Club members have been continuing to work on recycling and composting initiatives at the school. Their big focus for this year will be on **reducing** the amount of waste that our school creates. They are finding that many students are throwing out a lot of food and as well as single use plastics. This will be a continued conversation in 2020.

Also, continue to send in tabs as these are still collected and given to the Shriners Club.

### **Home and School Movie Day**

On December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am, the FES Home and School will be showing the movie ELF at Atlantic Cinemas. This is a fundraiser for our Home and School and are \$6.00.

Tickets can be purchased at Marks the Spot (Bath), Andrew and Laura McCain Library (Florenceville), Country Card and Gift (Centreville) or any FES Home and School member.

Contact

[FES\\_tickets@hotmail.com](mailto:FES_tickets@hotmail.com) or on the FES Home and School Facebook page.

### **Weekly Wednesday Lunches**

Beginning in the New Year, Florenceville Elementary will again be offering free/low cost lunches to all students. We are hoping to start our first Wednesday lunch on January 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be further information sent home later in December.

### **Sustainability Study**

The public is invited to make Stakeholder Presentation for the meeting on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 1pm at the school. Forms are available at the school or on the district website.



### **Family Time During the Holidays**

I hope you all enjoy an extended vacation with your family. Although there is not school for two weeks, there are many family activities that are fun for everyone and also learning opportunities.

Here are some fun and free ideas:

- Visit the library
- Bake together
- Visit the art gallery
- Make crafts

- Catch a local youth sporting game
- Read together
- Watch a family movie
- Have a family board game night
- Play outside!
- Build a snowman
- Go sliding

### **Coming up in**

#### **December/January...**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**- End of PJ Drive/ PJ Day and Flashlight Reading

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**- Home and School movie event, ELF, at Atlantic Cinemas @11

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**- Christmas Brunch sponsored by Home and School. Students DO NOT need a lunch this day. ☺

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**- K-5 Christmas Concert at 10am and a repeat show at 1pm.

**December 20<sup>th</sup>**- Last day for students before Christmas Break.

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**- No School for Students (Professional Learning Day)

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**- First Day Back for Students

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**- Sustainability Study Meeting #2. This is a stakeholder presentation meeting. It begins at 1pm at Florenceville Elementary.

**January 21<sup>st</sup>**- Calithumpians (theatre troupe) will perform for students

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**- No School for Students (Professional Learning Day)