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Florenceville Elementary School Newsletter

November 2019

It is hard to believe it is already November. Students are working hard and have settled into daily routines at FES!

**Safe Arrival**

Our school has a student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This makes it easier to report your child’s absence. You can download the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App store or the Google Play Store (or from the link: <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>

Or by calling the toll free number:

1-833-294-4838.

**Milk**

Thank you to all those families who have signed up to order milk through our milk program. The numbers of students ordering milk at lunchtime has increased substantially with our new monthly ordering program. Of those participating in this program, 70 percent of families purchased online.

**Career Week**

Career Week is November 4-8 in ASD-West. Throughout this month, our classrooms will be participating in various activities to explore different careers opportunities. This focus on career development will provide an opportunity for youth to be better informed in setting the course for their future. This is a great opportunity for parents as well to encourage discussion with your child about career development and the important role of education in assisting them with meeting their career goals.

**School Clothing Orders**

FES school clothing is again available for purchase. The deadline to submit orders is November 22, 2019. The preferred method of payment is online at [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com)

Orders can also be made by cash or cheque and all orders include tax. Cheques can be made payable to **Florenceville Elementary School.**

**Staffing Change**

Kelsey Kennedy, a .4 teacher, has moved to another school to work full-time. Dianne Lord, our .5 Guidance Counsellor, will be assuming her teaching load at our school.

**Drop Off Times**

Please remember that children should be dropped off as close to 8:00 as possible.

**Drop Off Zone**

Please drop children off at the cross walk so they can safely cross and enter the school. We often have many children being dropped off so it is important to keep the traffic flowing through the drop-off lane. If you are bringing your child inside the school or if you need to stop to speak with your child, please move your vehicle to the left parking lane.

**Safety on the Bus**

Please continue to remind your child how important it is to follow bus rules and make good choices on the bus. Safety of all children is a priority. Driving on the bus is a privilege.

**Dressing for Outside**

The weather is changing quickly and there will soon be snow on the ground. A continued school focus is to spend more time learning outside, no matter what the weather. For this reason, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. It would also be a good idea to have a change of clothes/extra socks at the school.

**Fox Dens**

Our weekly Fox Dens have continued. The focus for the month of November and December is managing “big emotions”. Students are learning to **Take 5** when dealing with situations.

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.

Talk with your child what they are learning in Fox Dens as this message can be reinforced at home as well.

**Book Fair: A Success!**

Thanks to all for your support with the Scholastic Book Fair. We were able to purchase almost $2800 worth of new books for our school library!

**Message from the GAIA Club**

GAIA members are thrilled with all the tabs that students have been bringing in for the Shriners. Tabs are collected by the Shriners and then recycled. The money collected is used for programs that directly benefit children.

**Sustainability Study**

ASD-W School District Education Council voted in favour of undertaking a sustainability study of Florenceville Elementary School under the process outlined in EECD Policy 409. The first meeting was held on October 26th at FES. 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.

**Online Safety Presentation**

Grade 3-5 students participated in an online safety presentation from our liaison RCMP officer. Please continue to talk to your children about how to be safe online. Students were also given an activity book with the presentation that could be used for discussion.

**Emma Pearson Annual PJ Drive**

Once again this year, FES will be collecting new pjyamas for both children and adults in memory of Emma Pearson. We will start collecting on November 12th until December 6th. A more detailed memo will follow.

**Christmas Concert**

This year FES will have a combined K-5 Christmas concert. There will be a show at 10am and a repeat show at 1pm. Because of limited space, we would ask that you please only attend one of the performances as it is a repeat performance. Also, if at all possible, carpooling is encouraged as we have limited parking space. Thanks for your understanding.

**2019-2020 PSSC Members**

**Co-chairs:** Connie Smith and John White

* Lisa Christie-Wolverton
* Tyler Langdon
* Starla Brymer
* Carrie Zahara
* Sandra Castaneda
* Trish VanGoch
* Angie Graham
* Colleen MacDonald-Briggs
* Angie Giggie

**School Rep**:

Lori Harding-Colpitts

**Community Rep:**

Valerie Carmichael

**Home and School Rep:**

Nicole Trafford

**2019-2020 Home and School Members**

**Chair**-Nicole Trafford

**Vice Chair**-Angie Giggie

**Past Chair**-Leanne Stone

**Treasurer**-Ashley Lake

**Secretary**-Laura Brennan

**Teacher Reps**-Andree Charlebois, Laurea Shaw, Dianne Lord

**Directors**-Jessica Sipprell, Natalie Stacey, Susan Brennan, Bryanne Thomas, Darcy Kilpatrick, Rebecca Libby

**Community Coordinator**-Valerie Carmichael

**Thanks to all our parent volunteers. We appreciate all your support!**



**Coming up in**

**November/December…**

**November 6-** School Remembrance Day Service at 10:30

**November 8- No School for Students**: Professional Learning Day for Staff/Report Card Preparation

**November 11- No School for Students:** Remembrance Day

**November 12-** PJ Drive begins

**November 12-** Picture Retakes

**November 21-** Evening Parent Teacher from 3:30-7:30

**November 22- No School for Students:** Parent Teacher from 8:30-11:30 (am), Professional Learning (pm)

**December 18th-** K-5 Christmas Concert at 10am and a repeat show at 1pm