



Florenceville Elementary School Newsletter

September 2018

Learning and working together to educate the whole child...

Welcome to another school year at FES! We have undergone major renovations and the school has finally come together! Let's make this school year a memorable one!

Meet and Greet

Due to the construction within the school, we had to postpone our Meet and Greet until this week. It will be held this Thursday from 5:00 – 6:00pm. Hoping to see you all here! After some time getting to know your child's teacher, you will be asked to come to the gym for a brief meeting. The whole staff will be introduced and then we will receive nominations for our PSSC. If you are interested in joining the PSSC, you may call to request a form to be sent home. Please bring it to the meeting. We will also take nominations from the floor that evening. We are looking for a couple of new members.

School Supply Fees

These fees cover the cost of all the school supplies your child needs for the entire school year. The fee is \$35.00 for grades K-2 students and \$40.00 for grades 3-5 students. You are able to pay this online and if you need assistance with that, let us know at school. We can accept money at school as well. Your choice.

Fair Notice

Every school year we provide a letter outlining our policy on Fair Notice. Please take time to read and sign it. When complete send it back to school with your child.

Photo Permission Form

We send this form home each year and it is an important one that needs your attention. Please read, sign and send back to the school.

Milk

Only white milk will be offered at school in accordance with the Provincial Policy 711. It will be offered daily for \$0.50.

Pizza

At this time, we are not sure that we will be able to offer Pizza on Friday due to updates in our food policy, Policy 711. We will try to figure something out and will keep you informed. Thanks for your patience.

Volunteers and Policy 701

All adults who interact with students by volunteering in the school are required to be aware and sign off on Policy 701. That includes going on field trips with your child's class. You can do the training online at <http://701.nbed.nb.ca>. Bring the completed form back in or proof that you have done it and we will put your name on file and issue a certificate. We could also set you up here at school on a computer to complete it. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school.

School Safety

We have a Comprehensive School Safety Plan that helps us keep the children and the school community safe and well. We have drills that we practice throughout the school year and more intensely the first six

weeks of school. We do this to prepare the children in case of fire, bus accidents and the need to lockdown and/or evacuate the school. Some children may get a bit anxious about the drills so it would help to talk about these at home with your child. We will make you aware of the days that we have drills so that you can follow up with them.

Driveway in the Morning and at Dismissal Time

We strive to keep our schoolyard safe when buses are entering and exiting the school. The inner lane is for buses only and when parking stay to the left hand side at the top or start of the driveway or go to the parking lot and overflow. Children are to be let off at the top of the driveway to walk across the crosswalk. Walking in between the dividers is not permitted. Safety always!

Picking Up Your Child

Please realize that it consumes a lot of time to gather children at the end of the day for pick up. We are asking you to do the following. Please write a note in your child's agenda if they are going to be picked up at day's end. Teachers will send those students to the office to meet you there. We discourage parents in the hallways and out on the playground for safety reasons. Dismissal times for K-2 is 2:00 and 2:40 for students in grades 3-5. If we adhere to this, we will be efficient and more streamline. It saves us running back and forth to gather students. Thanks for your cooperation.



Attendance

Having your child attend school regularly and on time promotes good routines, enables success and allows teachers to do their jobs well. Make this a priority in your home. Together we can produce great results. We need you on this one!

Communication

Each month a newsletter will come home and teachers send/use a variety of communication items. We will also send talk mail as needed. We have a FES website, fes.nbed.nb.ca that posts a variety of information from the school, district and home and school. We also highlight school happenings and events on Twitter. Follow us on FES_NB.

Inside Footwear

All students will need two pair of footwear, one being a pair of sneakers for gym and inside wear. Please try to avoid sneakers with black soles; these mark the floor that the custodian has to consistently clean. ☺

Protocol

Our school and district follow protocol when dealing with issues that may arise during the year. If it involves your child and the teacher, go to the teacher first. If there is no resolve at this step, the principal will meet with you and the teacher. If satisfactory measures are not met, contact can be made with the Director of Education at the Woodstock Education Centre. The school has an obligation to help set up a meeting. Most times conversations and contact with the homeroom teacher solves many/most of the issues.

Home & School

This group does a lot for the staff and students at FES. We appreciate their dedication to improving the school community. If you are interested in joining this group, they are having a meeting on Tuesday Sept. 11 at 7PM at the school. They have a Facebook page as well.

2018/19 Staff at FES

Kindergarten:

Lori Harding-Colpitts

Rachel Doucette

Grade 1:

Andree Charlebois

Melanie Cyr (Immersion)

Grade 2:

Dianne Antworth

Charlotte Dufort (Immersion)

Molly Kearney (Immersion)

Grade 3:

Sylvie Poirier (Immersion)

Laurea Shaw (Immersion)

Grade ¾

Pam Underhill (and PE)

Grade 4

Teena Bishop (Immersion)

Grade 4/5

Marjorie Hewson (+ Music)

Tracy Patterson (.5)

Kristen Ingraham (Immersion)

Grade 5

Marie Pier-Savoie

Resource:

Cindy Crowhurst

VP & Primary Music

Sarah Mahar

Guidance:

Dianne Lord (.5)

Principal & PE:

Cathy Stephenson

Administrative Assistant:

Paula Trafford

Educational Assistants:

Debbie Hopkins

Jennifer Allison

Bill Scott

Tammy Jordan

Cathy MacDonald

Librarian:

Marlene Hathaway

Custodians:

Angel Crain

Sara Nicholson

Here is to a year of learning in a variety of ways. Hands together we can do great things with and for the children.