



# Florenceville Elementary School



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## Newsletter September 2020

Welcome back to FES! To all our kindergarten families and new families, we send a warm welcome. We have a very dedicated staff and hope to make the 2020-2021 school year the best it can be!

In order to follow public health guidelines We have a few changes this year due to COVID-19.

### **Mask Use**

All students and staff will wear community face masks in common areas of the school. This includes the hallways and the bathrooms. When students are in their "classroom bubble" and outside, they will not be wearing face masks. Thank you for your cooperation with this- we appreciate how our school community has worked together to ensure this practice is being met.

### **Water Bottles**

All students should bring to school a labelled water bottle. Our water fountains are closed during this time, but we have water bottle filling stations that students may use to fill their bottles.

### **Student Drop-off**

We appreciate your understanding as we have tried to work out an efficient system for students to be dropped off in the morning. It is very important that families only let their children off at the cross walk near the main doors. Please encourage them to get out of the vehicle quickly, as there are often several people behind you in line. Students should not be dropped off until 8:00, as there is no supervision until this time.

### **Student Pick-Up**

#### **K-2 Pickup:**

Again, many thanks for your patience as we adjust to the new pick-up routines. K-2 students will be ready for pick up at 2:05. You only need to call the school if it is an **unexpected pick-up**, not if your child is picked up everyday. We are asking all K-2 parents to wait in a line near the main doors at 2:05 and we will deliver your child to you. Please park on the left hand side (grassy area) of the student drop-off lanes and leave the main lane free for through traffic.

#### **3-5 Pickup:**

Students in grades 3-5 are ready for pick-up at 2:55. We will not be releasing students until after our first two "flights" of buses have left the school. At 2:55, we ask you to please wait in a line near the main office doors and we will deliver your children to you. Please park in the grassy area on the left hand side of the student drop off lane.

### **School Supply Fees**

These fees cover the cost of all the school supplies your child needs for the entire school year. The fee is \$40.00 for grades K-2 students and \$45.00 for grades 3-5 students. These can be paid online, our preferred method of payment, or by cheque /cash at the school. If you need assistance please let us know. The website to pay online is [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com).

### **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**

We offer both white and chocolate milk at the school. Milk will begin the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>. Milk is available to be paid online now. See attached order form.

### **Pizza**

Our Friday pizza lunches will begin on Friday, September the 25<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$2.50 and that includes a piece of pizza, veggies and dip. The options are either hamburger or cheese pizza. This can be paid online by the preceding Tuesday.

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### **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. This also includes going on field trips with your child's class. You can do the training online at <http://701.nbed.nb.ca>. Once you have completed the training, bring the form to the office and the school will issue you a certificate. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't 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.

### **Attendance**

If your child is going to be absent, please use our safe arrival system. There is more info included with the milk order form.

### **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 an FES website, [Fes.nbed.nb.ca](http://Fes.nbed.nb.ca) that can be accessed and this 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. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please email [sarah.mahar@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:sarah.mahar@nbed.nb.ca) or call the school at 392-5109.

### **Inside Footwear**

All students will need two pairs of footwear. It is important to have inside sneakers for Phys. Ed classes as students are running, jumping and dancing! It is also recommended to have sneakers, rather than shoes or flip flops for outside play, as it can be a safety issue on the playground equipment or when running on our green spaces.

### **Dressing for Outside**

A school focus this year is to spend more time learning outside (rain or shine!). 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.

### **Protocol**

Our school and district follow protocol when dealing with issues that may arise during the year. If an issue involves your child and the teacher, please 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. Communication is key!

### **Home & School**

This group does a lot for the staff and students at FES. We appreciate their dedication to improving the school community. They have a facebook page and if you are interested in learning more, please reach out through facebook messenger.

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### **2020/21 Staff at FES**

**Kindergarten:**

Lori Harding-Colpitts

**Kindergarten:**

Rachel Doucette

**K/1:**

Andree Charlebois

**Grade 2:**

**Dianne Antworth**

**Grade 1 Immersion:**

Megan McBrine

Natalie DeMerchant

**Grade 2 Immersion:**

Charlotte Dufort

Molly Kearney

**Grade 3/4:**

Kristina Little

**Grade 3 Immersion**

Sylvie Poirier

**Grade 4 Immersion:**

Laurea Shaw

**Grade 4/5 IF**

Marjorie Hewson

**Grade 4 Immersion:**

Laurea Shaw

**Grade 5 Immersion:**

Teena Bishp

Marie-Pier Savoie

**Grade 3-5 Music/Phys.ED**

Marlee Ralston (.3)

**Resource:**

Cindy Crowhurst

**Guidance:**

Emily Keenan (.5)

**VP, Literay to FI & Phys.Ed**

Bridget Nugnt

**Principal & Literacy to FI:**

Sarah Mahar

**Administrative Assistant:**

Paula Trafford

**Educational Assistants:**

Tammy Jordan

Corrine Kilfoil

Margaret Budrow

**Librarian:**

Marlene Hathaway

**Custodians:**

Angel Crain

Betty Broad

Cheryl Johnson

**PLEASE SEE OVER FOR MILK & SAFE  
ARRIVAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

