

NOVEMBER 2019

Florenceville Middle School

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Just like that, it's November!

The school year is well underway, and report cards will be coming home before you know it! We continue to navigate through the differences of being a family of over 220 people and are furthering our understanding in academic areas as well as social behaviours.

We appreciate your continued support!

Ms. Rioux, Ms. Pearson, and the FMS Staff

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please continue to inform the school of changes to your contact information. If you have a change in email address or phone number, it is important that you keep us updated by calling Sally at 392-5115 or by sending in a note to the homeroom teacher.

If you no longer require a personal phone call in the event of an early closure, please let Sally know.

HOME AND SCHOOL

We are looking for volunteers! If you would be willing to support the school with special events, send in baked goods for special occasions, read to students, offer a small noon hour group, etc. please send an email to fmshomeandschool@gmail.com! Also, check out our Facebook Page – Florenceville Middle Home and School. We appreciate your support!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, emails, and talkmails, keeping track of 200+ students makes the office a very busy place! Here are a few safety highlights:

- If you know that your child is being picked up or is staying for an afterschool activity, please send a note in for the homeroom teacher rather than calling the office. For your child's safety, we need to have these things taken care of early in the day.
- If your child is staying for a repeating activity, one note that indicates permission to stay any day there is the activity will work.
- Students are NOT able to leave school property to return for an afterschool activity unless accompanied by an adult.
- Staying for after school activities is a privilege – if they are unable to follow our expectations while waiting after school for an activity, this privilege will be revoked.

Many thanks!

BOOK FAIR!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Florenceville Middle School November 19-22! Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books students want to read right into our school. For every \$10 spent at the fair, up to \$6 comes directly back to our school and this is used to put new books in our library. Each student's name

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2019

6th – FMS Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 1:00

6th – Newsletter

6th – Grade 9 Take Your Kids to Work Day

8th – No School

11th – No School (Remembrance Day)

19th – 22nd – Book Fair!

21st – Report Card issued, evening parent teacher

22nd – AM Parent Teacher

28th – School Dance (Tissue or \$2)

December 2019

4th – Newsletter

6th – Mothers Against Drunk Driving Presentation

17th – Brunch

19th – School Field Trip – AYR Motor

20th – Last Day of School

SPORTS TEAMS

Soccer season and cross country have come to an end, and we are very proud of our athletes and their efforts! We are also grateful to coaches Mme Frenette, Mrs. Pelkey, Mr. and Mrs. Phippen, as well as Mme Sanders! Our students had successful seasons! Badminton has begun, and basketball is just around the corner with open gyms starting up now!

Badminton practice times will be posted to the school website once they are determined!

will be entered in the Family Event Draw for \$25 free books for the student and \$25 for their classroom! This draw will take place Wednesday, November 20. Tuesday: All students will view the books with their class and make note of any items they wish to purchase. Wednesday: Students with Money will be able to purchase books at scheduled times. Shopping Hours for Parents and the Public: Wednesday : 2:30-4 Thursday: 10:30-8. We accept Cash and Cheques made out to Florenceville Middle School. Thank you in advance for your support!

DRAMA

We are so pleased that the FMS Drama Club will be presenting Beauty and the Beast Junior this year! Drama auditions will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Nov. 21 from 4:30 - 6 pm in Mr. Golding's room.

Interested students must see Mr. Golding by Nov. 7 to sign up for auditions and pick up the audition materials. Students must come to auditions prepared to deliver the monologue and section of song given to them in their audition package.

SCHOOL CLOSURES: WEATHER CONDITIONS

Anglophone West School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students. The district recognizes it may be necessary to cancel bus runs, close schools, or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather and road conditions.

Options Considered:

- **Schools are open as usual:** no communication required.
- **All schools closed for the day:** see "Communication" section below.
- **A school or schools in a particular zone of the district closed:** see "Communication" section below.
- **All school bus routes delayed by one hour:** On these occasions, all schools in the district will open at their regular time to receive walking students and students normally dropped off. Students arriving late will not be disadvantaged.
- **Schools may be closed early** on days when it is anticipated that weather conditions may deteriorate significantly. It is important that parents have alternate arrangements for their children if they or another adult will not be home to receive students. It will be announced that buses will run their afternoon one, two, or three hours earlier than usual.
- **Power Outage:** School will be opened at the regular time unless otherwise communicated by the superintendent.

Florenceville Middle School Christmas Craft Market, Saturday, Nov 23, 9 am - 2 pm!

Tables available - email alipeterson@outlook.com for vendor registration. Proceeds support the FMS Drama Club. Warm lunch provided by FMS Home & School. Save the date!

Communication: Announcements will be made on local radio stations through a recorded message that can be heard by dialing the district information line at 1-888-388-4455 any time after 6am and by checking the district website at www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca. We will also do our best to post on the FMS Home and School Facebook page, as well as twitter!

School Zone: FMS is in school zone **3**.

IMPORTANT: In the event of a closure after school has opened, parents who have indicated that they need a personal phone call will be contacted. In these circumstances, we must have your up to date contact information as we cannot release students until this contact has been made.

MAKERSPACES!

FMS has applied for a grant from Brilliant Labs to create a makerspace at our school. What is a makerspace? **Makerspaces** provide hands-on, creative ways to encourage students to design, experiment, build and invent as they deeply engage in math, language arts, social studies, french, science, engineering and tinkering. A **makerspace** is not solely a science lab, woodshop, computer lab or art room, but it may contain elements found in all of these familiar spaces. ALL students in ALL classes will be able to use this space for various projects and activities.

We are looking for your help in outfitting our new makerspace with things you may very well have kicking around your house at this very moment. These items include, but are not limited to: old tools(screwdrivers, hammers, etc...), plastic storage bins, toilet paper and paper towel rolls, old sewing machines, yarn, ribbon, thread, string, fabric/material, lego, k'nex, old board games, play wood blocks, magnets, markers, sticky notes, popsicle sticks, scrapbook supplies, fancy paper, duct tape, masking tape, clay, glitter glue, paint brushes, stencils, stamps, canvas, motors, wires, woodscraps, easels, egg cartons, milk jugs, plastic bottle covers, drawers for random stuff, screws, tubes, old piping, pipe cleaners, art supplies, paint, chalk paint, balls (Styrofoam, ping pong, etc...) dowels, dice, paper plates, glue guns, glue sticks, toothpicks, recycled plastic, playing cards, balloons, old toys or electronics that can be taken apart, plastic straws, any other useful items!

"Making is fundamental to what it means to be human. We must make, create and express ourselves to feel whole. There is something unique about making physical things. These things are like little pieces of us and seem to embody portions of our souls"

Mark Hatch The Maker Movement Manifesto

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