



Florenceville Middle School September 2014 Newsletter

Welcome to a new school year! There is lots of news to share 😊

A few items are highlighted in this first monthly newsletter. Many will be a focus at our **Meet and Greet**.

Staying Informed at FMS

- Watch for the newsletter which goes home on **the first Wednesday of every month**.
- Visit our website (fms.nbed.nb.ca)
- Read the emails or listen to the phone messages that come through **School Connects**.
- Watch for our updated "FMS Student/Parent Handbook" for you to read and discuss with your child.
- Please come to our **Meet and Greet on Thursday, September 4, at 6:00 pm** in the gym. There will be important information shared for the first time with families including details about the **new report card** and we will also be having our **PSSC election**.

Communication is an important key to a successful school year.

New staff: We welcome Jesse Clair, teacher, and Danielle Smith, Educational Assistant to our staff this year. We have 13 returning teachers, 2 returning EAs, as well as returning Admin Assistant, Library Worker and Custodians.

Custody Information: By law, schools are required to provide, on request from non-custodial parents, information about a student's education, except when a court order prohibiting access of a parent to a child exists.

If there is a current, valid court order prohibiting access to this child, the responsibility rests with the custodial parent to provide the school with a copy of this document. Please send in a copy of such a form if it exists or call Jane at the office to make other arrangements for our having a copy on file.

School Safety: Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be practising drills including evacuations, fire drills, school lock downs and evacuation to alternate site. Our alternate site is the Carleton Civic Centre and we occasionally walk from school to the Civic Centre by way of the NB Trail or Main Street sidewalk to practice this routine.

Contacting the School: If you call during the day, ***please leave a message*** and Jane will get back to you. She is sometimes away from her desk so she may not pick up when you call; however, she checks for messages each time she returns to her desk and will be sure to respond to your request.

Driveway Access: Students being driven to school should be dropped off at the front door after **7:45** am. Please enter on the 'McCain' side of the driveway and exit by the 'bridge' side. Between 8:00 and 8:30 and from 2:30 to 3:00, there should be no traffic circling the building.

On Time for School: Our instructional day begins at the **8:20 bell**. Students who arrive after that time are tardy for the day.

Cafeteria Service: The regular menu will start Monday, September 8th. Once the trends of what is liked and sells best become more obvious, we will update students and parents on any adjustments to the menu. **New** this year, Chartwells is featuring milk cards and meal cards which we hope will arrive in time for the Meet and Greet.

The cafeteria does not offer credit. If your child forgets lunch they can make toast or sandwich in the technology lab/kitchen from 12:18 to 12:28. Also note that the condiments and cutlery in the cafeteria are for those who are purchasing their lunch. Students who bring their lunch are also expected to bring their own cutlery.

Breakfast Program: FMS plans on continuing to offer breakfast to any and all students who wish to grab some toast and juice or other quick, healthy breakfast on the way to class in the morning. **We need your help!** We need **volunteers** who would be willing to come and help serve breakfast in order to keep this very important program up and running. We are also hoping to identify any of you who have the **Certified Food Safety Course** to help us in monitoring our program. Please let Ms. Jane in the office if you can give of your time or expertise in this way.

Contact Information

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

If your contact information changes throughout the year, including home phone, work phone, cell phone, email address and/or mailing address, please let us know **as soon as possible**. It is important for your child's well-being that we have a current number by which to contact you at all times. Please note this includes the **email address** we have on file for our School Connects Messaging so that you will continue to receive our voice messages.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2014

4th: Meet and Greet 6:00pm

25th: Public Health Vaccinations
for Grade 7 Boys and Girls

25th: First FMS Dance

26th: Terry Fox Walk

TBA: Fundraiser kick-off

29th – October 3rd: Safe Schools
Week

October 2014

1st: Monthly newsletter

3rd: Picture Day

9th & 10th: Professional Learning
Days. No school for students

13th: Thanksgiving – no school

16th & 17th: FMS Reading and
Writing Assessments

31st: Probability Fair

FMS Meet and Greet

We would love to have every student represented at the **meet the staff and information session** at 6 pm tomorrow evening. Everyone will start in the gymnasium. The principal will give an overview and then parents/guardians will have an opportunity to casually meet the staff following the **PSSC election**.

Terry Fox Event

All FMS students will be participating in our Terry Fox Event on Friday, September 26 at 1:00. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing, socks and comfortable footwear. Donations to support cancer research can be made on-line at <http://www.terryfox.org/SchoolRun/>. (We hope to be able to add this link to our school web page!) Click on Donate to a Student, type Florenceville Middle School in the School Name box and click on Florenceville Middle School when it appears at the bottom of the screen. If you prefer, students may bring donations to Mrs. Quinn. If you would like a tax-deductible receipt, please include your name and complete mailing address with your donation. Cheques should be made payable to Florenceville Middle School. Receipts will be mailed to you from the Terry Fox Foundation at a later date.

FMS Fundraiser: Students will be selling QSP products and magazine subscriptions again this year.. This fundraiser provides us with monies necessary to continue to be able to offer co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for our students. Any support you provide in encouraging your child to make a best effort to sell product is appreciated. Students are not expected to sell door-to-door, but rather, to approach family and family friends.

FMS Dances: The doors open at 7:00 pm. All students are to be picked up at 9:00 pm. Students are to remain in the building the entire dance unless an administrator has been notified of an early pick-up. Please see the other dance guidelines in the handbook. The 'fee' for the first dance, September 25, is a box of facial tissues (eg. Kleenex).

Golf Lessons: Local teacher, Jill Dyer, is starting an After-School Golf Program for Middle and High School Girls and Boys of all skill levels, including new golfers. It will run Mondays in September and October for weeks with a mini-tournament on the last day. The cost is \$20 for the five weeks. Students can pick up a handout with more info and registration information in the FMS office. **Registration ends Friday, September 5.**

Community Choirs for K – 12: Introducing: The Corner Studio - Tuesday Night Choir! Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 16, three choirs will meet every Tuesday at Hartland Community School. Junior Girls K-Gr. 4 meet from 6:30-7:15 pm; Boys K-Gr. 8 meet from 7:15-8:00 pm; Senior Girls Gr.5-12 meet from 8:00-9:00 pm. These choirs are open to community members, as well as private students of Jennifer Muir's studio, so please spread the word and invite your friends. The cost is \$30 a month from Sept.-June, as well as a \$30 registration fee. There will be choir t-shirts and binders with the music for each singer. Please let Jen know ASAP so she can gauge interest.

BACK TO SCHOOL SWAP

When: Saturday, September 6th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: the former Magan Services Building

What: Come find school supplies, sporting equipment and gently used clothing to help outfit your kids for the new school year. All will be available for as much or as little as you are able to donate so we can help find these items new homes and help families make back to school more affordable. All proceeds from the event go directly back to Volunteer Family Services (which runs the food bank and helps provide for our Breakfast Program) supporting many families in Carleton County.

WANTED: FMS NEEDS YOUR HELP IN LOCATING. . . .

Volunteers to help with our breakfast program from 7:50 – 8:30 any morning. Also: names of those with the Certified Food Safety Course.

Keyboards and pianos in good condition for the Grade 7 Music Classes.

Phone Tree parents for each homeroom, to help makes calls to homes if we were in an emergency situation.

Band instruments! Do you have a band instrument you could donate to our program? We have a high interest in both Classroom band and our after school programs and need instruments to put in our students' hands. Please take a peek and see what might be lurking in your basement!