



## Florenceville Middle School April 2015 Newsletter

School Vision - "All students will be given the opportunity and support to become responsible citizens."

School Mission - "The mission of FMS is to develop students who are intellectually, technologically, physically and socially ready for their place in the 21<sup>st</sup> century world."

### Spring is on the way!!

**Progress Reports** will go home next week. This third quarter report card is the same in format as what you received in November and represents your child's progress since the last Achievement Report Card. Although on achievement reports, each teacher reports **Learning Habits** specific to their course, on progress reports, these ratings appear only once. At FMS, the team of teachers who work with your children collaborated to select the ratings that best described your child's learning behaviours to date; these will not be representative of every course, but rather give a global view across your child's classes. **Information Bulletin #3** will be included in the report card envelope and can also be accessed on the Report Card Pilot link on the ASD-W web site.

At FMS, we use the **Exploratory Rotations** to deliver Music, Technology, Health, Personal Development and Art curricula as units for one third of the year. We just very recently started the third rotation and it is premature to be indicating progress in these courses, some of which will only have met twice before the progress report goes home. Therefore, you will be seeing 'NA' as grades in those course strands.

Please **sign** the report card envelope and return it to the homeroom teacher to indicate that you have received the report card.

**Parent-Teacher Interviews** will take place between 5:00 and 8:00 pm on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and between 8:30 and 11:30 am on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. You may call Jane in the office starting **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** to book appointments with teachers.

### April 15<sup>th</sup> is TWOKAM day

"**Talk With Our Kids About Money**" (TWOKAM) day is an initiative by the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education (CFEE) which is new to Atlantic Canada this spring, but that has been very successful in other parts of Canada and some States. The goal of the program is to engage students and their families in conversations that will lead to responsible fiscal behaviours at developmentally appropriate levels. Teachers can support the goal by integrating concepts into their lesson plans. The Home Program on the "Talk With Our Kids About Money Day" website provides parents and guardians with ideas, activities, tools, resources, etc. to help them engage their kids in talks and activities about money on the "Talk Day" or any day! The support resources are organized by age range – e.g. ages 5-7, ages 8-10, etc. There are ideas for activities in the community, day trips that could be taken, games, activities, music, TV shows and movies to watch. The ideas, activities, etc. aim to make the suggested "talks" and interactions comfortable and a good fit with the parent/child relationship. There is no cost. Check it out!! [www.talkwithourkidsaboutmoney.com](http://www.talkwithourkidsaboutmoney.com)

### Festivals and Fairs!

Congratulations to all Grade 8 students for their dedicated work on their Science Projects. Winners will be announced at the Rally on Thursday, but we are super proud of all the hard work that all students put into their projects. We are also looking forward to seeing more great student work in the upcoming Grade 6 Heritage Fair on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Way to go, Falcons!!

Two students represented FMS at the **Regional Chess Tournament** at Nackawic Elementary School a few weeks ago. Charlie Chestnut represented Grade 7s and Raagav Prasanna represented Grade 6s. Congratulations to Raagav who has been invited to the Provincial Chess Tournament on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Tracadie! Many thanks to Mme Muise for encouraging all our chess players and accompanying our competitors to the tournament!

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## April 2015

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2<sup>nd</sup>: March Rally including Pi-Off

3<sup>rd</sup>: Good Friday; No school

6<sup>th</sup>: Easter Monday; No school

8<sup>th</sup>: Progress Reports Go Home

9<sup>th</sup>: Parent-Teacher Meetings  
5:00 – 8:00 pm

10<sup>th</sup>: Parent-Teacher  
Meetings/Professional  
Learning Day; No school for  
students

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>: Music Festival of the  
Arts (Bands and ensembles  
perform April 9<sup>th</sup>)

13<sup>th</sup>: Bands perform in Music  
Festival in Woodstock

17<sup>th</sup>: Grade 6 Heritage Fair

24<sup>th</sup>: Let's Go Science  
Competition at UNB

30<sup>th</sup>: April Rally Day

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## May 2015

1<sup>st</sup>: Provincial Council Day. No  
school for students

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>: FMS Book Fair

6<sup>th</sup>: FMS Newsletter goes  
home

8<sup>th</sup>: UNB Math Competition

11: NBTA Branch Meeting; No  
school for students

14<sup>th</sup>: GO Girls for Grade 8s

20<sup>th</sup>: CNHS Feeder Schools  
Turn Around Awards  
Reception

18<sup>th</sup>: Victoria Day. No school

25<sup>th</sup>: PSSC Meeting 7:30 pm

28<sup>th</sup>: Grade 8 Leaving Party

29<sup>th</sup>: May Rally Day

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April 9<sup>th</sup> - FMS Bands and ensembles will be playing at the high school for the **Musical Festival of the Arts**. The performances begin at 9:00am so all band students are asked to be on-site at CNHS at 8:30.

April 13<sup>th</sup> - FMS Bands will be playing at Woodstock Middle School Woodstock as part of the **Carleton County Music Festival**.

The **“Let’s Talk Science”** Challenge at UNB Fredericton will take place April 24<sup>th</sup> and again this year, Mme Morin is working with Teams who are planning and learning together. Good luck to those Teams as they prepare for this great event!

We hope to send 10 grade 7 and 8 students to UNB on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> for the annual **UNB Math Competition**. See Mme Muise or Mrs. K. for more info!!

**Grade 8 Leaving Party in May.** This event is meant to be inclusive for all students, allowing all to feel comfortable and welcome regardless of dress and financial situation. It is **not** a mini prom. It is an informal party where many dance while others play in the gym or just hang out together. No students should be informing parents that they need a prom dress or other formal wear. (Some of the girls do choose to wear a sundress that they already have or purchase to use for many occasions this summer. Most boys wear shorts.)

### ***A note from Mrs. Hathaway in the library. . .***

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming to FMS May 5-7. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books Wednesday and Thursday. The fair will be open for parents and the public Tuesday 2-4, Wednesday 2-4 and Thursday 1-5. This is a great opportunity to pick up summer reading material. For every \$10 spent at the fair, up to \$6 comes back to our school to be used to purchase books for the library. Each student's name will be entered in the Family Event Draw for \$25 worth of free books for the student and \$25 for the student's classroom. We accept cash OR cheques made out to Florenceville Middle School. Thank you in advance for your support. Hope to see you at the Fair!

### ***At the gallery. . . .***

Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery Programs for Kids, Teens & Families

To register or for more info call 392-6769 or email [jaime@mccainartgallery.com](mailto:jaime@mccainartgallery.com).

Teen Open Studio - Friday April 17 - 6-8pm - Ages 13-17 - \$2 includes Pizza

Kids in the Gallery - Saturday April 18 - 2-4pm - Ages 5-12 - \$5 per Child

Kids Night Out at the Art Centre - Friday April 24 - 6:30-8pm - Ages 5-12 - \$5 per Child

Toddlers in the Gallery - Friday April 30 - 11am-12pm - Ages 1-3 - \$5 per Child

Kids Day Out at the Art Centre - Friday May 1 - 8:30am-5:30pm - Ages 5-12 - \$10 per Child

Felt Wee Folk & Fairies for Families - Saturday May 9 - 2-4pm - Ages 5+ with Parent - \$5 per Person