

# Florenceville Middle School

## June 2017 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."

## Holy Jumpings! It's June!!

There are people who would like to describe this time of year as 'winding down' in schools. It won't feel like that over the couple of weeks since we have lots going on, including lots of new learning. We are full steam ahead with our regular timetable on most days and with the expectation that students are living by the FALCONS code and abiding by the routines and procedures that help our school run well. We thank you for your ongoing support by encouraging students to be all that they can be.

At this time of year, many of our Phys Ed outcomes and activities are best suited to outdoors. For this reason, students should be prepared with appropriate wear for both indoors and outdoors physical activities. Flip flops and sandals are **not** acceptable footwear for Phys Ed whether indoors or outdoors. All students are expected to be participating in Phys Ed class, just as they are expected to participate in all classes. There are sometimes exceptions which are supported with evidence from a medical doctor which means some of the activities may need to be adapted to accommodate the injury or condition; however, generally speaking, if your child is well enough to be at school, they are well enough to be participating in Phys Ed.

We encourage students to have a refillable bottle of water daily and sunscreen is something to keep in their book bag or locker. Spray sunscreens must be applied outdoors only and we appreciate your efforts to purchase unscented or reduced-scent sunscreens to meet the expectations of our Scent free policy.

The **Student Fee for 2017-2018** will remain at \$55.00. Current Grade 6 and 7 students can pay the fee for next year anytime from now to June 23; it can be dropped off at the office. It works best for us to have the fee in advance to improve our buying power during June and August when most school supplies are on sale. Receipts will be issued when payment is made.

All Hilroy scribblers, binders, duotangs, and paper needed for all subjects are provided. Pens, pencils, erasers, a lock (rental), and planner are also provided to each student. Class sets of scissors, rulers, glue, coloured pencils, markers, highlighters, and calculators are available for students to use in classrooms as well as facial tissues, band aids and disinfectant wipes. This fee also includes school-wide performances (drama, music, and inspirational presentations), a paid DJ for dances, one trifold presentation board and one or two sheets of bristol board for projects, and many of the consumables for exploratory subjects. The fee helps defray costs associated with our school-wide presentation days (Heritage Fair, Probability Fair and Science Fair) as well as beginning and end of year celebrations.

**Parents are asked to supply a book bag, a lunch container and clean sneakers for Phys Ed classes.**

### HUGE THANKS!

We have had a number of student involved in student leadership this year and students have been a big part of making our FMS community run smoothly. Some of the initiatives that have been successful thanks to our student volunteers include our updated Breakfast Program (dedicated students come early to plan and fill baskets, volunteer to bake a noon and give up break time to clean-up baskets!), our Office Monitoring system whereby students answer phones and door while Ms. Sally is away from her desk and the two successful fundraisers which have relied upon students for accepting and sorting orders, counting money, receiving orders and volunteering noon and afterschool hours for pick-up times.

Thank you so much for all this fantastic work, FALCONS!

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## **June 2016**

*13<sup>th</sup>: Track and Field Meet at Bath School*

*13<sup>th</sup>: Blood Donor Clinic at FMS*

*20<sup>th</sup>: RCMP drug presentation to Grade 8 students*

*21<sup>st</sup>: FMS Spelling Bee*

*22<sup>rd</sup>: FMS Year End Activities – local and on-site*

*23<sup>rd</sup>: last day of classes. This is a half day for students and a full day for staff.*

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**The PSSC** recently had its last meeting for this school year. Thanks to the parents who served on our committee this year! Several are returning for the next school year, but there will also be a small number of vacant seats. FMS will have **PSSC elections** during the **FMS Meet the Teacher** event, which has typically been the first Wednesday of the new school year. We will confirm that event which has typically been from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

One recommendation from the PSSC this year was to offer special presentations to our students that would include current and updated information regarding the use, misuse and abuse of a variety of drugs. Although this is topic matter addressed through the health curriculum, it is important messaging that needs to be on-going. We have arranged for our RCMP liaison officer to visit FMS on June 20<sup>th</sup> to present to Grade 8 students. We hope to continue this initiative in the fall with additional presentations for all grades as well as parents.

### **Awards Ceremony**

On Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 9:00 am, we will be recognizing a variety of student achievements, both academic and extra-curricular, from this school year. You are invited to attend. We will begin with athletic awards and extra-curricular events and then move onto academic awards.

### **Last Day**

The last day of school for students in the 2016-2017 school year is Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be a half day for students. We will inform you of anticipated bus departure times once these are provided to us by Transportation, but generally, students arrive home 3 hours before their normal arrival time. Report Cards will go home with students on the last day of school. You should be seeing your child come home with locker contents gradually over the last 2 – 3 days of school rather than their saving it all up for Friday!

### **Congratulations!**

We recognized many May initiatives at our last rally, including congratulations to several groups who finished up their long-term endeavours or represented FMS well on the road. Four grade 7 and 8 students represented FMS at the **UNB Math Competition**. Beginner and Junior Bands recently finished up another busy year with their final concert. Many thanks to Mr. Golding for the many hours of dedication to both those groups!

**Volleyball** wrapped up their successful seasons last month. Many thanks to coaches Laura Carvell and Mark Thompson for making this a possibility for our FALCONS this year. The **Rugby** season also wrapped up. We appreciate Mr. Jefford Dennis for giving of his time again this year to allow many FMS students this opportunity. Also thanks to Mr. Oakes, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Pelkey and Mark Thompson who are helping train students for the upcoming **Track and Field** Meet on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

These and other athletic, academic and artistic opportunities have been made possible for our students this year due to many, many, **many** hours of dedication and energy by coaches, directors, and coordinators. Without their generosity, we simply would not be able to provide FMS students with the many opportunities we have been privileged to have as part of our school culture. On behalf of all our students and staff, thank you very much!

***Best wishes for a wonderful summer holiday to all our students and their families.  
We look forward to seeing returning students on Tuesday, September 5, 2017!***