

Florenceville Middle School March 2016 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 21st century world."



March is here!

Thank you!!

We really enjoyed all the goodies that were shared with us during Staff Appreciation Week. Thanks to all who took the time to jot us a nice note, bake a treat, drop off tea or coffee, pop in to help with supervision so teachers could take time to eat, or for having a hand in the wonderful lunch that was provided. We truly appreciate your taking the time to say thanks to us!!

Communication is Two Way

We work diligently to keep you informed of what's happening at FMS and we appreciate the time you make to read the monthly newsletters, peruse the FMS website, have a phone chat with one of us from time to time or read the emails or notes we send. At times we need you to be sure to share with us important information as well. **If your contact information has changed**, please let Jane know. (392-5115) It is critical that we have current phone numbers and emails by which we can reach you, particularly in the event of an emergency – we **really** need to be able to get ahold of you quickly.

Recently I sent an email and voice mail message asking all families to contact the homeroom teacher with the answer to a very important question in the event of an **early closure**. As you can imagine, it would be impossible to individually call all homes or places of work prior to releasing buses, so we have to have a very specific list of those who would be expecting a call. To date, we have received very few responses in most homerooms. (Although, kudos to Mme Morin's homeroom parents . . . If this were a competition, we think you would likely win for the most responses and quickest response time by most families!) Below is the message repeated for you. Please be sure to email or call the school with your answer ASAP so that we are prepared in the event of an emergency!! Thank you to those who have already done so!!

In the event of an early closure, do you require us to contact you by telephone so that you may make arrangements for your child?

If you answer 'yes', then a member of our staff would call you prior to bus departure on that early closure day.

If you answer 'no', your child will board the bus and go home without our first making a private phone call to you. You would be notified by School Connects (email and voice message) that the school was closing early.

Please send a response to the homeroom teacher with your 'yes' or 'no' answer ASAP!

Teachers' email addresses are on our fms.nbed.nb.ca website. If you don't have email, please write the homeroom teacher a note, text the FMS cell phone (323-8935) or call Jane in the office (392-5115).

March 2016

2nd: Newsletter goes home

3rd: Boys vs Girls Bball Team fundraiser game 7:00 pm

4th: Winter Carnival Activities

7th – 11th: March Break

18th: In class and assembly drumming seminars by Keith Mullins

22nd: TNB production at CNHS

23rd: Report Cards go home

25th: Good Friday – no school

28th: Easter Monday – no school

30th: Grade 8 Science Fair

31st: HPV Vaccine Dose 2 for Grade 7 girls

31st: Grade 8 Trip Deposit due

31st: FMS Dance

April 2016

6th: FMS newsletter

7th: Parent-Teacher 5:00-8:00 pm

8th: No school for students: Parent-Teacher and Professional Learning Day

15th: Heritage Fair

18th-19th: Professional Learning Days

20th: TWOKAM – Talk With Our Kids About Money!

Upcoming Events

Keith Mullins, recent winner of “Musician of the Year” and “Roots Album of the Year” at the Music Nova Scotia awards is coming on March 18th to share his drumming knowledge and talents with students. Classes will receive **workshops in rhythms** from different cultures and we will end the day with a performance based on what was taught.

On March 22nd, we will travel to Carleton North with middle grade students from Bath School and Centreville Community to view this year’s **TNB production**.

The **Me to We** group are still looking for non-perishable food items for their *Fill a Bus* fundraiser.. Homeroom classes will be in competition to fill as many boxes with food as they can. Once we have as many boxes as there are seats in a bus, we will be donating the food items to local food banks. We appreciate your support in advance!

FMS has been selected to host the **2016 Bantam Girls Basketball Provincials** on March 19th and 20th!

Many thanks to all who contributed to our **Variety Show and Dessert Auction!** Over \$1000 was raised to support many of our Grade 8 travelers. That is fantastic support from our communities. There are still ways to show your support:

Fundraiser Basketball Game

The FMS Boys vs the FMS Girls

Thursday, March 3, 7:00 PM.

Don't miss it!!

COMING UP THIS FRIDAY

The weather doesn't seem to want to let us go sliding, but we will still go skating and curling. Students are expected to bring **skates and helmet** to go skating or **indoor sneakers** for curling on Friday, March 4th. We will be walking downtown, so they also need to be **dressed for the weather!!!!**

There is an account at the redemption centre in Bath called “FMS Quebec Trip”. All returnables donated before March will be used to reduce the overall cost of the trip.

You may also support travelers by purchasing one of the \$20 Pizza Delight Take-Out Deal Coupons!



Thanks in advance for all your support! 😊

Mini-fundraiser: Show your school spirit by owning a FALCONS jersey. We will be selling the old basketball jerseys for \$10 each starting tomorrow. Raid your piggy bank! Wear it to Thursday night's game!