

F.E.S. FAMILY CONNECTIONS

F.E.S students will be passionate life-long learners who contribute as responsible leaders in the global community

Week At A Glance

Dec. 15th-19th

Monday, Dec. 15th

- 8:30 am Holiday Concert (families of children whose last names starts with A-L)
- Food drive continues

Tuesday, Dec. 16th

- 8:30 am Holiday Concert (families of children whose last names starts with M-Z)
- Last day for food drive

Wednesday, Dec. 17th

Holiday Dinner
11am: Grade 4&5
12pm: Kindergarten and Grade 3
1pm: Grade 1 and Grade 2

Holiday Sweater Day- all staff and students

Thursday, Dec. 18th

- Wear school colours
- Special guest visit from the North Pole!



Friday, Dec. 19th

- Holiday Lip Sync and PJ Day

Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 5th- first day after break

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Information Items

• Calendar Pilot Day Highlights

Today, our staff participated in a full day of professional learning as part of our Calendar Pilot, with a focus on strengthening our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) practices. This work directly supports one of our School Improvement Plan goals- **to expand and embed PBIS by improving our use of data, increasing family engagement, and ensuring consistent staff understanding school-wide.**

Here's a look at what we accomplished:

Improving the Use of Data for Decision-Making

- Staff reviewed our monthly behaviour and attendance data and discussed ways this information helps us support students more effectively.
- We also introduced new procedures for collecting and tracking serious misconducts and behaviours not tolerated so we can make clear, data-driven decisions that keep our school safe and positive for all students.

Increasing Family Engagement

We want families to feel informed, included, and connected to our PBIS work.

Here's what's coming:

- A PBIS Family Brochure is currently in development.
- At upcoming school events, families will see PBIS information and displays in the lobby to help everyone understand our schoolwide expectations.
- F.E.S. Family Connections will continue to share PBIS updates and student celebrations throughout the year.

Ensuring Consistency for All Staff

To help maintain strong, school-wide routines and expectations:

- New staff follow an onboarding process that includes step-by-step guides for teaching expectations and dedicated time to review our PBIS staff handbook.
- Staff also reviewed our Reflection Room, a restorative space where students can reset, reflect, and problem-solve with support.
- We celebrated staff for recognizing student successes through our Kid Kudos program - each month, one staff member earns a \$50 Scholastic credit for their commitment to positive reinforcement.

Professional Learning Modules

Together, our staff completed two Department of Education PBIS modules:

✓ Positive Discipline

- We explored the philosophy behind positive discipline, how it supports student success, and practical strategies teachers can use in the classroom.

✓ Restorative Practices

- This module highlighted how restorative conversations and problem-solving help repair relationships, strengthen school community, and support students in learning from mistakes.

We are excited about the progress we are making as a school community and are committed to continuing this work throughout the year. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting a positive, safe, and caring learning environment for all students!

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- Please **report your child's absence(s) using the Safe Arrival program** (any of these three convenient methods):
 1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account (use the email address you have on file with the school). Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
 2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
 3. Call the toll-free number 1-833-219-9065 to report an absence using the automated phone system.These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.
- Congratulations to the following two families for winning **Best Seats In the House** Tickets for our Holiday Concerts. Your package includes parking directly in front of the school, front row seats, and bottles of water.
 - Monday- William Golden's family and Tuesday- Huxley Wilson's family
- **School Concert VIP Parking and Seating Tickets** for our holiday concert are now available on School Cash Online. Tickets are \$2 for 1 ticket and \$5 for 3 tickets. Purchase your tickets by Wednesday, December 10th as the draw will be on Thursday, Dec. 11th. Our concert is being repeated twice- Monday morning at 8:30 for families of students whose surnames A-L, and Tuesday at the same time for families of students whose surnames are M-Z. SchoolCashOnline.com: [Fee Details](#)
- Thank you to families who have contributed **toys, non-perishable food items and toiletries** for those less fortunate in our community. The deadline to contribute items for the KV Food Bank is Tuesday.
- **Morning supervision begins at 7:45 a.m.** To help us keep all students safe, please avoid dropping your children off before that time, as staff are not outside to supervise earlier arrivals.
- **Outdoor play is essential for children's well-being.** Research shows it supports physical health, boosts mood, strengthens social skills, and enhances learning. To ensure students benefit from this valuable time outdoors, they will go outside each day except during heavy rain or when temperatures fall below -20°C. Please help your child enjoy their time outdoors by making sure they are dressed comfortably and appropriately for the weather.

Photo Gallery



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