

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

Feb. 16th-20th

Monday, Feb. 16th

-Family Day- No School

Tuesday, Feb. 17th

-Grade 4 Open Gym
-Lunar New Year and Chinese New Year begins
-Ramadan begins

Wednesday, Feb. 18th

-Grade 3 Open Gym
-Ordering ends for Food Period #5

Thursday, Feb. 19th

-Grade 2 Open Gym
-Welcome to Kindergarten 3pm & 4:30pm (for children starting in September 2026)



Friday, Feb. 20th

-Grade 1 Open Gym
-Deadline for Top Secret Mission contribution

Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 23rd- First day of Food Period #5
- Feb. 23rd-Feb. 27th- Staff Appreciation Week
- Feb. 23rd-27th- School Spirit Week
 - Monday- Pattern Day (wear stripes, polka dots, zigzags, squiggles and more), Tuesday- PJ Day,
 - Wednesday-Pink Shirt Day, Thursday- Everyone Counts Day (wear a t-shirt, sweater, or jersey with a number), Friday- School Colours Day (blue and grey)
- Feb. 25th- TNB Young Company- Velveteen Rabbit
- Feb. 26th- Winter Carnival Day
- Feb. 27th- Deadline to register for French Immersion for 2026-2027
- Mar. 2nd-6th- March Break
- Mar. 9th- First day of school after the break

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- Message from our Home and School- The F.E.S. Home & School is launching a **top-secret mission** to surprise our amazing teachers and staff with gift cards and monetary contributions during **Staff Appreciation Week**, February 22-27. But shhh... it's a surprise! Please don't let the staff know we want this to be a special and meaningful thank-you just for them. Use the envelope sent home labeled "Top Secret" and return it to the school office by Thursday, February 20th with your gift card or contribution inside. E-transfer donations to: fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com Every contribution - big or small - truly makes a difference and is greatly appreciated (though participation is never required). All funds and gift cards collected will be shared evenly among staff so everyone feels the appreciation! Please see the attached for the plans for the week. Thank you to the families who offered to assist by baking cookies, muffins, or providing candy for the candy bar. If you would like to assist with any of the themes and did not fill out the volunteer form, please reach out to our Home and School group at fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com. (Although the official provincial Staff Appreciation Week took place this week, F.E.S. has traditionally celebrated during the last week of February and we will be continuing that tradition this year. It gives us something special to look forward to in the final week before March Break!)
- Several families have reached out to inquire about **purchasing school apparel**, and I'm pleased to share that we now have an official online school store! We have partnered with **Entripy**, a Canadian provider of custom school apparel, to offer high-quality branded clothing with a quick five-business-day turnaround. Their on-demand production model allows families to order with no minimum purchase required, reducing waste and eliminating the need for the school to manage inventory. Orders are placed directly through our school's online store and shipped to your home for convenience. As an added benefit, once our school community collectively spends \$1,000, 10% of every subsequent purchase will be returned to the school to support co-curricular activities and programs. In an effort to promote school spirit and unity, I initially aimed to limit colour options to our school colours- royal blue and grey. However, the company is unable to restrict specific shades within a colour family. For example, removing "blue" would eliminate all blue shades (including navy, royal, and light blue). As a result, we have activated blue and pink options (with future Pink Shirt Day in mind). Neutral colours including black, white, and grey are always available.
- You can browse and place orders using the link below:
<http://fairvaleelementaryschool.entripyshops.com/>
Thank you for your continued support in building school pride within our community!
- Parents/guardians wishing to register their child in **Grade 1 Early French Immersion or Grade 6 Late French Immersion** for the 2026–2027 school year are asked to complete the electronic registration form: [ASD-S French Immersion Registration 2026-2027 School Year – Fill out form](#).
- **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. Our students 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.

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Celebrating Lunar New Year and the Beginning of Ramadan

On Tuesday, February 17th, many families around the world will celebrate the beginning of **Lunar New Year**, also known in many communities as **Chinese New Year**. This holiday marks the start of a new year based on the lunar calendar and is celebrated in several Asian cultures. Traditions may include family gatherings, special meals, decorations in red (a symbol of good luck), dragon dances, and the sharing of wishes for health, happiness, and prosperity in the year ahead.

February 17th also marks the beginning of **Ramadan**, a holy month observed by Muslims around the world. Ramadan is a time of reflection, prayer, generosity, and community. Many Muslims fast from dawn until sunset during this month, and families often gather in the evening to break their fast together. It is also a time for acts of kindness and supporting those in need.

At F.E.S., we are proud of the rich diversity within our school community. Recognizing important cultural and religious celebrations helps our students learn about the world around them and develop respect, empathy, and appreciation for one another.

If your family celebrates Lunar New Year or Ramadan and would like to share a story, tradition, or resource with a class, we would love to hear from you. Learning from one another strengthens our school community. Wishing all families who are celebrating a joyful and meaningful month ahead.

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