

# 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

Jan. 12th-16th

### Monday, Jan. 12th

- Grade 5 Open Gym
- First Day of Food Period #4
- Round 2 of Student Led Clubs for Kindergarten and Gr. 3

### Tuesday, Jan. 13th

- Grade 4 Open Gym
- Student Led Clubs for Grade 1
- Lohri
- Volunteer form with opportunities for second half of the year is being sent home

### Wednesday, Jan. 14th

- Grade 3 Open Gym
- K-Gr. 2- Skating

### Thursday, Jan. 15th

- Grade 2 Open Gym
- Grade 2 Student Led Clubs
- PSSC Meeting at 7pm virtually



### Friday, Jan. 16th

- Calendar Pilot Day- No school for students

## Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>- Kindergarten-Grade 2 students
- Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>- Calendar Pilot Day
- Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten-Grade 2 students
- Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>- Home and School meeting @ 7pm
- Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>- PBIS and Kindness Bingo Kick Off assembly

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## Information Items

- Thank you to Sharon McCumber, Grandmother of student Spencer McLeod, Gr4 Robichaud for **donating several pairs of home knit mittens, hats, and socks**. We appreciate your generosity.
- We recognize that many students wear **smartwatches** to school and appreciate the convenience they can provide for families. During the school day, however, smartwatches are to be used as watches only. Students may not use them to play games, send texts, make calls, or communicate with others. All communication between home and school during the day should continue to go through the school office or classroom. This policy helps minimize distractions and supports student focus on learning. Students who require smartwatches for documented medical reasons are the only exception to this expectation.
- Saint John Track Club is organizing an **Indoor Track and Field meet** for grades 3-8 at the Field House. This is a great event to introduce track and field to our students. The meet is being held on Friday, Jan 30th from 2pm-4pm. It's free. Parents can sign up their child online. Please see the attached for more information.
- If you have not yet done so, please return **permission slips for skating** for K-2 students. It starts on Wednesday.
- **Lohri** is a fun and colourful festival celebrated mainly in the northern parts of India, especially in Punjab. It usually happens in January and marks the end of winter and the start of longer, warmer days.
- A new **volunteer form** will be sent home on Tuesday outlining opportunities for volunteering for the second half of the year.
- 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.
- **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  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . 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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