

# 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

May 18th-22nd

### Monday, May 18th

-Victoria Day- No school

### Tuesday, May 19th

-Grade 4 Open Gym  
-Grade 3 Lego Club @ 12:30  
-Provincial Assessment- Grade 5 Math  
-First day of Food Period #7  
-Volunteer Tea @11:30

### Wednesday, May 20th

-Grade 3 Open Gym  
-Grade 4 and Marathon Running @12:30  
-Provincial Assessment- Grade 5 Math

### Thursday, May 21st

-Grade 2 Open Gym  
-Grade 2 Chess Club @12:30  
-Grade 5 Running @12:30  
-Provincial Assessment- Grade 5 Math  
-Fire Drill  
-Art Curriculum Night - 6pm (see details on next page)



### Friday, May 22nd

-Grade 1 Open Gym  
-Provincial Assessment- Grade 5 Math  
-Kindergarten Orientation Day (next year's students spend the day with us while this year's kindergarten students have the day off)

## Upcoming Dates

- May 21<sup>st</sup>- Fire Drill
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>- Kindergarten Transition Day- Current Kindergarten students do not have school
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>- Deadline for ordering yearbook
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Garden Preparation-refurbishment- 9am-5pm
- May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - Grade 5 Golf @ Hampton Golf Course
- May 29<sup>th</sup>- Calendar Pilot Day
- May 31<sup>st</sup> - Last day to buy advance tickets for Family Fun Night
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Advance Family Fun Night Tickets go home to families
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>- Grade 3 swimming
- June 5<sup>th</sup>- Family Fun Night
- June 6<sup>th</sup> - Family Fun Night rain date
- June 9<sup>th</sup>- Grade 5 visit to Harry Miller Middle School
- June 10<sup>th</sup>- Gr. 2 field trip to Hammond River Park, 4 Robichaud to Crane Mountain
- June 11<sup>th</sup>- Grade 1 Field Trip to KV Oasis and Firefly Park, Grade 3 Field Trip to Irving Nature Park
- June 12<sup>th</sup>- Field Day and Fun Run
- June 15<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten to Irving Nature Park, Grade 4 to Fundy Trail, Grade 5 to Aquatic Centre
- June 16<sup>th</sup>- Grade 5 Track and Field
- June 18<sup>th</sup>- Grade 5 Moving Up Event at 8:30; PBIS Final Celebration Assembly (for students and staff only)
- June 19<sup>th</sup>- Late Day of School

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## Information Items

- We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Curriculum Night – Art Night, themed **“Learning from the Land: Art Inspired by Wabanaki Teachings.”** Join us for a special evening on **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-7pm** as F.E.S. transforms into a vibrant, school-wide gallery celebrating the creativity, learning, and voices of our young artists. At Fairvale Elementary, we recognize that the land on which we learn, create, and play is on the unceded homelands of the Wolastoqewiyik, Mi’kmaq, and Peskotomuhkatiyik peoples, whose presence and connection to this land stretches back time immemorial. Inspired by Wabanaki teachings, our students have explored art as a way of understanding relationships with the land, culture, and community. **This evening is an opportunity to honour that learning and reflect on the importance of respect, empathy, and shared understanding.** Families are invited to explore the beautiful artwork on hallway bulletin boards created by our students. Each piece reflects thoughtful learning, creativity, and a meaningful connection to the land and Wabanaki perspectives.

- As you enjoy the gallery, you’ll also have the opportunity to participate by voting for your favorite class pieces in three fun categories:

### **Most Creative Use of Color**

Look for bold, fun, and surprising uses of color—artworks where color helps express feelings, ideas, and makes the piece stand out.

### **Artwork That Tells a Story**

Discover pieces that capture a moment in time. These artworks may feature characters, action, or scenes that make you wonder what’s happening and what comes next.

### **Artwork That Makes You Smile**

Celebrate joy! These artworks might be funny, sweet, colorful, or simply uplifting pieces that bring a smile to your face.

- Please note: This event is intended as a joyful **celebration of student learning and creativity rather than a fundraiser.** Artwork will not be for sale this year; instead, each special piece will be returned to its student artist in the days following the event, allowing them to bring their creative work home to share and cherish with your family.
- We hope you’ll join us for this meaningful evening of art, culture, and celebration. We can’t wait to share our students’ incredible creativity with you!

- **Yearbooks** are now available to purchase on **School Cash Online.** Cost is \$32 and the deadline to purchase is May 22nd. The direct link is:

<https://asd-s.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/82038/193/False/True>

- As many of you know, our **school garden** fence was damaged just over two years ago during a major windstorm, allowing neighbourhood deer to make the garden their home. Over time, the original garden beds also deteriorated. We’re happy to share that a new fence was installed last spring, and now we’re ready to bring the garden back to life! **On May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-5, we invite as many families as possible to join us in this exciting refurbishment effort.** Activities will include building new garden beds, preparing the ground, and helping with various other tasks. We hope you can join us and be part of restoring this wonderful space for our school community. Please email [Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca) if you are able to assist, even for an hour or two. We will be providing lunch for those assisting.

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- **Class Placement Process** – Each spring, classroom teachers, Education Support staff, and administration work together to create class groupings for the following school year. Our goal is to provide the best possible learning environment for every student. This process involves thoughtful discussion, careful planning, and collaboration among staff. We approach class placements with three guiding beliefs: All of our teachers are skilled and capable of supporting student learning. Teachers continuously adjust their approaches to meet the needs of their students. A team approach helps support both the academic and social-emotional development of all children.

When building classes, we consider many factors, including:

- Positive relationships between students
- Existing conflicts between students
- Social-emotional needs
- Learning needs
- Overall class dynamics and balance

Each of these factors is considered in context, and their importance may vary depending on the situation. We aim to find the best fit for each child while also ensuring well-balanced classes overall. Please note that the following are not considered during this process:

- Whether your child was previously in a combined or single-grade class
- Requests for or against specific teachers

If you'd like to share information about your child, you are welcome to do so. Please focus on describing the type of learning environment that best supports your child's needs socially, emotionally, or academically. Please avoid naming specific teachers, as teaching assignments can change from year to year. **To be included in the placement process, any parent input must be emailed to me at [bonnie.hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:bonnie.hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca) by 2 PM on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.**

- Get ready for an evening of fun, games, prizes, and family memories! Our **Annual Family Fun Night is taking place Friday, June 5th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM** at Fairvale Elementary. This year's F.E.S. Family Fun Night will be packed with exciting games, awesome prizes, delicious treats, and entertainment for the whole family! All funds raised will support Fairvale Home & School and help make great things happen for our students. Please see the attached for more information about the evening.

To help make this event a HUGE success, we are asking for donations from each grade level for games and prizes.

- **KINDERGARTEN, GRADE 4 & GRADE 5 FAMILIES**

**SMALL STORE-BOUGHT CAKES** (for Sweet Stroll Game) Please note: • Cakes must be nut-free • Please send cakes in a disposable pan as your pans will not be returned **Cake Drop-Off : Friday, June 5th no later than 3:00 PM**

- **GRADE 1, 2 & 3 FAMILIES**

**NEW SPORTS BALLS** (prize for the Ball Toss Game) Suggested value: \$5 Examples include Basketballs, Soccer balls, Volleyballs, Golf balls, Footballs **Please send donations between: May 28th – June 4th**

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- Fairvale Elementary Home & School Committee is excited to host its **2nd Annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction** on June 13, 2026, at Hampton Golf Course in support of much-needed upgrades to the beloved Ultimate Dreamland Playground, a space enjoyed by students, families, and the wider community for many years. This fun-filled event will bring together golfers, local businesses, and community members for a day of connection and friendly competition, all while raising funds to ensure the playground remains safe and accessible for future generations. We invite you to consider supporting this important initiative through a donation, hole sponsorship, or team registration. There will be a **Putt for a Prize for all interested F.E.S. students** at 11:30 prior to the tournament that will run no more than 30 minutes.
- We are pleased to share that there will be a **Year 2 of the provincial calendar pilot**. As soon as I receive the updated calendar, I will share it with you. The additional days this year have been invaluable in building teacher and EA capacity through targeted professional learning aligned with our school priorities. They have also provided opportunities for classroom teachers, resource teachers, and EAs to collaboratively review data and plan for the diverse needs of our students. In addition, these days have allowed teachers to work together in their PLCs, as well as individually, to support improved outcomes for all students. The Department of Education has engaged DataNB to review both qualitative and quantitative data related to this initiative, which was implemented province-wide in the Francophone sector three years ago.
- To purchase **school apparel**, please visit: <http://fairvaleelementaryschool.entripyshops.com/>
- Reminder: **Morning Supervision and Student Safety** We are noticing an increasing number of students arriving at school and going onto the playground before 7:45 a.m. Please be reminded that there is no supervision in place before 7:45, and students should not be on school grounds prior to that time.
- **Spring Outdoor Play Reminder** - With the arrival of spring, outdoor play remains an important part of our students' daily routine and overall well-being. Children will continue to go outside each day, except during periods of heavy rain.

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