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WEEK OF: Sept. 28th-Oct. 2nd

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MON SEPT. 28

- Grade 5 Open Gym for interested students
- First day of healthy lunch program
- Terry Fox Walk

TUES SEPT. 29

- Grade 4 Open Gym for interested students
- Cross Country Fun Run at the qplex for interested Gr. 3-5 students
- Running Club Begins- Grades 3, 4, 5.
- Lock Down Drill

WED SEPT. 30

- No School- Truth and Reconciliation Day

THURS OCT. 1

- Grade 2 Open Gym for interested students
- Photo Retakes

FRI OCT. 2

- Grade 1 Open Gym for interested students
- Fire Drill



UPCOMING DATES

- Oct. 5th- Fall running club begins (for grades 3-5)
- Oct. 6th- World Cerebral Palsy Day- Wear Green
- Oct. 6th- Running Club
- Oct. 7th- Cross Country Fun Run @ Wolastoq Park, Saint John
- Oct. 8th- Dyslexia Awareness Day- Wear Blue
- Oct. 9th- Calendar Pilot Day
- Oct. 12th- Thanksgiving
- Oct. 13th-16th- Kindergarten Registration Week
- Oct. 13th- Running Club
- Oct. 14th- Home and School Meeting- 7pm
- Oct. 15th- Off Site Evacuation
- Oct. 20th- Fire Drill
- Oct. 20th- Running Club
- Oct. 23rd- Calendar Pilot Day

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- As we head into a busy fall season at Fairvale, there will be lots of opportunities for families to get involved! Next week's family message will include a detailed Home & School Volunteer Sign-Up Form for the first half of the school year, with information about dates, times, and specific volunteer roles. Some of the volunteer opportunities this fall include: Playground Committee, Halloween Fun Night, Santa Claus Parade Float, Holiday Family Movie Night, Holiday Workshop, and our Holiday Dinner. Please find the volunteer form attached.

- Our Home and School Committee is sending home information on our Mitchell's Soup Co. fundraiser. Mitchell's Soup Co. is a Canadian family-owned business that has been hand making dried soups since 2008. Order forms will be sent home with students on Monday and all orders and funds are to be returned to the school by October 9th. If you wish to e-transfer funds, they can be sent to fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com . I have attached an electronic version of the ordering form for your convenience.

- We are looking for volunteers to help during our weekly library class visits throughout the school year. Library classes are scheduled on the half hour, with students spending approximately 20 minutes in the library. Volunteers help students check books in and out, shelve books, and keep our library running smoothly. Most classes visit the library every week. Due to their English and Intensive French schedules: Mme Johnson's Grade 4/5 class will visit during Weeks 1–3 of each month and Mrs. O'Connell's Grade 5 class will visit during Weeks 2–4 of each month. If you're interested in volunteering in the library, we'd love to hear from you! Please email FESlibraryco@gmail.com more information or to sign up.

- Our annual Terry Fox Walk will take place on Monday, September 28 at 12:00 p.m. Students will walk the route with their buddy classes, beginning on School Avenue and following a loop through Isaac Street, Kailyn Street, and Paige Street before returning to the school. We are encouraging each student to bring a toonie donation in support of the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research. Thank you for helping us continue Terry's legacy of hope, courage, and determination. Family members are welcome to join us.

- Many of our students walk to school each day and regularly use the crosswalks on School Avenue (near the playground side of the school) and Strong Street (in front of the school). We ask all drivers to be especially mindful of pedestrians and to follow all traffic and parking regulations during arrival times. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to ensure a safe, smooth, and efficient arrival for all students.

- Please remember that only school staff are permitted on the playground during the school day (7:45 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.). This practice helps us maintain a safe, secure, and well-supervised environment for all students.

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- The **RAINBOWS program** is designed to support children who have experienced significant life changes or losses due to separation, divorce, death, or other family transitions. Through age-appropriate activities and discussions, students are given opportunities to express their feelings, better understand their experiences, develop a sense of belonging, and learn healthy ways to cope with change. Participation is always based on each child's comfort level. Please refer to the attached information for additional details. If you have questions, please contact our school counsellor, Earl Urquhart, at Earl.Urquhart@nbed.nb.ca.

- A friendly reminder that the **all-inclusive student fee** ($70 per student) is payable by the end of September through School Cash Online. If you do not already have an account, please register at asd-s.schoolcashonline.com. Thank you for your prompt attention and continued support. Should you require a payment plan, please reach out to me at Bonnie.Hierlihy@nbed.nb.ca

- On designated mornings, students in a specific grade level are invited to participate in our **Morning Open Gym program** from 7:45-8:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity for students to start their day with movement, physical activity, and fun before heading to class. Students may enter the gym upon arrival and enjoy shooting hoops or other similar activities.

- 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). . Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- 2. Use the SafeArrival website, https://go.schoolmessenger.ca. 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.

- The first time you use any the app or website, you need create an account.

