

January 2021 Newsletter



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Monday, January 11	First day after Holiday Break.
Friday, January 15	School Picture Day
Thursday, January 21	School Advisory Council Meeting
January 25-29	Primary Registration
Friday, January 29	Maritime Marionettes – Virtual Puppet Show for all students

Note from the Office

Hello Everyone!

On behalf of all staff, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and good health and happiness in 2021.

As we begin a new calendar year, I encourage everyone to keep doing their best to keep everyone safe in our school community. I want to thank everyone for doing their best under very different and difficult times.

As always, please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Education,
Richard Britten, Principal



FMEC Primary Registration

2021-2022

Dates: Monday to Friday, January 25-29, 2021

Time: Please call the school or download the registration form from the SRCE website.

Note: Pre-primary program registration will be held in February. More information to be announced.



Picture Day – Friday, Jan. 15, 2021

A message from Lifetouch Photography - Capturing Smiling Faces with Safety and Security

Our new safety protocols include:

- **Safety Training** Lifetouch employees are required to complete enhanced safety and cleaning protocol training.
- **Social Distancing** Employees will follow new posing and social distancing requirements to ensure a safe and comfortable picture day.
- **Electronic Check-in** To limit interactions and improve efficiency, students will not carry a name card to the camera.
- **Enhanced Cleaning** Photographers will have a sanitization kit to clean camera stations and equipment.
- **Face Masks** Photographers are required to wear face masks during the entire photography session. We recommend face coverings for students and staff being photographed. During their individual session, they will be advised to remove their face covering to capture their

image. Face coverings are **required** for parent volunteers.

- **Customized Plan** Most importantly, we'll work with you to establish a plan that fits your needs.

Winter Clothing



Please send you child with proper clothing for the winter season. Winter jacket, snow pants, boots, hat, and extra mittens. Please note that all students will be going outdoors on a regular basis.

**Please Note: Temperature and wind chill are always monitored closely.

Maritime Marionettes

World on a String (Celebrating Cultural Diversity) will be performed virtually on Friday, January 29 for all students.

World on a String is inspired by the four corners of the world, and performed with four styles of marionettes embracing an audience of four generations, young and old. Interpretive scenes of Russia, China, USA, Africa and home are woven into a showcase of enchanting marionette artistry.

Reminders: Procedures and Public Health Protocols

✓ Daily At-Home Monitoring and Self-Screening for COVID-19 Symptoms

- It is very important children/students stay home when they are ill, even if their symptoms are mild. **Families must monitor and self-screen children for COVID-19 symptoms daily, before sending them to school and/or on the school bus using the COVID-19 Daily Checklist** that I provided to you last week.

A copy of the checklist can be found at the following link:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/Daily-COVID-checklist-en.pdf>.

- No student will be penalized for attendance if they miss school because they are unwell and need to stay home. Loss of credit provisions in the policy will be suspended.

✓ Hand hygiene practices and proper handwashing procedures

- A reminder that children/students will wash/sanitize hands when entering/exiting the school; before/after eating, and regularly throughout the day.

✓ Cough/sneeze etiquette

- Practice cough etiquette by coughing and sneezing into your sleeve or a tissue and discard immediately and wash/sanitize your hands.

✓ Mask wearing

- Please review how to wear a non-medical mask properly and the importance of wearing it with your children.

- Following Public Health direction, **pre-primary children and students in Grades Primary to 3 are not required to wear a mask while in school.** They may do so if they wish. Staff working with pre-primary to Grade 3 students must wear a mask when interacting with students when they cannot physically distance.

- **All students in Grades 4 to 12 and school staff are required to wear a mask if they cannot physically distance from others, even when they are in a classroom with their cohort.** That is, students in Grades 4 to 12 will wear a mask unless they are:

- seated in the classroom at a distance of 2 metres/6 feet from others facing in the same direction
- eating or drinking
- participating in indoor physical activity where a mask cannot be worn.

- **All children and students who travel by bus, regardless of age, and staff are required to wear non-medical masks while riding the bus.** Children and students must wear the mask until they get off the bus and can clean their hands.

- Masks are not required for any children/students during outdoor activities.

- We know it may take time for some children/students to get used to wearing a mask, and some children/students with sensory or health issues may not be able to tolerate wearing a mask.

✓ Physical distancing

Please maintain physical distancing of two metres/six feet when and where required.

