



FLORENCEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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September 2026 Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!

On behalf of the Admin Team (Dan McCarthy & Somer Drost) and the staff of Florenceville Elementary School, we would like to extend a huge back-to-school welcome to all our FES Foxes and our parent community. To all our kindergarten families and new families, we send an especially warm welcome. We have a very dedicated staff and plan to make the 2026-2027 school year the best it can be!

School Supply Fees

FES has a \$60.00 student fee. These fees cover the cost of all the school supplies your child needs for the entire school year and can be paid online, our preferred method of payment, or by cheque/cash at the school. If you need assistance, please let us know. The website to pay online is www.schoolcashionline.com.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE!



Photo Permission Form-

We send this form home each year and it is an important one that needs your attention. Please read, sign, and send back to the school.

Milk/lunch ordering-

FES students will have access to the Province of New Brunswick's reduced-fee school lunch program. This new program will provide families with an additional lunch option while continuing to support student health and well-being. What This Means for FES Families: Students will have access to a reduced-fee lunch option at school. Meals will be prepared by Ramada and delivered fresh to our students. Families may continue to send lunches from home if they prefer. Lunch orders will be placed through the online ordering platform OntheWay.

Please see attached QR code



Terry Fox Run/Walk

Once again, FES is proud to be participating in the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope on September 25, 2026. Forms will be going home.

Student Drop-off

It is very important that families only let their children off at the crosswalk near the main doors. Please encourage them to get out of the vehicle quickly, as there are often several people behind you in line. Students should not be dropped off until 8:00, as there is no supervision until this time.

Student Pick-Up

The buses must load first before student pickup. Students are ready for pick-up at 2:55. We will not be releasing students until after our three "flights" of buses have left the school. Please call with changes to pick up times done before noon.

Water Bottles

All students need to bring a labelled water bottle to school each day. Our water fountains are closed, but we do have water bottle filling stations that students may use to fill their bottles.



Volunteers and Policy 701-

All adults who interact with students by volunteering in the school, are required to be aware and sign off on Policy 701. This also includes going on field trips with your child's class. You can do the training online at <http://701.nbed.nb.ca>. Once you have completed the training, bring the form to the office and the school will issue you a certificate. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to call the school.

School Safety-

We have a Comprehensive School Safety Plan that helps us keep the children and the school community safe and well. We have drills that we practice throughout the school year and more intensely the first six weeks of school. We do this to prepare the children in case of fire, bus accidents and the need to lockdown and/or evacuate the school. Some children may get a bit anxious about the drills so it would help to talk about these at home with your child. We will make you aware of the days that we have drills so that you can follow up with them.

Attendance-

If your child is going to be absent, please use our safe arrival system.

Communication-

Each month a newsletter will come home and teachers send/use a variety of communication items. We will also send talk mail as needed. We have an FES website <https://fes.nbed.ca/> that can be accessed, and this posts a variety of information from the school, district and Home and School. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please email Daniel.mccarthy@nbed.nb.ca or call the school at 392-5109.

Inside Footwear-

All students will need two pairs of footwear. It is important to have inside sneakers for Phys. Ed classes as students are running, jumping and dancing! It is also recommended to have sneakers, rather than Crocs or flip flops for outside play, as it can be a safety issue on the playground equipment or when running on our green spaces.

Dressing for Outside-

A school focus this year is to spend more time learning outside (rain or shine!). For this reason, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. It would also be a good idea to have a change of clothes/extra socks at the school.

Protocol-

Our school and district follow protocol when dealing with issues that may arise during the year. If an issue involves your child and the teacher, please go to the teacher first. If there is no resolution at this step, the principal will meet with you and the teacher. If satisfactory measures are not met, contact can be made with the Director of Education at the Woodstock Education Centre. The school has an obligation to help set up a meeting. Most times conversations and contact with the homeroom teacher solve many/most of the issues. Communication is key!

Home & School-

This group does a lot for the staff and students at FES. We appreciate their dedication to improving the school community. They have a Facebook page and if you are interested in learning more, please reach out through Facebook Messenger. The first meeting will be September 16, 2026.





PSSC-

Please volunteer for our PSSC

A Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) ensures that the parent voice is heard in setting education priorities and planning for improvements in your school.

The PSSC assists the principal in an advisory role. The committee addresses broad issues related to the education of all children in the school, with the goal of enhancing student learning. Primarily these issues arise from input, discussions, and study of the school improvement plan. This includes helping the school by advising on: aspects of learning that need to be improved; the priority of those identified learning areas; and strategies/actions that focus on those areas chosen to improve learning. PSSC meetings are open to the public and focus on providing input in the following areas:

The Education Act outlines the requirements for PSSC membership in s. 32 and the duties in s. 33

School Calendar Pilot-

Continuing this year, all schools within the District of Carleton North will be participating in the provincial the School Calendar Pilot which will add up to 10 dedicated Professional Learning (PL) days for teachers and school staff, providing valuable opportunities for staff learning and collaboration in the service of improved student learning and achievement. We recognize that this change will impact families across the District of Carleton North catchment area, and we're committed to supporting our community through this transition. We are working to offer a variety of day camps and enrichment programs designed to engage and inspire. As we hope to provide accessible programs that will convenience as many families as possible, we would appreciate your answering the following survey to help us prepare for the school year.



2026/2027 Staff at FES

Kindergarten:

Lori Harding-Colpitts

Kindergarten:

Rachel Doucette

Grade 1\2:

Ellen Boyd

Grade 1 Immersion:

Brooke Grothe

Megan Walton

**Education Student
Support- Resource :**

Natalie DeMerchant

**Education Student
Support- Guidance:**

Vicki Thompson

**Behaviour
Intervention
Mentor-**

Taylor Boyd

Grade 5 Immersion:

Mackenzie Cox

Music

Alicia MacDonald- K-5

Phys-Ed

Catherine Brennan- K-5

Vice-Principal

Somer Drost

Principal:

Dan McCarthy

Administrative Assistant:

Irma Van Ommeren

Educational Assistants:

Andrew Smith

Claire Corey

Leanne Stone

Jason Hackett

Emily Furrow

Crystal Fish

Sharon Scott

Custodians:

Angel Crain

Christine Thompson

Grade 2 Immersion:

Charlotte Dufort

Sonia Di Placido

Grade 3:

Brandy Dickinson

Grade 3 Immersion:

Sylvie Poirier

Grade 4 :

Sara Robins

Grade 4 Immersion:

Melissa Caissie

Grade 5 IF:

Megan McGillivray

