

OCTOBER 2026

Florenceville Middle School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2026

- 2nd – Terry Fox Day
- 7th – School Newsletter
- 9th – Professional Day *No School
- 12th – Thanksgiving *No School
- 19th – 23rd – Safe Schools Week
- 20th – School Picture Day
- 23rd – Professional Day *No School
- 26th – Fredericton Playhouse TRIP
- 27th – FMS Pumpkin Palooza
- 28th – Grade 7 Immunization Clinic
- 29th – First School Dance!

November 2026

- 2nd – EECD PL Day *No School
- 4th – School Newsletter
- 11th – Remembrance Day
- 16th – 20th – Diversity and Respect Week
- 20th – Report Card Writing Day *No School
- 27th – Professional Day *No School

DON'T FORGET!

FMS is a scent free/scent reduced building. We have members of our family who have allergies to scented products. Lightly scented deodorant is ok, however any sprays, heavily scented lotions or hair care products are not to be used. We kindly ask that you remind your child that this isn't a choice – it is an expectation and school policy.



October has arrived, and September is already in our rearview mirror!

Over the past month, we have spent a great deal of time learning and practicing the routines and procedures that help our school family of 160 students run smoothly, safely, and successfully each day.

Throughout September, teachers focused on helping students use their planners to build organization skills and set personal goals. The student planner is also an excellent communication tool for families and can be used to share notes about after-school changes or early pickups.

We appreciate your continued support in establishing routines at home that help students arrive at school ready to learn. Encouraging healthy sleep habits and helping students take responsibility for packing their own school bags are simple but meaningful ways to build independence and set them up for success each day.

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE



On October 26th, all FMS students and faculty will be visiting the Playhouse Theatre in Fredericton for the showing of Outerbridge Magic: Mysteries of the Keyhole House.

Blending breathtaking illusion with storytelling inspired by Canadian history and heritage, this captivating theatrical experience invites students into a world of

magic, mystery, and wonder. Through engaging live performance, audiences explore themes of history, imagination, perception, and the power of storytelling.

We will leave for Fredericton as soon as buses arrive at school, and will return to FMS at the end of the day for regular busing. We will have lunch at Odell Park before returning home. All students will be required to bring along a bagged lunch and snacks, a water bottle, and be prepared for outside play.

COMMUNICATION

Students have a school agenda that can be used to communicate any after-school changes to their teachers. This is the easiest way to provide permission for students to stay for after-school activities or to let us know about alternate dismissal plans. We understand that unexpected situations can arise; however, phone calls received after 2:15 p.m. can make it difficult to ensure that students receive the message before dismissal. We kindly ask that last-minute changes be reserved for emergency situations whenever possible.

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure a smooth and safe dismissal for all students.

Pumpkin Palooza!



Please join us for a fun evening of pumpkin carving on October 27 from 6-7pm. Come dressed in your favourite costume and enjoy some Halloween fun with our school community! If you have any pumpkins you would like to donate for this event, please drop them off at the school no later than October 23.

We look forward to seeing you there!

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.
– Jane D. Hull

SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

Safe Schools Week will be happening from October 19th to October 23rd this year. During this week, we will be reviewing all safety drills, practicing fire drills and school evacuations. Buses will also do evacuation procedures, typically practiced at CNHS.

Please take the time to review safety procedures at home, as well as bus safety procedures with your child.



FALCONS MONTHLY FOCUS

At FMS, we believe that strong character and positive learning habits help students build meaningful relationships and create a caring school community. Each month, we will spotlight a character trait connected to our Falcons Code: **Friendly, Accountable Leaders who are Cooperative, Organized, Nurturing, and Successful.** We will also focus on a learning habit from the student report card and use student agendas to help students build and practice these important skills.

For **October**, our character trait focus is **Friendliness**. Students will review the importance of being welcoming, inclusive, kind, and respectful in their interactions with others. Our learning habit focus will be **Interactions**, encouraging students to communicate effectively, listen actively, collaborate positively, and contribute to a supportive learning environment. Through our agenda activities and classroom discussions, we will also focus on **Compassion**, helping students recognize the feelings and needs of others and respond with kindness and understanding.

We encourage families to look for opportunities at home to celebrate acts of kindness, positive communication, and empathy. By working together, we can help our students strengthen these important life skills and continue building a school culture where everyone feels valued, respected, and supported. Together, we help our Falcons soar!

FMS BOUTIQUE

Students can 'shop' at our boutique for clothing, toiletries, and pantry items.

We are always looking for donations, especially warmer clothing for this time of year. Thank you!

SCHOOL DANCE

Our first school dance is being held on October 29th from 6:30-8:30. Please note that the doors will not open early, and we ask that parents pick students up promptly at 8:30. The fee is \$2 or a box of tissues, and students must be in good standing (academic, behavioural, fees up to date) to attend. Fees must be paid, or an arrangement for payment must be made, before attending the dance. Please speak with Ms. Laurie at the office (506-392-5194).

When picking up your child, please be mindful that there will be many vehicles in the driveway. Please travel slowly!



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Cross country and soccer are in full swing, as well as cheer and drama! Thank you to John White and Abigail Ritchie for coaching cross country, AK Sullivan for coaching our girls' soccer team, and Jay Doherty and Brian McCain for coaching our boys' soccer team. Britney Toner is leading drama club, and Autumn, Caitlyn, Lane, and Ellie are guiding our cheer team!

Please ensure that you inform coaches of any absences so that they can plan accordingly, and as always please make certain that school sports are prioritized given the short season.

HEALTHY SMILES, CLEAR VISION

How to apply

To apply, download the application form at gnb.ca/socialdevelopment. Paper copies may be picked up at Service New Brunswick centres and regional offices of the Department of Social Development. Completed application forms must be mailed or faxed to:

Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision
644 Main Street, P.O. Box 220
Moncton, NB, E1C 8L3
Fax: 506-867-4651

If you have further questions about the *Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision* plan, please contact Medavie Blue Cross toll free at **1-855-839-9229** or in the greater Moncton area at **867-6026**.

Good oral and visual health are important for a child's overall health and development. All children should have a complete eye health exam each year to help ensure normal vision. Also, children should have regular dental checkups!

The Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision program is NB's dental and vision plan for children of lower income families. Under this plan, help is provided! Apply using the link below.

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