

FRANK L. BOWSER NEWSLETTER

April 2026

Happenings

In the month of March, we did many exciting things at FLB. Students and staff participated in French Pride week, the Tri-City Tide visited some classes during Phys Ed, Term 2 reports went home, and we had a future career theme day.



Reminders

Some events are added after this newsletter is distributed. To stay current on FLB events, check out the website and **SUBSCRIBE** to the calendar!
<https://flb.nbed.ca/>

Upcoming Events

- April 1st & 2nd - Show & Share
- April 3rd - Good Friday, no school
- April 6th - Easter Monday, no school
- April 14th -17th - Mission Impossible in the gym for students
- April 16th - Grade 3 author visit
- April 20th - 23rd - Scholastic Book Fair
- April 20th: Friends and Family Night for book fair 2:30-6:30 pm
- April 24th - Grade 4 English Assessment
- April 24th - Popcorn & Plaid day
- April 29th - PSSC Meeting @6PM

Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism is 10% of total school days missed. Here are some of the impacts of chronic absenteeism:

Academic Impact

- Students who are chronically absent in early grades are far less likely to read at grade level by Grade 3—a key predictor of long-term success.
- By middle school, chronic absenteeism becomes a stronger predictor of dropout than test scores.
- High school students who miss 10% or more are significantly less likely to graduate on time.

Key Reality Check

- Missing 10% may not sound severe—but:
 - That's ~18 days per year
 - Over K-12, that equals more than a full year of lost schooling

Common reasons for absenteeism:

Student-Related Factors

- Anxiety or school avoidance (increasingly common post-pandemic)
- Low engagement or motivation ("school doesn't matter" mindset)
- Academic struggles → students avoid school to escape feeling unsuccessful
- Sleep issues / excessive screen time leading to chronic lateness or missed days

Family Factors

- Family routines not established (irregular bedtimes, difficulty getting out the door)
- Parents underestimate the impact of missing "just a few days"
- Family responsibilities (babysitting siblings, translating for parents, etc.)
- Family stress (housing instability, separation, financial hardship)

Spring fair is on May 9th

Upcoming Events

Spin-A-Thon is on Wednesday, June 3rd (Rain date Friday, June 5th)

Field Day - Tuesday, June 9th

Clothing Orders → open until April 19th

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