



# The Phoenix Messenger

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## November 2022

## “A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

BY SHAWNA DRUMMOND

### Dates to Remember

#### OCTOBER

- 27 Recess DANCE Party
- 27 Fun Lunch & Casual Day:  
Costume Dress-Up Day
- 28 PD Day – No Classes

#### NOVEMBER

- 04 Remembrance Day  
Assembly
- 06 Time Change
- 08 Guru Nanak Gurparab
- 7-11 Fall Break—No School
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 23 School Council Mtg
- 24 Casual Day
- THEME: Student Choice
- 25 PD Day - No Classes
- 30 Opt-In Fundraiser CLOSSES
- 30 Board Meeting @ NMS

#### DECEMBER

- 13 Salgirah Khushali
- 14 Board AGM @ Central
- 21 Council Meeting
- 22 Fun Lunch & Casual Day
- THEME: Pajama Day
- Dec 23-Jan 6 Winter Break
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Bosing Day

#### VISION

*Excellence in student achievement and character development through distinctive teaching and learning.*

#### MISSION

*To provide a safe and caring environment where academic excellence, character development, parental involvement and staff leadership are valued and fostered.*

October has been full of excitement and learning at NWE! This year we are doing a combination of virtual and live assemblies. Earlier this week, we had our first virtual assembly, focusing on **respect**. Homeroom classes have been sharing with us what respect looks, sounds, and feels like and how showing respect and being treated with respect helps us to feel like we belong and we matter.



We want to thank all the parents who filled out the School Council celebration survey and have helped us to learn more and celebrate special occasions together. So far this year we have celebrated/recognized Onam, Mid-Autumn Festival, Chilean Independence Day, Truth and Reconciliation Day, Dussehra, Thanksgiving and Diwali. We look forward to celebrating Halloween with a recess dance this Thursday sponsored by the School Council.

As we approach November and notice the beautiful signs of fall in nature, we are reminded that this is a special time of year for us. It's a time to pause and reflect on the great sacrifices of many Canadian soldiers and peacekeepers who've risked their lives for our freedom. Continuing our discussions on respect, we are taking time to show respect and gratitude for our veterans and all of those who continue to serve our country.

We will be holding our **Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**. We hope that many of you are able to join us for this special assembly. If you have not already RSVP'd, please go to this link to let us know if you can join us <https://forms.gle/LLm6XSc3gTzHf7av9>. This helps us to organize seating for everyone and to acknowledge any special guests in attendance. **We ask that everyone attending please arrive at 10:30.**

Shawna Drummond, Principal Educator  
Michelle Newell, Associate Principal



# Fun Lunch & Casual Day

**THURSDAY**, November 24th

THEME: Student Choice Casual Day



Healthy Hunger is back...  
To register for hot lunches,  
please go to [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca)

# OPT-IN

# FUNDRAISING EVENT

NWE School Council is offering an Opt-In fundraising option for those who may be too busy or overburdened supporting other various fundraisers.

This option allows families to support the school directly.

**The deadline to make a donation is November 30th, 2022**

In the "Pay Fees" screen of the *Family Zone*.

The Campaign is called

**In-Lieu-Of-Fundraising Donations**

Donations can be made in increments of \$25.

Tax receipts will be issued by Central Office for any donation over \$25.00



# Principal's Wall of Learners



I read.



I ask questions.

Kalin C.	Margo H.	Chidalu O.	Jonathan S.
Matea H.	Taleya O.	Preya G.	Logan F.
Phoebe D.	Mazie K.	Ayaan Q.	Matthew L.
Dheeya P.	Soham P.	Jolyn G.	Aiden Y.
Shoshana A.	Evelyn B.	Hannah H.	Derek L.
Ryan S.	Spencer F.	Azeem J.	Lillian L.
Zainab O.	Ivy B.	Sophie R.	Ehtan S.
Muhammed T.	Harper C.	Annabelle R.	



I learn from mistakes.

I work carefully.



# School Council

The Heritage Celebration Committee helped students celebrate Dussehra and Diwali. On Diwali, October 24, rangolis, patterns of happiness and positivity have been created on the floor with chalk and colored powder.



## Upcoming Events and Reminders

**Opt In Fundraiser:** The Opt-In fundraiser is still open for those who may be too busy or overburdened supporting other various fundraisers. This option allows families to support the school directly. If you feel that Opt in is a good fundraising option for your family, donations can be made online in the "Pay Fees" screen of the Family Zone. Closes Nov 30th.



**Healthy Hunger:** Please remember to visit the Health Hunger website at [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca) if you are ordering a hot lunch for your child Gr 1-4.

**Halloween Dance:** Once again, our annual Halloween Dance will be held during school hours for NWE on Oct 27th.



**Volunteers:** Thank you to all our parent volunteers! We couldn't do this without you. Please log your volunteer hours on the FFCA website- they count!

## BUSSING NEWS

Just a reminder that the bus routes were created in July and posted on the FFCA website the third week of August. Please check for changes to your stop location and time.

Parents requesting changes to bus stops **must** put their bussing request in writing (Bus Change Request Form) and email the form to the Transportation Department. Change requests for convenience and/or proximity to residences will not be considered.

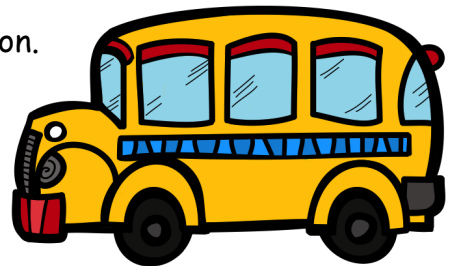
Requests will be collected until the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and assessed according to the Transportation Parent Handbook in order to keep the ride times to a minimum. Requests for a second bus stop or a bus stop at a day care **will not be accommodated** but we can allow students to use a different bus route if space is available and there is an existing stop along that route. Students are assigned to their community routes as this is how we balance the student loads per route. Please notify the Transportation department immediately if you plan to use a stop other than your community stop.

All change requests will be accepted but not addressed until October/November (unless there is a safety concern) as per the parent transportation agreement that parents agree to when signing up for bussing.

All requests to provide or cancel bus service must be sent by email to the Transportation Department. No changes to bussing can be done at the campus level.

Please see the Transportation Website for further information.

Susan Goldsmith  
Director, Transportation Services  
Email: [susan.goldsmith@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:susan.goldsmith@ffca-calgary.com)  
Website: [www.ffca-calgary.com](http://www.ffca-calgary.com)



## Bus Sign Out

We appreciate the effort you make to communicate with us about your child's bussing changes. It is very important that you . . . **CALL THE OFFICE**

Although informing the driver in the morning or writing an email or note in the agenda to the teacher *might* seem sufficient, *if there is a substitute driver or teacher that day, the message will not get through.*



**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE BEFORE 2:30  
REGARDING ANY BUS CHANGES.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



# Renew Your Wait List Application

## NOVEMBER 1-30, Annually

If you have an address or grade change to make see the RENEWAL FAQs on the website or [click here](#).

You can renew your application by following these steps:

- Go to the FFCA website, [www.ffca-calgary.com](http://www.ffca-calgary.com). Scroll down and click on the Wait List Quick link
- Go to the [Online Wait List System](#) link
  - Enter your email address (ID) and your password
  - If you cannot remember your password, click on “Forgot Your Password?”, enter your email address and answer your challenge question. An email will be sent to you with your new password.
- Click on the Update and Renewal Gateway.
- You should see your child/ren listed. The Status does NOT mean anything. **Please ignore it!!**
- Click on the [Update/Renew](#) link
  - Confirming your information in each screen. Fields with a red asterisk are required.
  - You cannot change your child’s name, date of birth or gender. You’ll need to email a picture of either the birth certificate or name change certificate, if you need those fields updated.
- To update your address, click Yes below your old address
  - Enter your new address then upload an Address Verification Document
    - You are required to provide Home Address Verification. All documentation must be uploaded by November 30<sup>th</sup> to complete the renewal.
- To update your student’s grade, click No below the listed grade and enter the grade you are applying for.
  - Upload a report card for grade verification by November 30<sup>th</sup> to complete the renewal.
- Enter the sibling information IF the students are actual siblings and one student currently attends an FFCA campus.
- Now you will do the actual renewal on page 60-79%.
- Click “I confirm” to agree that all your account information is correct, and you want to Renew the application for the coming school year.
- Click Save and Next
- Confirm that you have completed this student
- Now click Continue and you will see a pop-up with further information
- You will receive a confirmation email shortly from [registration.FoundationsAB@registrationgateway.net](mailto:registration.FoundationsAB@registrationgateway.net)
  - Please add that email to your address book so that it isn’t sent to your junk mail or blocked entirely (especially if you use Gmail)
  - Each student will receive an individual confirmation email
  - If you change your address or student’s grade, you will receive an email once the documents have been verified. That could take weeks. The date/time that you complete the renewal will be recorded in the timestamp, not the date/time that the documents have been verified.
- You will now be redirected back to the list of your students. The status will say “Pending” but that does not mean you haven’t completed the renewal. Additionally, if you log back in right away or later, it will likely say Your Action Needed. **Please ignore the status!**
- If you have more than one child, continue to the next child to renew the application until all your children have been renewed.
- Click Logout



For further information and step-by-step instructions with screen shots, see the RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS & FAQs on the website or [click here](#).

# November

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