



The Phoenix Messenger

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December 2022

“A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

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Dates to Remember

DECEMBER

- 02 Fresh Food Friday
- 09 Report Cards
- 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 Boxing Day



January

- 09 Classes Resume
- 10 & 11 Skiing at C.O.P.
- 18 Council Meeting
- 20 Casual Day
- THEME—Favorite Team Day
- 22 Chinese New Year
- 25 Board Meeting @ NEE
- 26-27 Learning Conferences

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.



Although November is a shorter month (with the break), it's been packed full of activities! **Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly.** It was so lovely to meet in person to reflect on the important sacrifices made by veterans and to listen to the children sing songs for peace. The connections made between NWE families and alumni and their service in the Armed Forces made the ceremony very special and meaningful.

We've been focusing on Responsibility at school. There are many ways we can be responsible at home and at school. Students show responsibility by completing homework and bringing it back to school, by packing healthy lunches, by washing their hands and covering their coughs, by putting away recess equipment they borrow, by listening to others and working during class time. We talked about how a responsible person looks out for the well-being of others and understands we all have a part to play in making the world a better place. Taking care of our responsibilities at home (making the bed, putting dishes in the dishwasher, feeding pets, watering plants, vacuuming the floor) and at school helps to make the day easier for everyone around us.

We also talked about how sometimes things happen that can make us feel frustrated, annoyed, sad, or angry. Although we can't usually control what happened to change the way we were feeling, we can be responsible for our reaction. It's completely normal to feel all those emotions. When we do feel frustrated, annoyed, or angry, we can handle those feelings by thinking before we act, using our words, telling someone if we are upset, or using one of Kelso's choices.



As we move to our next character virtue of compassion, we'd like to express our gratitude to school council for organizing the opportunity for each class to **adopt a senior** in conjunction with Seniors Secret Service. The students were so excited to bring in gifts, make drawings, and create cards to bring joy to an isolated senior over the holidays. Your generosity was overwhelming as we tried to make all the gifts fit in the boxes. In fact, we had 3 boxes of extra gifts that we were able to donate to help them fill up last minute wishes.

We look forward to focusing on compassion, kindness and giving - including the wonderful surprises the grade 4 students have planned for the rest of the school during their 12 days of giving.

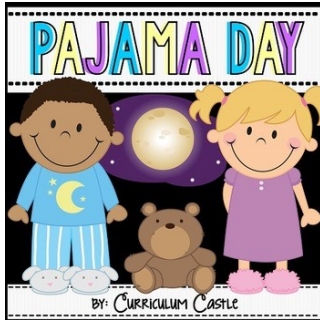
Speaking of giving – thank you for giving your time and talents to the school. We are so grateful for all the parent volunteers who have been in to distribute hot lunches and Fresh Food Fridays, read with students, attend our assembly, prepare crafts, help on field trips and so much more!

Shawna Drummond, Principal

Michelle Newell, Associate Principal

Fun Lunch & Casual Day

THURSDAY, December 22nd



Healthy Hunger is back...
To register for hot lunches,
please go to www.healthyhunger.ca

Principal's Wall of Learning

Chloe K.
Larry W.
Ellis H.
Shawn S.
Awo O.
Safa N.
Zoe L.
Ella T.
Gaurav G.

Yusuf R.
Megan C.
Callan M.
Yuna Y.
Travis Z.
Candace H.
Orlina K.
Claire K.
Aaira N.

Ajooni B.
Suraya D.
Matteo E.
Katelyn K.
Gianna L.
Aidan L.
Chloe Y.
Deanne Z.



WOW!

THANK YOU,
SPECTACULAR
NEW STUDENTS,



FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY!!!

You donated more than **1,000** bags of candy
(over 200 pounds!!) to the Veterans Food Bank and the
Ronald McDonald House!

Know that other children and veterans in the city can enjoy these
treats because of your caring and sharing spirit! Your compassion
and kindness have touched many other people today!



Thank you to all the students and parents who contributed to the Secret Santa for Seniors program!

Wishing you a relaxing winter break, and Happy Holidays From the NWE School Council



2022 FFCA Board of Directors AGM & Election Information!



An annual election supports:

- board continuity
- allows for change
- reduces the risk of board entrenchment

OUR BOARD

Makes valuable contributions to the continued success and longevity of FFCA as a public charter school

Educates, engages, and inspires action from the greater FFCA community and beyond

Upcoming AGM – Dec 14, 2022

Three decisions need to be made at our Annual General Meeting (AGM):

1. Approval of the Appointment of Auditors for 2022-2023
2. Receipt of the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements

The Audited Financial Statements will already be approved by the Board and only need to be received by our Society members (parents/guardians).

3. Approval of the FFCA Bylaws

More information will follow after the upcoming Public Board Meeting.

If you have any questions related to the election, please direct them to ketan.lakhani@ffca-calgary.com

Key board goals for 2022-23:











1. Review the Charter and Strategic Plan.
2. Prioritize advocacy for Charter permanency.
3. Focus on spring provincial election discussions.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES TO NOTE:

- ✓ Dec 2-12: AGM Ballots
- Online voting (10 days)
- ✓ Dec 13-14: Election
- Online voting (24 hrs, noon to noon)
- ✓ Dec 14: AGM & Election Results

Next Public Board Meeting
Location: NMS Campus – 211 McKnight Blvd NE
Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 pm

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 <u>Second Advent</u> 	5	6	7	8	9 	10
11 <u>Third Advent</u> 	12	13 <u>Salgirah Khushali</u> 	14  Board AGM	15	16	17
18 <u>Fourth Advent</u> 	19	20	21  School Council Meeting	22 Fun Lunch & Casual Day  Pajama Day!	23	24
25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 Classes Resume January 9, 2023