



The Phoenix Messenger

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January 2023

“A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

BY SHAWNA DRUMMOND

Dates to Remember

January

- 09 Classes Resume
- 10 & 11 Skiing at C.O.P.**
- 13 Fresh Food Friday
- 18 Council Meeting
- 20 Fun Lunch & Casual Day**
- THEME—Red Day**
- 20 Lion Dance**
- 20-31 Scholastic Book Fair**
- 22 Lunar New Year**
- 25 Board Meeting @ NEE
- 26-27 Learning Conferences**
- No Classes**
- 27 Family Literacy Day



February

- 03 Fresh Food Friday
- 15 Council Meeting
- 16-17 PD Day—No Classes
- 20 Family Day—No School
- 22 Pink Shirt Day
- 22 Board Meeting @ NHS
- 24 Fun Lunch & Casual 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.



Dec. 21st marks the first official day of Winter and WOW does it ever feel like it! Thank you for bundling up your children and bringing them to school this week. The first day of Winter is also known as the **Winter Solstice**. This day is significant to many First Nations Communities.



“Winter solstice is a celebration of light returning to Turtle Island. It is the shortest day of the year. Grandfather Sun begins to shine longer each day, bringing a promise of warmer weather, growth, and new life. Darkness can represent struggle, and light brings hope of easier times. Elder Randy Bottle (Saa’kokoto) teaches us that the Solstice begins a new year. It is a time for reflection, to look back at moons past and look forward to the “new sun” of the future; a time to appreciate what transpired over the past year, lessons that have been learned, and to set new intentions.

In this process is the notion of renewal. Is what we know, or think we know, still true? Is it still valid? Ceremony itself is an action of renewal; to renew the knowledge and traditions that have been passed down from Elders through generations. To renew the truth of Indigenous ways of knowing and being. The solstice is a time of significance, celebration, ceremony and song for some Indigenous cultures. We celebrate light and the return of Grandfather Sun - light sustains life and for that we have gratitude for all of creation.” *Taken from <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/programs/supports-for-students/Documents/Indigenous-Community-Newsletter-Winter-2021.pdf>*

“Today marks the winter solstice and the shortest day of the year. Many Indigenous people have special names, traditions, and teachings surrounding this day. For the Anishinaabe, for example, the winter solstice is known as Gichi Magoshe Giizhigan or Feast Day. It is a time for recognizing the changing seasons and preparing for winter. During these months, it’s important to take lessons from the animals – adapt, migrate, or hibernate. It’s a time to connect with the land and reflect on its significance in our lives. We encourage all of you to take time to rest, rejuvenate, and connect with loved ones.” Sarah Midanik President & CEO of the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hannukah, New Year’s, Khushali, Winter Solstice, or any other celebration this time of year, the message of light, hope, and community resonates with all. We hope that you enjoy a time of reconnecting with your friends and family and finding some time to reflect and enjoy this beautiful land over the break. See you in 2023!

Shawna Drummond
Principal

Michelle Newell
Associate Principal

Fun Lunch & Casual Day

THURSDAY, January 20th

THEME: Wear RED Day



Healthy Hunger

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

Principal's Wall of Learners



I read.



I ask questions.

Alyssa B.	Arshaan H.	Mehr K.	Seanex T.
Rosalie D.	Azalia L.	Chloe N.	Nathan L.
Tayvia F.	Ritvi R.	Aariz A.	Kristine V.
Aaron W.	Aadyant S.	Jason T.	Rayan A.
Emma C.	Zahra R.	Hannah S.	Harriett F.
Yuvraaj T.	Uzair S.	Olivia Z.	Alena V.
Bryson C.	Kaitlyn C.	Adam S.	Ethan Z.
Hannah T.	Aiden C.		



I learn from mistakes.

I work carefully.



Moving? ***INTERNAL TRANSFER PROCESS***

If your family is moving to a home that is outside the boundary of your child's current campus, your child may remain at that campus but you will be responsible for transporting your child to and from school. Bussing is not available outside the designated campus boundaries. If you require transportation, you will need to apply for an internal transfer to the campus designated for your new address. The deadline is March 1, 2023 to be considered for the 2023/24 year. The transfer requests are now done through the Online Wait List system. Internal transfer Requests will precede wait list students (including priority status and siblings, but not including deferred priority). If the requested campus is unable to accommodate your student, he/she will still have a guaranteed seat at the current campus. Please see the following link for the instructions to request a transfer through the Online Wait List system.

Please note:

- transfers do not occur mid-year
- transfers can only occur if a seat becomes available in the requested campus (possible wait of up to 6 years)
- we may not be able to accommodate all children in the same family

[Internal Transfer Request](#)

**COMING
SOON**



SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR!



Watch for more information in January!

Scholastic Book Fair: January 20-31, 2023

FFCA Board of Directors

2022 Election Results!

Your Board of Directors is pleased to congratulate and welcome one returning and two new Directors for 3-year terms (2022-25):

- Sam Jin
- Charles Ifechi
- Jenn Widney

Thanks again to all candidates for putting their names forward for consideration by the Society. We hope you will remain engaged in future public Board meetings and events.

To our outgoing Directors, Naren Makwana and Randall Spahl, on behalf of the FFCA community, we would like to thank you for your commitment and contributions over the past four years. It has truly been a pleasure to serve alongside you.

To all of our society members who logged in to cast your votes (some of you twice!), we deeply appreciate your attention and commitment to the future of FFCA. Thank you for entrusting all Directors with the privilege of serving this outstanding organization.

OUR 2023 BOARD

Jeff Wilson

Jenny Hill

Sam Jin

Amanda Fisher

Shahid Lakhani

Ketan Lakhani

Gopal Saini

Charles Ifechi

Jenn Widney

Next Public Board Meeting

Location: NEE Campus – 1140 Mayland Dr NE

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Upcoming 2022-23 Public Board Meetings:

- February 22 (NHS)
- March 22 (SEE)
- May 24 (NWE)
- June 21 (SMS)

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HOLIDAY HOURS

DECEMBER 21	9:30AM - 2:00PM
DECEMBER 22 - 30	CLOSED
DECEMBER 31	9:30AM - 5:30PM

CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

Regular hours will resume January 3, 2023

Phone, emails, and online orders will be processed on
December 31st when our stores reopen.



Christmas I SPY



FIND AND COLOR THE ITEMS



JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2	3	4	5	6 	7
8	9	10 SKI Grades 1-4 at C.O.P.	11	12	13 FRESH FOOD FRIDAY	14
15	16	17	18 School Council Meeting	19	20 Fun Lunch & Casual Day Wear RED Day Lion Dance 	21
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