



# The Phoenix Messenger

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**February 2023**

## “A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

BY SHAWNA DRUMMOND

### Dates to Remember

#### February

- 03 Fresh Food Friday
- 13 Mission Impossible Family Night
- 15 Council Meeting
- 16-17 PD Day—No Classes
- 17-26 Family Zone CLOSED
- 20 Family Day—No School
- 22 Pink Shirt Day
- 22 Board Meeting @ NHS
- 24 Fun Lunch & Casual Day
- 27 Re-Registration Begins



#### March

- 03 Fresh Food Friday
- 12 Time Change
- 13 Re-Registration CLOSES
- 15 Council Meeting
- 17 Report Cards go home
- 22 Board Mtg @ SEE
- 24 Fun Lunch & Casual Day
- THEME: Crazy Hair/Hat Day
- Mar 27-Apr 7 Spring Break

#### 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.*



We are so grateful that our School Council has partnered with us this year to continue to recognize, celebrate and learn more about the beautiful diversity throughout our campus community. We'd like to thank all families who have taught us about their cultures and helped us to acknowledge various celebrations and important events so far this year. Thank you in advance to those who will continue to help us learn and grow as we move to the second half of the school year.

A huge thank you to our School Council for sponsoring the **Jing Wo Cultural Association** who came in to perform and teach us about the history of the **lion dance** in celebration of the **Lunar New Year**. It was an amazing experience for our staff and students, and we were happy to be able to invite families to join in watching.



On Friday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, it is **Family Literacy Day** in Canada. This year's theme is **'Celebrate your Heritage'**! We invite you to take some time over the next few days to sit together as a family to explore and research your heritage. A note will be coming home with more information about this opportunity, along with resources, from our School Council. We encourage all families to log time spent learning together about your heritage as volunteer hours as "School Council meetings and activities". **We would love for you to send pictures of your Family Literacy Day activities to [michelle.newell@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:michelle.newell@ffca-calgary.com)** for us to share on our hallway TV.

February is **Black History Month**. "During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today." (<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>) This year's theme for Black History Month is **"Ours to Tell."** We encourage all families to go to the Black History Month website to learn more about this important topic, Canada's history, and information about noteworthy historical figures. "Our shared history reminds us of how far we've come, but it also helps us chart the path for where we want to go." Minister Hussen

Another opportunity to embrace and celebrate diversity in February is **Pink Shirt Day**. "Our 2023 Pink Shirt Day design was inspired by moments of kindness, empathy and understanding that can mean so much to children impacted by bullying. For bullied kids, it can be hard to know where to turn. But a helping and supportive hand can make a world of difference!" (<https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>)



We've been talking about compassion and encouraging all of our staff and students to "say something" to spread kindness, make others feel welcome and that they belong. We encourage everyone to show kindness, empathy, and compassion by wearing a pink shirt with their uniform bottoms on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Shawna Drummond  
Principal

Michelle Newell  
Associate Principal;

# Fun Lunch & Casual Day

Friday, Feb 24th

**THEME: Look-Alike Day**



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

## Principal's Wall of Learners



I read.



I ask questions.

Ira B.	Hailey C.	Omar Q.	Amelie Z.
Rosalie D.	Alvin S.	Olivia T.	Sonam G.
Nathan M.	Jibrán N.	Mishall M.	Alessandro L.
Mikayla B.	Tanner S.	Synthia Y.	Katia C.
Koa R.	George F.	Jasleen C.	Noah T.
Kalin W.	Vincent R.	Joshua L.	Mallory T.
Bron L.	Stella C.	Adrian L.	Alexander C.
Anjola M.	Evelyn O.	Stephanie L.	Isabel L.



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](#)

# School Council

## Announcing our FFCA spiritwear fundraiser!

Now you can sport your school pride with multiple styles and sizes for both youth and adults, all branded FFCA!

The link to the online store is now live until Monday, February 6.

<https://stores.inksoft.com/ffca/shop/home>

Pick up of orders will take place at the school at a future date, anticipated to be mid March.

Please email [nwefundraising@gmail.com](mailto:nwefundraising@gmail.com) with any questions. Thanks in advance for your support of our school's initiatives!



## Calling ALL chocolate-lovers!



This year we are teaming up with Purdys Chocolatier to stock up on your favourite Purdys Easter treats (did someone say Hedgehogs?) AND support a great cause at the same time—it's the best of both worlds. All fundraising profit raised will directly support **your school**, so every order makes a great difference to us..

Ordering is as easy as eating chocolate. Starting **Monday, February 20**, Just click this link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1364050-104211>, fill out your information (you'll need an email address), click "Join Campaign", enter campaign number -59213, and order to your heart's content!



The order deadline is Monday, March 6th, so get shopping!



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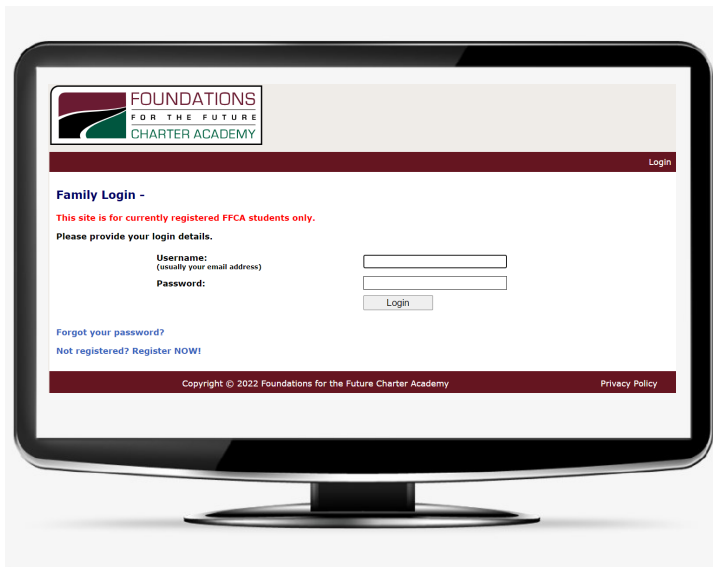
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## Re-Registration Notice

It's that time again for re-registering your child(ren) for the 2023-2024 school year. Re-registration begins on **Monday, February 27, 2023** and will need to be completed by Monday, **March 13, 2023**, after which time any unclaimed positions will be made available to our large group of wait-list applicants.

*Note: If you are not planning to re-register your child(ren) at FFCA, we ask that you indicate this by logging on to the site and clicking the box that states your child will not be returning to one of the FFCA campuses.*



- Go to the [FFCA website](#)
- Click on “**Login as Family**”
- Enter your **Username** (usually your email address) and **Password**

### WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS:

**A Credit Card:** VISA, MasterCard or Interac



*NOTE: Interac payments are only accepted for the following banks:  
RBC, Scotiabank, TD Canada Trust and BMO*

The monies are secured through the Moneris system: the resource fee is due during your re-registration session. Also, you must pay a minimum of the first installment of the bus fee, should you require bussing for your child(ren).

Once you have logged into the site, follow the steps in sequence to re-register your child(ren) for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Please note: Your registration is not considered final until the required fees have been PAID.**

**Re-Registration DEADLINE is Monday, MARCH 13, 2023**

## 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.

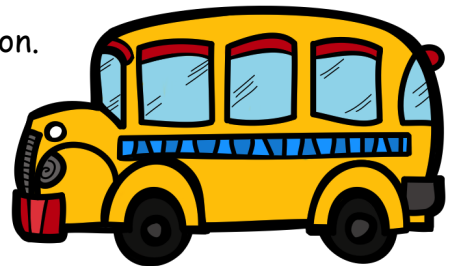
Requests will be collected until the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and assessed according to the Transportation Parent Handbook in order to keep the ride times to a minimum. Requests for a second bus stop or a bus stop at a day care **will not be accommodated** but we can allow students to use a different 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  
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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.**



# February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 	4 Carnevale starts
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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