



The Phoenix Messenger

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March 2023

“A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

BY SHAWNA DRUMMOND

Dates to Remember

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 - 08 Holi
 - 08 School Council Meeting
 - 12 Time Change
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 - 22 Ramadan Begins
 - 22 Board Mtg @ SEE
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- THEME: Crazy Hair/Hat Day
Mar 27-Apr 7 Spring Break

April

- 1-7 Spring Break
 - 09 Easter Sunday
 - 10 Classes Resume
 - 14 Fresh Food Friday
 - 14 Vaisakhi/Bengali New Year
 - 19 Council Meeting
 - 20 Learning Conferences
 - 21 PD Day—No classes
 - 21 Eid-ul-Fitr
 - 22 Earth Day
 - 28 Fun Lunch & Casual Day
- THEME: Heritage 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.



“If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning.”

Carol Dweck



Tomorrow, we celebrate the **100th day of school** this year! It’s amazing to see the growth and learning that our students have demonstrated over the past 100 days.

Kindergarten students have mastered phonograms and are now moving to reading and writing words, including their first decodable books.

Grade 1 students are working hard to learn addition and subtraction math facts.

In grade 2, students have learned all about life in Iqaluit and are now comparing what they’ve learned to the Acadian lifestyle in Meteghan.

Grade 3 students have been researching famous structures and are writing reports to go along with the structures they are building.

If you love a good story, the grade 4 students have written some amazing stories lately. I wouldn’t be surprised if their names show up in bookstores in the future!

Grade 2, 3 and 4 students have created some beautiful, creative artwork using a variety of stitching techniques.

Everyone has been challenged as they try to navigate Mr. Broad’s **Mission Impossible** course this year. Congratulations to those students who made it all the way to the end!



We can’t wait to continue to see students be challenged, to make mistakes and learn from them, to work hard and feel great satisfaction when they master a new skill or concept. Thank you for partnering with us on this journey – your children are amazing!

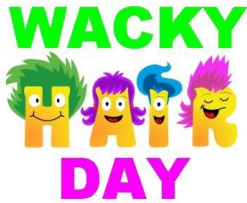


Shawna Drummond
Principal

Michelle Newell
Associate Principal

Fun Lunch & Casual Day

Friday, March 24th
THEME: Crazy Hair/Hat Day



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

Principal's Wall of Learning

Eli A.	Alyssa S	Lucas L.
Rian L.	Areeba B.	Mason S.
Rayirth M.	Leon M.	Hope A.
Musa R.	Ivy B.	Kayla Z.
Alexander L.	Aiden C.	Tyanna K.
Danika V.	Aaron D.	Kai T.
Viha C.	Hifza G.	Rocco C.
Esabelle C.	Evan L.	Anwen K.
Arham G.	Kaitlyn M.	Kirsh M.
Abby G.	Caden T.	

CHILDREN'S BOOKS READ ALOUD

HAPPY
CULTIVATED

*Bedtime
Stories*

**How
to Catch a
Leprechaun**

Words by Adam Wallace
 Pictures by Andy Elkerton



Click on the link below to Read Along... [Read aloud](#)

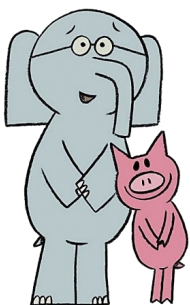


Dear NWE Community, ☺

**Thank you VERY much for
your tremendous support
of our Book Fair!**

The Scholastic book fair was a **HUGE** success because of your generosity! The amazing support of families, students, and staff helped our school earn valuable rewards for buying new library books.

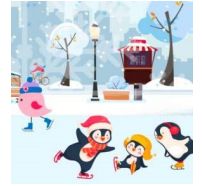
What a wonderful community!



School Council

Thank you for attending the NWE Ice Skating activity!

We were thrilled to see so many families and students join us for a fun-filled evening of skating and making new ice-skating buddies! Your presence and participation made it a memorable experience for all.



As a school council, we aim to create opportunities for students and families to engage in enjoyable activities that bring us closer as a community. **We would appreciate any FEEDBACK you have about this event. To fill out a quick event survey, go here: <https://www.ffca-parent.com/apps/forms/s/FFb2p5aRCtGDNx2j9Twq3CTo>**

We look forward to seeing you at future events.

Calling ALL chocolate-lovers!

This year we are teaming up with **Purdys Chocolatier** to stock up on your favorite Purdy's 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,

- 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!



Moving? ***INTERNAL TRANSFER PROCESS***

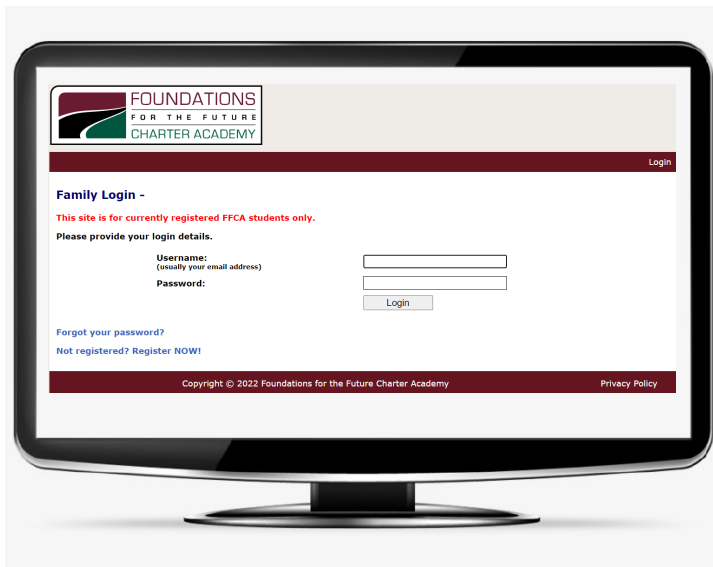
If your family is moving to a home that is outside the boundary of your child's current campus, your child may remain at that campus but you will be responsible for transporting your child to and from school. Bussing is not available outside the designated campus boundaries. If you require transportation, 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](#)



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.

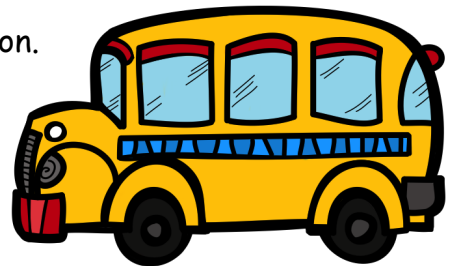
Requests will be collected until the 15th of October and assessed according to the Transportation Parent Handbook in order to keep the ride times to a minimum. Requests for a second bus stop or a bus stop at a day care **will not be accommodated** but we can allow students to use a different bus route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





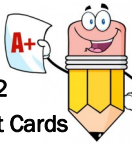


Although informing the driver in the morning or writing an email or note in the agenda to the teacher *might* seem sufficient, *if there is a substitute driver or teacher that day, the message will not get through.*



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



March

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5	6	7	8 <u>Holi</u> 	9	10	11
12  Time Change Spring Forward	13	14	15	16	17  Term 2 Report Cards	18 
19	20 <u>Navroz</u>	21	22  Board Meeting Ramadan Begins	23	27 Fun Lunch & Casual Day Theme: Crazy Hair/Hat Day	25
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Spring Break March 27 - April 7						