



# The Phoenix Messenger

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**June 2023**

## “A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

BY SHAWNA DRUMMOND

### Dates to Remember

#### JUNE

- 02 Fresh Food Friday
- 21 National Indigenous People’s Day
- 21 Board Meeting @SMS
- 21 Council Meeting
- 23 Fun Lunch & Casual Day
- THEME:** Beach Day
- 28 Eid-ul-Adha
- 28 Last Day/Early Dismissal**
- 29 Organizational Day  
No Classes



#### Aug/Sept

- Aug 21 PD Day—No classes
- Aug 22-25 Organizational Days - No Classes
- Aug 28 K-8 Family Orientation
- Aug 29 K Orientation  
1-8 First Day of Class
- Aug 30 K First Day Classes
- Sept 4 Labour Day  
No school
- Sept 22 PD Day—No Classes

#### 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.*



“Community is about doing something together that makes belonging matter.” ~ Brian Solis

This Spring has been an incredible time to come together as a community in celebration. Our heartfelt thanks to our School Council for putting together our first ever **Heritage Fest**. It was a beautiful day to learn about each other, celebrate the diversity in our community, and enjoy each other’s company. Thank you so much to Nabila Siddique and her team for all the work that went into imagining this event and making it happen. Thank you to all the families who helped contribute to the day by setting up booths, helping your children practice performances, and getting them ready to participate in the fashion show. Thank you also to the amazing volunteers from our parent community and from the North Middle and High Schools. This day was a day where I felt incredibly blessed to belong to this community!

Another incredible event was our **Spring Musical “Bugz!”** Wow – what a show! The students and staff put countless hours of practice and hard work into making this event such a success. Thank you to our community for being a supportive audience and coming out to fill the church.

We were inspired by our “Bugz” and over the past month heard a lot of buzz about integrity from our insects on the **Integrity bulletin board**. Although each of the insects looks different, sounds different, and taught us something different, they all belong to one big community. Each insect has an important job to do and without each and every insect working so hard Mother Nature would not be able to keep our planet Earth healthy. Did you know that one single ladybug is responsible for eating thousands of tiny pests that would damage our orchards and vegetable crops? The earthworm is one of the biggest environmental helpers because they keep soil fresh and healthy so our plants and crops can survive. The buzzing little bees keep busy pollinating plants including many of the crops we eat. In fact, pollinator bees play a key role in one out of every three bites of food we eat!

To get all of these jobs done, the insect community needs to cooperate and work hard at the job they are supposed to do. This is just like our community at NW elementary. Each of us works hard, shows kindness, and helps each other to feel confident to do our work the best we can. We all know how to show respect, how to be responsible, what it means to have self-discipline and to be compassionate, and we know all about integrity! Having strong character virtues and practicing them every day will help our community to be stronger and will allow each of us to grow and learn in the best way we can.

Thank you for all you do for our community! If you’d like to help us continue to grow this community, **please join us at the School Council AGM tonight at 6:30pm** in our school gymnasium. As this year wraps up, we can’t wait to see what next year will bring!



**Shawna Drummond**  
Principal

**Michelle Newell**  
Associate Principal



# Principal's Wall of Learners

Hayden M.	Mirha A.	Harper C.	Jordan L.	Connor L.
Rosemeet J.	Daphne R.	Kaitlyn C.	Sahib K.	Savreen R.
Jimi M.	Elena Z.	Stella C.	Eden L.	Trinity H.
Ace G.	Sophie B.	Gulzar D.	Arya S.	Natalie L.
Hadi H.	Noelle C.	Hifza G.	Arik B.	Shekinah O.
Shawn S.	Michael L.	Zubin I.	Hazel C.	Odin P.
Lucas L.	Jayden T.	Evan L.	Aviraj K.	Mick R.
Chloe N.	Felix L.	Samantha L.	Lilly N.	Wyatt B.
Nyla P.	Kahel D.	Kaitlyn M.	Zara P.	Hannan H.
Emaan R.	Gurkirat K.	Sienna S.	Evelyn S.	Matthew H.
Haadi U.	Bhanvi S.	Caden T.	Elyssa C.	Aadil K.
	Devanshi S.	Maxxon K.	Aarav K.	Gilda M.



Fun Lunch &  
Casual Day  
Friday: June 23rd

Beach  
Day



Healthy  
Hunger

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



Thank you for your generous  
support of your children  
and the school.

We raised over \$8,400.00

## HOW TO SUPPORT A DEVELOPING READER!

Join *Michelle Bence* and *Dr. Miriam Ramzy* for a  
conversation on reading

Learning to read is complex! In this session, targeted to parents of children in **Kindergarten to Grade 2**, we will discuss the important components in building a strong reading foundation. We will share easy-to-implement and fun to use strategies for you and your child to do together to help build their literacy skills. Finally, we end with some time for parent questions. Join us for some tips and tricks for making learning to read fun!

June 7, 2023  
7-8 pm  
Virtual Log In

[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM LINK](#)  
Meeting ID: 815 6512 0311

  
Layers of Literacy  
[www.layersofliteracy.com](http://www.layersofliteracy.com)

SEE YOU THERE!





## Important Links for parents

### Public Board Meeting Schedule

[https://www.ffca-calgary.com/about\\_us/our\\_board/public\\_board\\_meeting\\_schedule](https://www.ffca-calgary.com/about_us/our_board/public_board_meeting_schedule)

*\*Campus: This schedule can be provided in your newsletter, but please check monthly to ensure the date/time/location has not changed. Otherwise, share the link above so parents can look for the most up-to-date info on the website.*

### Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes

[https://www.ffca-calgary.com/documents\\_publications/board\\_meeting\\_agendas\\_and\\_minutes](https://www.ffca-calgary.com/documents_publications/board_meeting_agendas_and_minutes)

### Uniform Information

[https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important\\_information/uniform\\_information](https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/uniform_information)

### School Calendar

[https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important\\_information/calendar](https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/calendar)

Please check the calendar throughout the year in case there have been changes



### **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](#)

## 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.

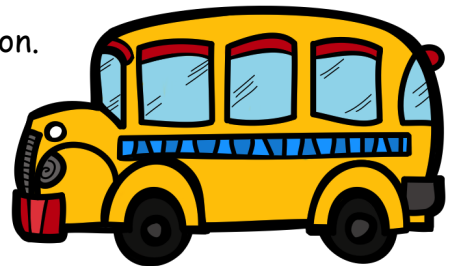
Requests will be collected until the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and assessed according to the Transportation Parent Handbook in order to keep the ride times to a minimum. Requests for a second bus stop or a bus stop at a day care **will not be accommodated** but we can allow students to use a different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

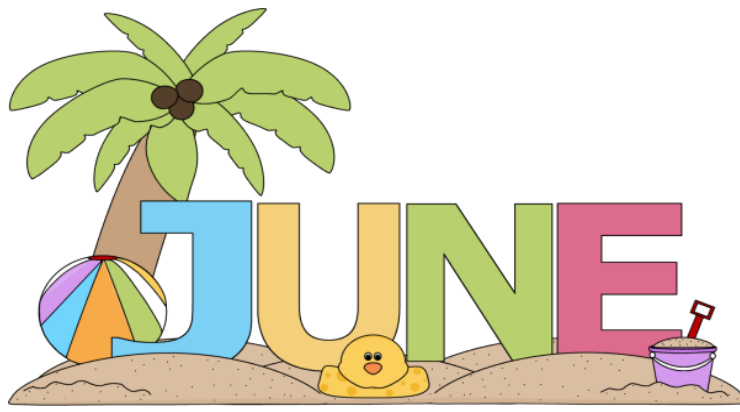
We appreciate the effort you make to communicate with us about your child's bussing changes. It is very important that you . . . **CALL THE OFFICE**

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.**





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 	3
4	5	6	7 Parent Literacy Session	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 	19	20	21 School Council Meeting  Board Meeting @ SMS	22	23 Fun Lunch & Casual Day  	24
25	26 Swim Day at Highwood 	27	28 Last Day of School 	29 Organizational Day No Classes	30 Aug 28: K-8 Family Orientation Aug 29: K Orientation Aug 29: Gr 1-8 First Day of Classes Aug 30: K First Day of Classes	