



# The Phoenix Messenger

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**October 2023**

## “A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

BY SHAWNA DRUMMOND

### Dates to Remember

#### October

- 04 Board Meeting
- 05-06 Learning Conferences  
No Classes
- 09 Thanksgiving Day -  
No School
- 11 Apple Order Pick Up
- 16 School Council Meeting
- 18 Fun Lunch & Casual Day  
THEME: Tickle Trunk/Dress Up
- 19-20 PD Days—No Classes
- 23-27 Swimming



#### 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.*



Welcome to the NWE! We are thrilled to welcome our new students and to welcome back returning students after the summer break.

This year, our campus's theme is "A Space for Everybody!" To kick off our theme, Mrs. Newell and Mrs. Drummond spent some time in every classroom. We read the book "Everybody" by Elise Gravel and then did an activity with the students. This book highlights that although we are all unique and different, we have so much in common. We all have fears, feel joy and sadness, have hopes and dreams, get discouraged, need to be loved, want to be heard, feel embarrassed, make mistakes, need help, want friends, can help, can be a friend, have ideas, and more. Ultimately, the book shares the message that everybody deserves to be treated with respect and that we are all human.



Our goal at NWE is to create a space for everybody to feel welcome, to learn, and to grow.

As we come up to September 30<sup>th</sup>, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we are committed to making sure that Every Child Matters. On the Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> PD day, our staff had the privilege of learning from Dr. Bruce Starlight at the Brown Bear Woman Event Centre on the Tsuut'ina Nation. We listened to stories and some of the history of his land and people, visited the Buffalo paddock, and the residential school memorial site.

On Friday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, we invite all students to wear an orange shirt to school to show a collective commitment to ensure that Every Child Matters. We encourage every family to spend some time on September 30<sup>th</sup> learning more about the Truth of Canada's history of residential schools so we can move towards Reconciliation. There will be events across Calgary and surrounding areas. For more information, please visit the links below regarding events and resources.

Events in Calgary:

- <https://www.avenuecalgary.com/sponsored/how-to-commemorate-national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation/>
- <https://www.calgary.ca/events/orange-shirt-day.html>

Resources:

Orange Shirt Day Website:

- <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

CBC Kids:

- <https://www.cbc.ca/kids/articles/what-is-orange-shirt-day>

Learn more about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:

- <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>
- <https://vimeo.com/25389165>
- [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/calls\\_to\\_action\\_english2.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/calls_to_action_english2.pdf)

Shawna Drummond  
Principal Educator

Michelle Newell  
Associate Principal

## Fun Lunch & Casual Day

**WEDNESDAY**, October 18th

Theme: Tickle Trunk/Dress Up



**Healthy Hunger**

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



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

**October 5-6**

No Classes for all Students

**Northwest Elementary campus had their annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, Sept. 15th**

### The Terry Fox Story

When Terry Fox was diagnosed with osteosarcoma at 18, the experience ignited in him a fierce determination to bring an end to the suffering cancer causes. His personal experience and research led him to the conclusion that more money was needed for cancer research. And so, on April 12, 1980, Terry dipped his artificial leg in the Atlantic Ocean and proceeded to change the world. [Read more...](#)



Thank you to your generous donations,  
we raised \$1831.13 for the foundation

## OPT-IN

# FUNDRAISING EVENT

NWE School Council is offering an Opt-In fundraising option for those who may be too busy or overburdened supporting other various fundraisers. This option allows families to support the school directly.

Donations can be made online from **Sept. 1 to Dec. 21, 2023** In the "Pay Fees" screen of the *Family Zone*. The Campaign is called **NWE In Lieu of Donations 2023-24** Donations can be made in increments of \$25.

Tax receipts will be issued by Central Office for all donation over \$25.00



## DAVISON ORCHARDS

COUNTRY VILLAGE

### 2023 Annual Apple Fundraiser

Thank you for your generous support!



**Apple sales were over \$8700.00**

Apple pick-up: Friday, Oct.11th

# School Council

## COUNCIL MEMBER INTROS

We are delighted to introduce our **2023-24 School Council** for this year, who have graciously volunteered their time and expertise to help us achieve our shared goals.

Please join us in welcoming:

**Chair:** Bola Badejoko

**Vice Chair:** Terri Sartori

**Treasurer:** Rita Shen

**Secretary:** VACANT

**Parental Partnership Coordinator:** Ade Onasanya;

Janine Rudolph

**Fundraising Coordinator:** Jingxing Lin

**Fun Lunch Coordinator:** Clara Ip

**Kindergarten Rep & ECS Special Snack:** Chanelle Pat

**Health and Wellness Coordinator:** Deanna Zhao

**Advocacy Committee Chair:** William Akota

**Communications Coordinator:** Salina Bhimji

**Teacher Representatives:** Sam Lien, Heather Hadden,  
Margaret Ardan, Christa Delmar

**Principal:** Shawna Drummond

**Associate Principal:** Michelle Newell

**Heritage Committee Chair:** Nabila Siddiqui

**Community Services Coordinator:** Min Yan

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY SURVEY

Here at FFCA NWE, we greatly value cultural diversity within our school community. School Council and Staff have been collectively working hard to teach and celebrate cultural diversity at school thus promoting inclusivity in classrooms and creating a healthy learning environment for all our students.

Parent partnerships and involvement remain an important guiding principle at NWE, and to help us acknowledge diversity at our school, we do count on your help. As a starting point, we request you to complete this short Cultural Diversity survey below.

<https://forms.gle/4URKxsH6PFTysohJA>

Thank you for your participation and for helping us celebrate the diverse and wonderful community we are a part of.

## 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

Click here for info:[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.

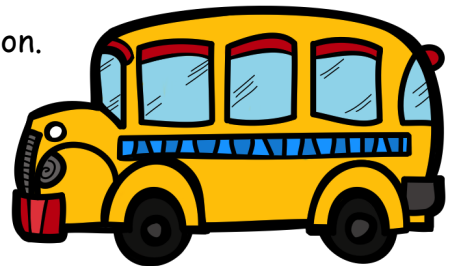
Requests will be collected until the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and assessed according to the Transportation Parent Handbook in order to keep the ride times to a minimum. Requests for a second bus stop or a bus stop at a day care **will not be accommodated** but we can allow students to use a different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

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.





# OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	 Board Meeting At SWE Campus	Learning Conferences No Classes		7
8	9 <b>No School</b> HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY! 	10	11  Apple Order Pick Up	12	13	14
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22	23 <b>Swimming</b>  Oct 23—Oct 27	24 <b>Dussehra</b> 	25  	26	27	28
29	31	31 <b>Halloween Day</b> 		 Donations-In-Lieu-Of Fundraiser runs from Sept-Dec 2023		