



The Phoenix Messenger

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November 2023

“A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

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Dates to Remember

November

- 03 Remembrance Day Assembly
 - 05 Time Change
 - 06-10 Fall Break
No School
 - 11 Remembrance Day
 - 12 Diwali
 - 20 NWE School Council Mtg
 - 20 NWE Society AGM (online)
 - 24 Fun Lunch & Casual Day
- THEME: Student Choice



December

- 01 PD Day - No Classes
 - 08 Report Cards
 - 13 Board Meeting
 - 18 Council Meeting
 - 22 Fun Lunch & Casual Day
- THEME: PJ's
- Dec 25-Jan 5 Winter Holiday

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.



October has been full of excitement and learning at NWE! Our grade two students and teachers did an amazing job putting together our first assembly, focusing on **respect**. Grade two homeroom classes shared with us what respect looks, sounds, and feels like through their songs and stories. They worked hard to put together a performance to show how respect and being treated with respect helps to create a space for everybody.

We also saw respect around the school and community as our grade 4 students participated in rake fest. Our fourth-grade classes volunteered their time to rake the leaves from the lawns of many of our neighbours!

Given the current realities for many countries across the globe, November is an important time to pause and reflect on the great sacrifices of many Canadian soldiers and peacekeepers who have risked their lives for our freedom. We look forward to sharing the stories of how our staff and students are connected to Remembrance Day as many families have been involved in Canadian and Global wars.

We will be holding our Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, Nov. 3rd. We hope that many of you are able to join us for this special assembly. If you have not already RSVP'd, please go to this link to let us know if you can join us <https://forms.gle/ZEespg2meFE5H215A>. This helps us to organize seating for everyone and to acknowledge any special guests in attendance. We ask that everyone attending please arrive at 10:30.



Shawna Drummond, Principal Educator
Michelle Newell, Associate Principal

Fun Lunch & Casual Day

Friday, November 24

THEME: Student Choice



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

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

Donations can be made in increments of \$25.

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

Principal's Wall of Learners



I read.



I ask questions.

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| Savreen G. | Shawn S. | Amber H. | Aaron D. |
| Aadh M | Yuvraaj T | Alvin S. | Arik B. |
| Reya G. | Phoebe D. | Evelyn B. | Jolyn G. |
| Aasiyah L | Ace G. | Devanshi S. | Joshua L. |
| Mason L | Viaan I. | Candace H. | Hope A. |
| Raina L. | Leo M. | Lucas L. | Celine L. |
| Rosemeet J | Bryson C. | Kaitlyn M. | Olivia Z |
| Maisie L. | Noelle C. | Evelyn O. | |



I learn from
mistakes.

I work carefully.



School Council

We invite you to our upcoming Society Annual General Meeting (AGM). Join us to find out information on the success of last year's Casino fundraiser and the amazing activities and initiatives this has funded. We'll also provide an overview of this year's activities.

We are always looking for dedicated volunteers to join our team, so if you are interested in playing a part, come join us at this meeting and find out more about this wonderful opportunity.

This year's **Society AGM** will be **ONLINE**. Come join us on **Monday, November 20th at 730pm**, and will start as soon as the School Council meeting is over.

Here is the link to join: <https://meet.google.com/hdm-wsvs-byf>

Let's work together to create a better school community!

A black poster for a Halloween Party. At the top left is the logo for "FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE CHARTER ACADEMY". The main text reads "LET'S GET SPOOKY!" in orange, "JOIN US FOR A" in blue, and "HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY" in large, white, glowing letters. Below this, the date "DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH", time "TIME: 6:30PM – 8:00PM", and location "LOCATION: FFCA NWE GYMNASIUM" are listed in red. A row of ten cartoon Halloween characters (ghosts, pumpkins, and skulls) is shown. At the bottom, it says "COME READY, COME DRESSED" and "Wear your best costume for a chance to win a prize!" in yellow. The bottom edge features a row of seven white handprints with small white dots around them, suggesting a spooky theme.

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.

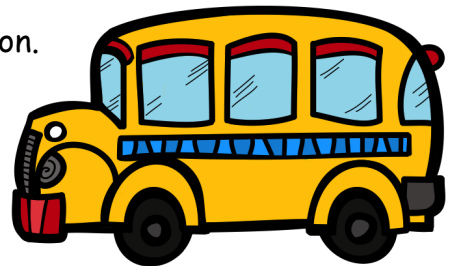
Requests will be collected until the 15th of October and assessed according to the Transportation Parent Handbook in order to keep the ride times to a minimum. Requests for a second bus stop or a bus stop at a day care **will not be accommodated** but we can allow students to use a different bus route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

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Waitlist Application Renewal

NOVEMBER 1-30, Annually

IMPORTANT: If you have an address or grade change to make, see the RENEWAL FAQs on the website or [click here](#).

You can renew your application by following these steps:

- Go to the FFCA website, www.ffca-calgary.com. Scroll down and click on the Waitlist Quick link
- Go to the [Online Waitlist System](#) link
 - Enter your email address (ID) and your password
 - If you cannot remember your password, click on "Forgot Your Password?", enter your email address and answer your challenge question. An email will be sent to you with your new password.
- Click on the Update and Renewal Gateway.
- You should see your child/ren listed. The status does NOT mean anything. **Please ignore it!!**
- Click on the [Update/Renew](#) link
 - Confirm your information on each screen. Fields with a red asterisk are required.
 - You cannot change your child's name, date of birth or gender. You'll need to upload a picture of either the birth certificate or name change certificate, then email the waitlist coordinator with the requested change.
- To update your address, click Yes below your old address
 - Enter your new address, then upload an Address Verification Document
 - You are required to provide Home Address Verification. All documentation must be uploaded by November 30th to complete the renewal AND have your child included in the upcoming year's admission process.
 - To update your student's grade, click No below the listed grade and enter the grade you are applying for.
 - Upload a report card for grade verification by November 30th to complete the renewal.
- Enter the sibling information IF the students are actual siblings and one student currently attends an FFCA campus.
- Now you will do the actual renewal on page 60-79%.
- Enter your electronic signature and click "I confirm" to agree that all your account information is correct and you want to Renew the application for the coming school year.
- Click Save and Next
- Confirm that you have completed this student
- Now click Continue, and you will see a pop-up with further information
- You will receive a confirmation email shortly from registration.FoundationsAB@registrationgateway.net
 - Please add that email to your address book so that it isn't sent to your junk mail or blocked entirely (especially if you use Gmail)
 - Each student will receive an individual confirmation email
 - If you change your address or student's grade, you will receive an email once the documents have been verified. That could take weeks. The date/time that you complete the renewal will be recorded in the timestamp, not the date/time that the documents have been verified.
- You will now be redirected back to the list of your students. The status will say "Pending," but that does not mean you haven't completed the renewal. Additionally, when you log back in, it will likely say Your Action Needed. **Please ignore the status!**
- If you have more than one child, continue to the next child to renew the application until all your children have been renewed.
- Click Logout

For further information and step-by-step instructions with screenshots, see the RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS & FAQs on the website or [click here](#).

November



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