



The Phoenix Messenger

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“A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

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Dates to Remember

January

- 06 La befana & Epiphany
- 08 Classes Resume
- 09 Skiing Day #1 Gr 1-4
- 13 Lohri
- 15-18 Pongal
- 15 Council Meeting
- 19 Fun Lunch & Casual Day
THEME: Favorite Team/Jersey
- 23 Ski Day #2 Gr1-4
- 24 Board AGM @ CO
- 25-26 Learning Conferences
No Classes
- 27 Family Literacy Day

February

- Black History Month
- 9-17 Carevale
- 10 Lunar New Year
- 12 Council Meeting
- 14 Valentines Day
- 15-16 PD Day—No Classes
- 19 Family Day—No School
- 21 Int'l Mother Language Day
- 23 Fun Lunch & Casual Day
THEME: Look-alike
- 28 Pink Shirt Day
- 28 Board Meeting @ NHS

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.



At the NWE Campus, we have been focusing on the virtue of compassion. **Compassion** plays a pivotal role in shaping the learning experience for elementary students. As educators, parents, and caregivers, it is crucial to recognize the profound impact that cultivating compassion can have on the development of young minds. Here are key reasons why fostering compassion in elementary school is so important:

- 1. Social and Emotional Development:** By encouraging children to understand and share the feelings of others, we provide them with a foundation for building healthy relationships. This emotional intelligence is a lifelong skill that goes beyond academic achievement and contributes significantly to overall well-being.
- 2. Bullying Prevention:** When children learn to empathize with their peers, they develop a sense of responsibility for one another's feelings. This, in turn, creates a school culture where kindness and understanding prevail, mitigating instances of bullying and promoting a sense of unity.
- 3. Academic Success:** A compassionate classroom encourages collaboration, teamwork, and positive communication. When students feel supported and valued, they are more likely to engage in learning, take risks, and perform better academically.
- 4. Conflict Resolution Skills:** Elementary school is a time when children begin navigating their own conflicts. Teaching compassion provides them with the tools to resolve disputes peacefully and constructively. When conflicts arise, students with a foundation in compassion are more likely to seek understanding and work towards solutions that benefit everyone involved.
- 5. Inclusive Learning Environment:** Fostering compassion creates an inclusive learning environment that celebrates diversity. Students learn to appreciate and respect differences, whether they be cultural, linguistic, or cognitive. This sets the stage for a school community where everyone feels accepted, valued, and celebrated for who they are.
- 6. Lifelong Values:** Compassion is a value that goes beyond the classroom and becomes an integral part of a child's identity. By emphasizing the importance of compassion, we contribute to the development of responsible, empathetic citizens who positively impact the world around them.
- 7. Positive Classroom Culture:** When empathy and understanding are at the forefront, students feel safe expressing themselves, taking risks, and participating actively in their education. Teachers, in turn, experience a more fulfilling and rewarding teaching environment.

We are grateful to our grade four students who have kicked off our focus on compassion through “The Twelve Days of Giving”. We look forward to seeing the effects of compassion and understanding spread through our school and out into the community.



Have a wonderful break – we look forward to seeing you back in January!



Fun Lunch & Casual Day

Friday, January 19th

THEME: Favorite Team/Jersey



JERSEY DAY



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

Our Learning Wall

Adirra G.	Larry W.	Mason S.
Abizer R.	Iliana C.	Kaitlyn C.
Asher O.	Alyssa S.	Orlina K.
Kian S.	Michael L.	Spencer F.
Kylia E.	Zainab O.	Mehr K.
Blake T.	Mirha A.	Ronin P.
Sofia .	Clayton C.	Bhanvi S.
Lucas L.	Margo H.	Ivy B.
Awo A.	Ella T.	Arjay B.
Bron L.	Elena Z.	Aviraj K.
Nathan M.	Nya B.	Kayla Z.
Dheeya P.		



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School Council



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<https://app.skipthedepot.com/foundations>



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1. DOWNLOAD APP or USE THE LINK ABOVE
2. ENTER ADDRESS & SELECT DATE FOR PICKUP
3. SELECT YOUR CHARITY TO DONATE
4. PUT BAGS OUT ON DAY OF PICKUP OR WAIT AROUND



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.

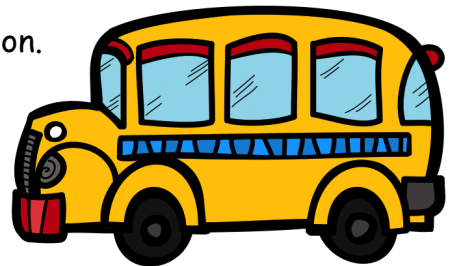
Requests will be collected until the 15th of October and assessed according to the Transportation Parent Handbook in order to keep the ride times to a minimum. Requests for a second bus stop or a bus stop at a day care **will not be accommodated** but we can allow students to use a different bus route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

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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.



JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 	2	3	4	5	6 La Befana & Epiphany
7	8	9  Grades 1-4 at C.O.P.	10	11	12	13 Lohri
14	15 Pongal Jan 15-18 	16	17	18	19 Fun Lunch & Casual Day 	20
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28	26	30	31			