



The Phoenix Messenger

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February 2024

“A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

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Dates to Remember

February

- Black History Month
- 02-012 Book Fair**
- 08 MI Family Night
- 9-17 Carenvale
- 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**
- 27 Winter Musical—FLAKES**
- 28 FFCA Pink Shirt Day
- 28 Board Meeting @ NHS

March

- 01-15 Re-Registration OPENS**
- 04 Purdy’s Fundraiser closes
- 08 PD Day—No Classes
- 10 Time Change
- 15 Report Cards go Home
- 15 Re-Registration CLOSSES
- 19 School Council Meeting
- 19 Nowruz
- 20 Persian New Year
- 22 Fun Lunch & Casual Day
- THEME: Crazy Hat/Hair Day
- Mar 25-Apr 5 Spring Break

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.



Learning is alive all around us and not just for the students. In Alberta, part of the Teaching Quality Standard states that educators will engage “in career-long professional learning and ongoing critical reflection to improve teaching and learning.” Although our achievement results at FFCA are excellent, we are continuously looking at the research for what we can do to improve learning and success for all our students. Our staff are very dedicated to refining their craft and meeting the needs of their students. Each year, they create a Professional Growth Plan to enhance the outstanding work they are already doing in the classroom. Our admin team meets with every staff member several times throughout the year to talk about these growth plans, reflect on the progress being made, and provide the necessary supports to achieve these goals.

In addition to individual goals, our staff have been working collectively to build their understanding of the science of reading and incorporate that research into their literacy instruction. They have been looking at effective assessment practices as they revise assessments to meet new curricular outcomes. They are working to build new unit plans, activities and assessments for the new science curriculum. These are just a few of the initiatives our staff are busy working on.

As Principals, Mrs. Newell and I also create a Professional Growth Plan and meet monthly with a team from our Central Office to reflect on our progress. One of our goals is centered around increasing our leadership capacity. To help us reach this goal, Mrs. Newell and I are participating in a 5-part Leadership Series put on by the Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools. In this series, facilitated by Judy Riege, we are levelling up our leadership skills – specifically around emotional intelligence, building trust, improving our communication and listening skills.

We have also gone back to school and are taking a leadership course through the University of Calgary, focusing on building effective relationships, visionary leadership, leading learning, ensuring First Nations, Metis and Inuit education for all students, and supporting effective governance and operations/resources.

As you can see, whether you are in your first year of school as a kindergarten student or your 40th year of school as an educator, there is always something to learn about! Perhaps you can share with your children ways that you are continuing to learn and grow. Are you taking a course? Do you have certifications you need to do for your career? Are you learning or developing a hobby (playing guitar, knitting, cooking)? Are you learning to speak a new language? Take time to celebrate these achievements together!

“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.” — Jiddu Krishnamurti

Fun Lunch & Casual Day

Friday, Feb 24th

THEME: Look-Alike Day



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

Our Learning Wall

Eleanor C.	Uri C.	Jasper M.
Mohammad M.	Aleena C.	Tony H.
Haroon J.	Viha C.	Isham K.
Muhammad K.	Jayden T.	Amelie Z.
Aiyla M.	Muhammed T.	Sonam C.
Alexa B.	Edwin R.	Chloe L.
Caleb L.	Abigail Z.	Penelope R.
Alyssa B.	Maxxon K.	
Nora S.		



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR! Feb. 2 - Feb. 12



Watch for information in your email, on Edsby and coming home with your child!



Registration Information

2024-25 Re-Registration
March 1-15.

This year the process will be completed online through our **Power School Parent Portal**. Please look for upcoming information regarding the process.





FAMILY EVENT!

February 8th from 3:30-7:30

NWE campus would like to invite parents to join their child(ren) on **Thursday, February 8th from 3:30-7:30** in navigating the challenging **MISSION IMPOSSIBLE** course set up in the gymnasium.

Siblings are welcome.

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT. Participants may not wear regular socks. Remember to grab those gym shoes, trampoline socks, or be ready to go barefoot.

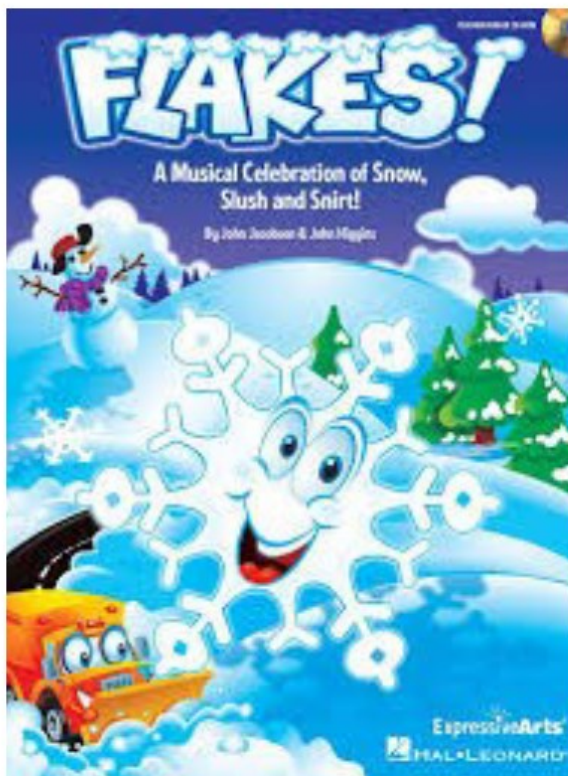
Important Reminders:

- ★ Please remember to **sign your child off the bus** if you are a bus student and not taking the bus home after school.
- ★ Also make note of the time you attended to record as volunteer hours. More information on how to log volunteer hours in our new system will be coming once it's available.



save the date!

Northwest Elementary Winter Musical



Date: Tuesday, February 27th, 2024

Where: Foothills Alliance Church
333 Edgepark Blvd N.W.
(next to the Superstore in Edgemont)

Time: 6:30 pm – auditorium doors open
7:00 pm – performance begins

**Students need to meet their teacher
in the auditorium no later than 6:45 pm**

Who: All Northwest Elementary Campus families

Students will be working as a team to prepare this amazing show. We hope all students will be able to attend on February 27th so we can celebrate our efforts and shine together.

We look forward to seeing you at the show! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. VanDyk through Edsby.

School Council



CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907

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We get up to 25% back in fundraising profit, and you get chocolates made in Canada with premium quality ingredients, and sustainable cocoa.



Thank you for your support!

TEAM NAME

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CAMPAIGN NAME

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ORDER ONLINE:

1. Join our group by **typing in this link:**
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1364050-114917>
2. Please type your email into the box on the webpage. If you have already registered, you will automatically join the campaign. If you haven't, you will need to register before joining the campaign.
3. Click "Shop Online" to start shopping!
4. Invite your friends and family to help! They can simply follow the same steps as above.

CUSTOMER NUMBER:

59213

PLACE & PAY FOR ORDERS BY:

Mar 4th, 2024

DATE

PICK UP ORDERS ON:

Mar 17th, 2024

DATE

AT:

FFCA NWE

LOCATION

If you have any questions, please contact your coordinator:

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COORDINATOR NAME

PHONE

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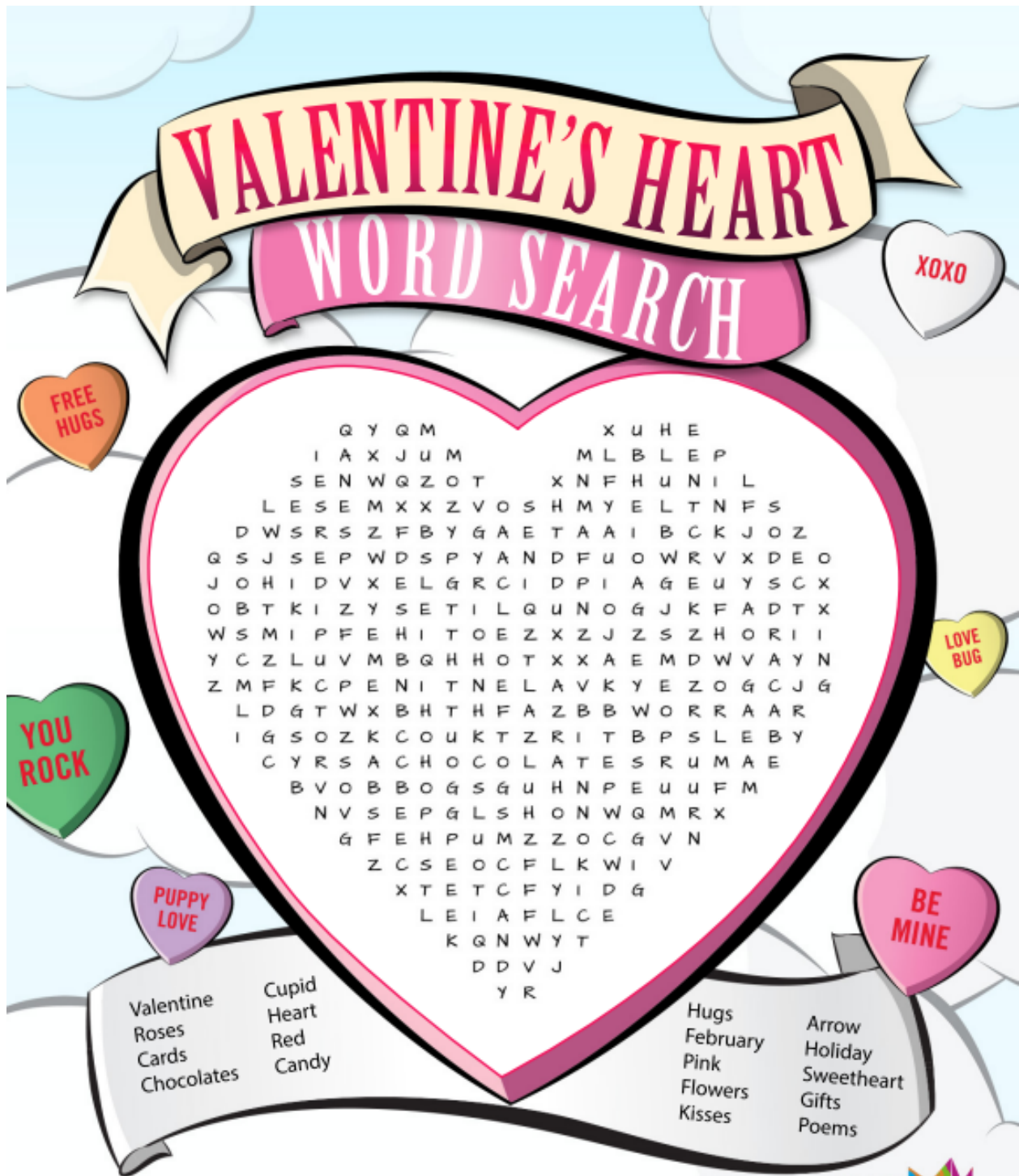
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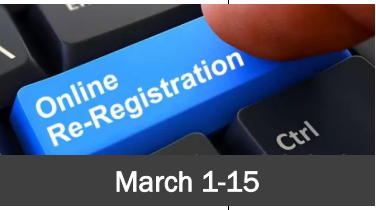


We believe everyone - young and old - has the power to create change!

This Pink Shirt Day, let's do what we can to elevate the voices of all, and take a stand against bullying. We encourage everyone to show that we advocate for kindness, empathy, compassion, and inclusivity by wearing a pink shirt with our uniform bottoms on Feb. 28th.



February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2  Books bring us together!	3
4	5  Books bring us together!	6  Feb 2 – 12		8  Family Night 3:30–7:30	9  Books bring us together! Carneval Feb 9-17	10 Lunar New Year
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