



The Phoenix Messenger

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March 2024

“A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

BY SHAWNA DRUMMOND

Dates to Remember

March

03 Purdy's Fundraiser CLOSSES

04-15 Re-Registration OPEN

08 PD Day—No Classes

10 Time Change

Mar 10-Apr 9 Ramadan

15 Report Cards go Home

15 Re-Registration CLOSSES

18 School Council Meeting

19 Nowruz

20 Persian New Year

22 Fun Lunch & Casual Day

THEME: Crazy Hat/Hair Day

25 Holi

29 Good Friday

31 Easter Sunday

Mar 25-Apr 5 Spring Break

April

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08-18 Inline Skating

10 Eid-ulfitr

13 Vaisakhi

14 Sri Lankan New Year

14 Bengali New Year

15 School Council Meeting

19 Fun Lunch & Casual Day

THEME: Culture/Heritage

22 Earth Day

25 Learning Conferences

26 PD Day—No classes

30 Math-a-thon

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 much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter.” Brian Solis

Last night was an excellent example of a community coming together to do something meaningful that makes belonging matter. Being in the audience, we were in awe of the tremendous dedication and hard work that went into putting on the “Flakes” production. Not only did we laugh, cry, and smile so much my cheeks were hurting, but we were also reminded of an important message throughout the play.

Over the past three years, along with our school council, we have focused on celebrating diversity and striving to make NWE a space for everyone. Like the grade four students taught us in the musical last night:

“Everyone is special in their very own way, just like every snowflake that has fallen here today. If it seems we’re all alike, then part of that is true, but no one is exactly the same. No one else is you!”

The message of the musical is a great precursor to Pink Shirt Day today. This year’s theme for Pink Shirt Day is a challenge to “lift each other up”. Our grade 4 students did an excellent job of teaching us about compassion as they led an assembly last week with all kinds of ideas for how we can “lift each other up” by being kind and showing compassion. Ms. Stephanie, our Youth Development Counsellor, has also spent time in each classroom talking about kindness and having students make commitments for acts of kindness they can contribute to our school community or at home with their families.

We feel incredibly fortunate to belong to this special community here at the NWE, where we feel “lifted up” by our staff, students, and their families.



Shawna Drummond
Principal

Michelle Newell
Associate Principal

Fun Lunch & Casual Day

Friday, March 22nd

THEME: Crazy Hat/Hair Day

Crazy Hair



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

Our Learning Wall

Emma A.
Quintin K.
Viaan C.
Vivian C.
Ayanna N.
Viktor R.
Tayvia F.
Emaan R.
Lorenzo S.
Musa R.
Danika V.
Kalin C.
Siya M.

Alyssa L.
Ritvi R.
Jayden F.
Tanner S.
Margo H.
Zoe L.
Daphne R.
Ella T.
Harsha W.
Harper C.
Elina D.

Chloe N.
Aiden C.
Vincent R.
Olivia T.
Kristine D.
Stephanie L.
Rishi M.
Raymond H.
Hannah H.
Azeem J.



Registration Information

2024-25 Re-Registration
March 4-15.

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

Important Links for parents

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

Uniform information

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/uniform_information

School Calendar

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/calendar

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

School Council



CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907

Can you help us reach our fundraising goals?



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

FFCA NWE

10 days left to submit your orders for Purdys Easter treats before our fundraiser ends. 🙌 If you haven't already, click the link below and you can order all the eggstra-special treats you want and help us raise money for FFCA NWE. This year, we're hoping to raise \$1000, so please support us if you can, or share it with anyone you know who would be interested. ❤️ 😊

The deadline to order is **March 3rd**.

Campaign number: 59213

Campaign link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1364050-114917>

Thank you for being such a supporter of student success!

March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Fundraiser CLOSSES	 Re-Registration Open Mar 4-15	5	6	7	8 PD Day No Classes	9
10 Ramadan <u>Mar 10-Apr 9</u> Time Change	11	12	13	14	15 Term 2 Report Cards Re-Registration CLOSSES	16
17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18	19 <u>Nowruz Persian New Year</u> SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING	20	21	22 Fun Lunch & Crazy Hair/Hat Day	23
24	25 <u>Holi</u>	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
Spring Break March 25-April 5						
31 <u>Easter Sunday</u>						