



The Phoenix Messenger

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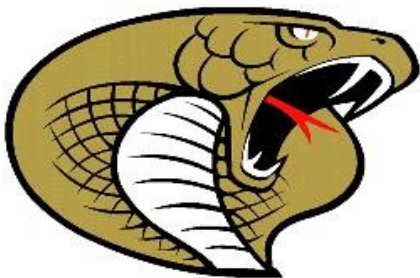
MATTER OF PRINCIPAL

“ One problem with gazing too frequently into the past is that we may turn around to find the future has run out on us.”

Michael Cibenko

“Happy New Year!” Welcome back to school this year 2011. Depending on how one looks at it, a new year brings with it many opportunities. For some it may be an opportunity to shed a few unwanted pounds or break unwanted habits, yet for others it may be an opportunity to try new adventures. Regardless of the opportunity one takes it is truly an opportunity to begin building a new future, whatever that may be. I chose the previous quote because I find that we sometimes spend so much time looking in the rear view mirror that before we know it the future has already become the past. It is important to remember and build on the past, as it is to live well in the present with a positive eye on the future. Once again, I wish you and yours nothing but the best in the year to come.

Lorne McDonald
Principal Educator



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Absences

All absences **MUST** be reported to the Office. Please call 403-253-9257 ext 100. Please leave a message with student's first and last name, grade, teacher and **SYMPTOMS**. Thank you!

Electronics

Any electronics brought to school **MUST** be kept in your locker from the beginning of homeroom, 8:20 am, until the end of homeroom, 3:10pm. These are not be taken out of the lockers for any reason. If electronics are lost it is the responsibility of the student.



PATIENCE

PATIENCE! PATIENCE! PATIENCE!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Once again we repeat our call for patience while dropping and picking up your children, because none of our efforts in providing safe pick-up and drop-off zones will be effective without this. Drivers need to remember not to make u-turns in the middle of the street, have children walk across the street in the appropriate zones, and to please go in one direction when using the back lane. Please slow down as the safety of the students should be first in the mind of all. If we all practice patience as much as possible and obey the rules of the road our students will be much safer and that is much more important than any appointment or job!!! Thanks for your patience!!

Lorne McDonald
Principal Educator
FFCA North Middle School

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SURVEYS

It is once again the time of the year we send surveys home, as well as have students and staff fill out surveys at school. We know that at times it may feel overwhelming to complete these, but it is important that we hear the voices of all the stakeholders in our school. It is through surveys like this that both the school and Alberta Learning can gain a deeper understanding of your thoughts and needs as stakeholders. The following surveys will be taking place over the upcoming months:

Alberta Accountability Surveys

- Random Parent Surveys mailed to home from Alberta Education (Grades 4,7 and 10)
- Students Surveys (Grades 4,7 and 10)
- Staff Surveys

Schollie Surveys

- Student Surveys (All Grades)
- Parent Surveys (Grades 5-8)
- Staff Surveys

Parent/ Student Voice

- Parents Surveys (All Grades)
- Student Feedback Sessions (All Grades)

We strongly encourage you to participate fully in these surveys so that we can better meet the needs of the students. Thanks you for your time and energy.

Lorne McDonald
Principal Educator



Boys Basketball



The boys basketball team has been working extremely hard in practices preparing for their upcoming season. Please come out and cheer on your Cobras at our three home games in the upcoming year.

Date	Time	Visitors	Home	Location
Tuesday January 4	4-5	FFCA	Rundle College	Rundle College
Tuesday January 18	5-6	FFCA	Calgary Academy	Calgary Academy
Tuesday January 25	4-5	Webber	FFCA	FFCA
Tuesday February 1	5-6	FFCA	Glenmore Christian School	Glenmore Christian Academy
Tuesday February 8	5-6	WIC	FFCA	FFCA
Thursday February 10	4-5	FFCA - South	FFCA - North	FFCA - North
Tuesday February 15	4-5	Calgary Christian School	FFCA	FFCA
Friday February 25	Year End Tournament			



A Quest for Compassion

On Thursday, December 9th, some grade six FFCA students volunteered at the Calgary Quest School where students with special needs attend. They read with the students, colored, sang, played in the gym, and practiced letters, numbers, days of the week and other words with them. The FFCA students did a fabulous job working with the students and represented the school excellently by showing some great FFCA character traits such as responsibility, respect and compassion!

Bus Passes

Please note at the North Middle School we **do not** issue bus passes for social reasons. However, occasionally a bus pass will be issued for unexpected emergencies. Thank you for understanding.



Canspell

Congratulations to Jasleen Brar in Grade 6 who won the North Middle School campus Canspell Spelling Bee on Tuesday! Jasleen did a great job competing against 19 other class representatives in the high pressure and very tough competition. There were many anxious moments with the spelling bee lasting until a sixth and deciding round. All spellers did all of us here at NMS proud—and way to go, Jasleen!

Book Club Announcement

Ms. King and Ms. Schlegel would both like to offer a book study club to Grade 5/6 & grade 7/8 during Thursday lunch. All interested students are to meet in Ms. Schlegel's room on Thursday, January 13th during lunch recess. Come with ideas of books you would love to read!

**Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. –Richard Steele*

Grade 5 Honors with Distinction

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
Amanda	Y.	Lauryn	B.
Armann	D.	Lucas	G.
Celina	H.	Maddy	L.
Emma	W.	Manbir	P.
Isaac	F.	Manisha	G.
Jaden	T.	Pritika	M.
James	M.	Shivangi	P.
Jonathan	B.	Sophia	S.
Kamran	A.	Stephanie	L.
Kamran	K.	Ziana	V.
Kanchan	D.	Ziyana	K.
Karanpreet	G.		

Grade 5 Honors

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
Aaman	M.	Dilraj	T.	Kienna	C.
Aiden	N.	Elaine	P.	Kiran	P.
Alexus	D.	Emma	H.	Kiran	B.
Alisha	S.	Fatimah	J.	Mahum	K.
Amandeep	S.	Grace	G.	Marriam	S.
Amnish	B.	Gurleen	J.	Michelle	T.
Andrew	Y.	Habiba	O.	Nicholas	Z.
Andrew	R.	Hope	V.	Orion	W.
Arpanjot	K.	Inaya	L.	Paige	F.
Aseem	S.	Jade	B.	Pritpaul	J.
Aviya	L.	Jag	G.	Priyanka	M.
Azaan	A.	Jakob	B.	Puneet	P.
Balnoor	S.	Jared	C.	Quinn	B.
Buvneet	B.	Jasmeet	K.	Ramneet	H.
Chantelle	F.	Jehda	R.	Sanduni	S.
Claire	A.	Jodhvir	N.	Vikram	B.
Connor	W.	Joshveer	J.		

Grade 6 Honors with Distinction

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
Aly-Salman	S.	Michael	S.
Asna	A.	Murtaza	S.
Danielle	W.	Riya	R.
Jamie	C.	Spencer	O.
Jasleen	B.	Sulekha	S.
Jessica	L.	Suraya	N.
Justin	P.	Victoria	P.
Kristine	D.	Zamaan	B.
Mandeep	S.		

Grade 6 Honors

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
Aaqil	R.	Jackson	S.	Parveer	D.
Aasim	B.	Josh	B.	Prabhjot	L.
Aidan	W.	Kahrun	G.	Prableen	K.
Ajay	S.	Kamalpreet	M.	Rachel	A.
Ajaypal	M.	Katryna	M.	Rebecca	H.
Akash	P.	Kelly	L.	Richard	A.
Amy	S.	Kiara	B.	Rizan	J.
Arshdeep	G.	Kirandeep	H.	Sahir	B.
Aspen	S.	Leanna	S.	Sam	S.
Avneet	M.	Madison	C.	Sara-Maya	K.
Bhavisha	P.	Malika	D.	Seena	H.
Brandon	D.	Manik	S.	Shalfali	M.
Dhruvi	P.	Manraj	D.	Shaney	S.
Dorliana	M.	Manvir	B.	Sidrah	A.
Emily	M.	Martha	S.	Sumeet	D.
Grayson	P.	Megan	G.	Yi Xuan	G.
Gurbir	P.	Navneet	P.	Zayn	J.
Hasham	S.				



Congratulations!



Grade 7 Honors with Distinction

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Ameen S.	Jordan L.		
Ashley L.	Kadin A.		
Athena M.	Kezia S.		
Bonnie Y.	Manreet K.		
David A.	Martha B.		
Iman J.	Megan W.		
Jaspri B.	Natalie H.		
Jeevanjot K.			

Grade 8 Honors with Distinction

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Alaina M.	Harsupreet S.		
Aliya K.	Heather M.		
Alysha S.	Isaiah S.		
Areesha A.	Karan R.		
Aster L.	Manpriya J.		
Brandon S.	Prabhpreet G.		
Elaine N.	Sarang A.		
Erin G.	Shazia J.		
Gurman U.	Simran S.		
Gurmeen G.	Suman R.		
Harleen K.	Umair S.		
Haroon M.	Vanessa L.		

Grade 7 Honors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Aamir L.	Hamreet G.	Madelaine E.	
Alissa G.	Harjot B.	Manveer S.	
Aly J.	Harjot S.	Matthew M.	
Anjali K.	Harman B.	Meet Kamal G.	
Arpanpreet D.	Harminderpreet D.	Navpreet B.	
Arshnoor K.	Harpreet F.	Nilakshi D.	
Baldev G.	Harveen S.	Peter N.	
Brittany F.	Hashim C.	Ravneet S.	
Bryan W.	Heather C.	Rohit S.	
Curtis M.	Jacob T.	Rumsha K.	
Dhanveen G.	Jashanpreet D.	Sabir T.	
Ejaaz L.	Jasmine B.	Sabob B.	
Farzeen K.	Jennifer T.	Sagar J.	
Fatmi E.	Joel C.	Simran G.	
Funto A.	Joseph C.	Simran D.	
Guneet D.	Kabir S.	Simran G.	
Gurick K.	Karnveer B.	Sulman A.	
Gurkirat U.	Kiranpreet R.	Sunvy T.	
Gurleen R.	Kyleigh A.	Vikrimjeet L.	
Gurleen C.			

Grade 8 Honors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Ahmed I.	Harleen B.	Navleen B.	
Akeel O.	Imran A.	Noor M.	
Amrit G.	Ivdeep N.	Prabhjot N.	
Anchal R.	Jaiveen M.	Rahim D.	
Anthony P.	Jashanjot D.	Rajdeep K.	
Anusha S.	Jazmine F.	Riley C.	
Apkirat N.	Jordanne R.	Ruhee J.	
Arjan S.	Joshua C.	Ryan P.	
Arron P.	Katryna V.	Sahej J.	
Arshdeep M.	Krystina S.	Samir J.	
Azan J.	Mackey H.	Sammi T.	
Bilawal B.	Madeleine A.	Shane A.	
Chad A.	Manisha G.	Sumeet S.	
Cindy C.	Manpreet S.	Suneet J.	
Damandeep G.	Melissa B.	Tanisha B.	
Dawsyn M.	Moiz A.	Tanner A.	
Francesca F.	Monika S.	Tanya V.	

Congratulations!



The Usborne Book Fair

The Usborne Book Fair is coming

The Usborne book fair will be at the school library during the learning conferences on the 27th & 28th January, 2011

Students will get the opportunity to view the books available to buy during class time on Wednesday 26th January and Thursday 27th January

FFCA will earn 30% of free books from everything you buy. ☺ Help us raise much needed resources for our school.

Can't come? Browse the Usborne online catalogue in the link provided below, fill out the order form and bring to school by Thursday 27th January - orders will arrive in about two weeks.

www.usborneonline.ca/kidsbooks

Book Fair Times

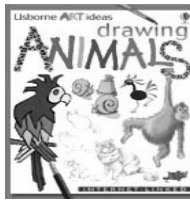
Thursday 27th January: Evening 3.30pm-8.30pm

Friday 28th January: Day time 9.00am-noon



Usborne Books

COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL!



- Usborne Publishing offers **only books**, with the majority priced between \$5 and \$15.
- Student viewings of the books will take place on Wednesday & Thursday, with "Wish Lists" going home at the end of the day.
- We accept cash, cheques (made out to Carol Lethaby), VISA and MasterCard.
- FFCA earns 30% in free books from your sales!
- An Usborne consultant will be on hand to help you choose from the many titles on display, and to answer any questions about these high quality and exceptional books (most which support the Alberta Curriculum).
- There are over 2000 titles to choose from.
- The Usborne on-line catalogue can be used...using the WISHLIST option **ONLY**.
- Your order will be delivered to the school within 2-3 weeks from the Literacy Fair.

Thurs. Jan. 27 from 3:30pm to 8:15 pm
Fri. Jan. 28 from 9:00am to Noon

FREE BOOK DRAW SLIP

Cut out and bring to the Library

NAME: _____

CLASSRM: _____



USBORNE BOOK FAIR



BOOKS THAT I AM INTERESTED IN/ ORDER FORM:

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

TEACHER NAME & GRADE: _____

TITLES:	PRICE:
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____



Subtotal: _____

+ 5% GST _____

Total Due: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Please enclose in a sealed envelope with this order form.

- Cash or
- Cheque - Made out to **Carol Lethaby**

Note: MasterCard/Visa can only be used when payment is made in person at the school.

See our online catalogue at www.usborneonline.ca/kidsbooks

Please return before the end of school week - Thurs. Jan. 27
 Orders will arrive in about 2 weeks.

Your purchase earns 30% in free books for the FFCA North Middle School Library.

Thank you for your continued support!



FFCA ON LINE AUCTION



November 2011

Dear FFCA Parents:

Your FFCA Association of School Councils (ASC) is pleased to announce that plans are underway for the **2011 "FFCA Online Auction" extravaganza!**

We are currently negotiating with a very experienced and successful Online Auction Company, **Go Bid**, which specializes in online auctions for *not-for-profit* and *charitable organizations*. With a focus on exceptional customer service, we are confident that **Go Bid** will be our 2011 online auction vendor and will work with us to reach our fundraising goals through a better than ever online auction. Please check out their website:

<http://www.gobid.ca>

Watch your e-mail, FFCA Newsletters and the FFCA website for all of the online auction specifics including dates, timelines, donations & contributions as well as specific volunteer opportunities, time commitments, etc. Questions? Please contact your Campus School Council Chair.

On behalf of the ASC and all School Council members, thanks for your continued support and enthusiasm for our online auction!

Leslie Barnes, Chair
Association of School Councils





2011 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 PD DAY NO SCHOOL 	4 Classes Resume Welcome Back! 	5	6	7
10 PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 6PM 	11	12 BOARD MEETING CENTRAL OFFICE 6PM 	13 GRADE 6 FIELD TRIP POLICE INTERPRETIVE CENTRE	14
17	18	19	20	21 CASUAL DAY HOT LUNCH MR. SUB
24	25	26 GRADE 7 & 8 FIELD TRIP VERTIGO THEATRE	27 LEARNING CONFERENCES EVENING / USBORNE BOOK FAIR FAMILY VIEWING	28 LEARNING CONFERENCES NO SCHOOL / USBORNE BOOK FAIR FAMILY VIEWING
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14 PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 6PM 	15	16 BOARD MEETING CENTRAL OFFICE 6PM 	17 PD DAY NO SCHOOL 	18 PD DAY NO SCHOOL 
21 FAMILY DAY NO SCHOOL 	22	23	24	25 Hot Lunch / Field Trip Grade 5K & 5W - Fort Calgary Interpretive Centre Casual Day
28 Field Trip Grade 5DH & 5DV - Fort Calgary Interpretive Centre				