



# The Phoenix Messenger

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## ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Fall is here at last! Each morning I step outside to the bus zone and notice more and more leaves on the ground. I also notice a few other things:

- Litter. Littering is discarding garbage on the floor or ground in a public place. The City of Calgary has a bylaw that states that garbage must not be disposed of on any public property, aside from in an appropriate garbage receptacle. Littering isn't bad just because it's against the law. It's bad because it contributes to an unclean, unsafe environment, and also makes the school grounds look lousy. Please consider taking some time to review with your child the importance of using a proper garbage receptacle.
- Occasional incidents of jaywalking. Jaywalking is crossing the street at a place other than at an intersection, or marked crosswalk, or against a red light. It is against the law to jaywalk in Alberta. You should always cross streets at intersections (where two or more streets meet), or at a marked crosswalk. It's important that for our children's safety we teach them the rules of the road, as well as model those rules to them.
- Occasional U-Turns. In Alberta's urban areas a U-turn is not permitted on any roadway between intersections. Once again it's important to model the rules of the road to our children. Remember, a little bit of courtesy and patience goes a long way to making our bus zone a safe place.

Together, with clear and consistent expectations, we can make our school a cleaner, safer environment!



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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.



## Let it Snow! Let it Snow!



We are happy to announce that the SRC has purchased snowshoes for the students of FFCA NMS to use this winter. As you know, Calgary's winters can be very snowy. Our new snowshoes will enable us to get out and delight in some of that snow and get lots of fresh air and exercise. These new snowshoes might look like tennis rackets but they aren't! These adjustable snowshoes will fit everyone from the grade 5s to the teachers. Thanks to the SRC, we now have 60 pairs of snowshoes to enjoy during gym class.

## Business and Craft Fair

The FFCA High School, School Council will be hosting their first annual Business and Craft Fair on:

Saturday November 6, 2010  
At FFCA High School Campus  
1919 - 76 Avenue SE  
10:00am - 3:00pm

If you have any questions please email [sharon.corbiell@shaw.ca](mailto:sharon.corbiell@shaw.ca) directly.



## Scholastic Book Fair Update



The Scholastic book fair was a great success, resulting in lots of resources for our school.

Thank you to all the parents and students who came and supported the book fair. Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who helped out. Without your contribution the book fair would not be possible.

Michelle Trenholm  
North Middle School Library

## Parent Council Fundraising

Parent council, in collaboration with the school staff, has identified the expansion of library resources and technology resources as the fundraising focuses for this school year. To begin, we will be having a fundraiser through Coco Brooks. The launch date will be Friday, November 5. On that day, I will require volunteers to assist with the event promotion. The fundraiser will last for one and a half weeks and the order forms will be due back at school on November 17. At least eight volunteers will be needed on this date to assist with counting the money and processing the orders. This will probably take most of the day but we will gratefully accept any volunteers, even if you can only give an hour or two of your time. If you are able to volunteer for either of these days, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Christine Cloutier, at [cm.ck03@hotmail.com](mailto:cm.ck03@hotmail.com) or myself at [angbw4@gmail.com](mailto:angbw4@gmail.com). Completed orders will be available for pick up on Tuesday, December 7.

Thank you for your support in this event.

Angela Wright  
Parent Council Fundraising

## Cobra Cross Country Team

Over the past 2 months our school's cross country team has ran in a number of races at River Park and Canmore Park in Calgary. As well, several students also ran in the Southern Alberta Zone meet at the Nordic Center in Canmore. Manreet K. managed to win our school's only medal of the year coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at one of the meets at Canmore Park. All of the athletes worked extremely hard at practice and showed true Cobra spirit by running through less than ideal weather conditions during some of the races. Mr. Deis and Ms. DeVries would like to thank all the athletes for putting in all their hard work this year!



## Scrapbooking Club



We have started our scrapbook club for students in Grade 5 and 6. We will be meeting once a week to create a special photo box cube. We are looking for donations of paper, punches, adhesive, brads, buttons, and stickers. Any supplies would be appreciated!

If you have any questions,  
Please contact Ms. Brown at  
[christina.brown@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:christina.brown@ffca-calgary.com)



## Counsellor's Corner

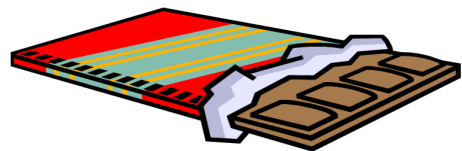
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Christine Payne and I am the new Family School Liaison Counsellor. It is exciting to be part of this wonderful school and I am looking forward to getting to know the students and families better. I am available to support students and parents in a variety of areas such as social, emotional, and behavioural challenges. I encourage you to contact me if you are unsure if I can be of assistance. I am just settling into my role, building relationships and connecting with students, parents and staff. Stay tuned for updates regarding programs as they will be forthcoming!!

## Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Our chocolate fundraiser is off to an amazing start! Thank you to all the families who have already sold their entire boxes. This is our school's most important fundraiser. Please note the following important dates:

- Each student who sells their box of chocolates by Oct. 29th will earn a free Casual Day on Nov. 5.
- The class at each grade level that sells all of their chocolates first will get a Pizza Party on Nov. 5.
- Any students wishing to sell more chocolates have until Nov. 15.
- The three top sales persons will each receive a \$100 Gift Certificate from Best Buy on Nov. 19.

Thank you for supporting our school! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Moore or Ms. Brown.



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## Important Notice to Southland Bus Parents

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With winter fast approaching, we would like to remind you to sign up for the Southland Bus Communication System. This is the easiest and quickest way to receive information directly from your driver if they are experiencing any kind of delay on route. **You can receive an email to your email address and/or a text to your cell phone.** Please note that some cell phone companies do charge an additional fee for this service. Please be aware that your child's campus will no longer phone parents in either the morning or afternoon when a delay occurs.

Go to: **[www.yourschoolbus.com](http://www.yourschoolbus.com)**

User name is: **ffcasubscriber**

Password is: **signup**

Then follow the link and provide the information needed.

If you do not have access to email or a cell phone you must contact Southland Transportation directly to determine the status of your child's bus. Please remember that the dispatchers are very busy at peak bussing times, morning and afternoon. Do not call until a bus is at least 15 minutes late.

**ATTENTION:** All Willco bus routes carrying NMS students will have a fan out system set up in November. If you are interested in volunteering in this phone fan out in the event of a delay, please contact Susan Goldsmith by email. [Susan.goldsmith@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:Susan.goldsmith@ffca-calgary.com)

Please ensure you arrive five (5) minutes prior to the bus stop pick up and drop off times.








Transportation requests will NOT be reviewed until after September 22, beginning with the most urgent. We will address any concerns raised regarding the **safety** of a particular stop location. In these situations we will have the Southland/Willco Transportation safety department visit the stop and make recommendations regarding the stop. **Stop change requests will not be considered for convenience and/or proximity to residences as we locate stops to service a number of families.**

Susan Goldsmith  
Director of Transportation











2010 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
4 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR CLASSROOM VIEWING 	5 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR CLASSROOM VIEWING	6 HOJA PERFORMANCE / SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR CLASSROOM VIEWING	7 LEARNING CONFERENCES NO SCHOOL / SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FAMILY VIEWING	8 LEARNING CONFERENCES NO SCHOOL / SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FAMILY VIEWING
11 THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL 	12	13 BOARD MEETING CENTRAL OFFICE 6PM 	14	15
18 PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 6PM 	19	20 RESPECT CHARACTER ASSEMBLY	21	22
25 PD DAY NO SCHOOL 	26 PD DAY NO SCHOOL 	27	28	29 CASUAL DAY / HOT LUNCH PIZZA HUT PASTA 





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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
8 PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 6PM 	9	10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY  NO SCHOOL	12 PD DAY NO SCHOOL 
15	16	17 BOARD MEETING CENTRAL OFFICE 6PM 	18	19
22	23	24 CHILDREN'S COTTAGE ASSEMBLY PERIOD 4	25	26 TERM 1 REPORT CARDS  CASUAL DAY /HOT LUNCH – TACO BELL 
29	30			