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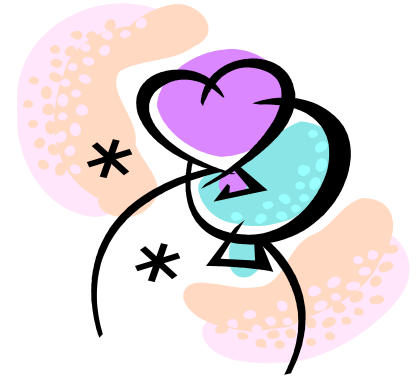
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EXTRA EDITION

JANUARY 2012

The January newsletter came out a week early . . .

So here are some very important additions—please take a look!



Dear FFCA Stakeholders.

CHARACTER FUND ANNOUNCEMENT

The ASC (Association of School Councils - is a FFCA Council membership consisting of Chairs and Vice- Chairs from all FFCA campuses) held a meeting on January 11, 2012. The ASC resolved to reserve disbursement of the Character Fund applications pending further review and recommendations from the Character Fund Committee. All applications will be held in trust until such time.

Thank you,

Laura Freeman
ASC Chairperson



Our MISSION at FFCA is:

“To provide a safe and caring environment where academic excellence, character development, parental involvement and staff leadership are valued and fostered.”

Our VISION at FFCA is:

“Excellence in student achievement and character development through distinctive teaching and learning.”

Dear FFCA Stakeholders.

AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The ASC (Association of School Councils) has made a decision at our meeting held on January 11, 2012 regarding participation in the on-line auction. Although this has been a popular FFCA fundraiser in which participation was community-wide; we have been unsuccessful in finding an on-line auction provider that meets our needs. We have experienced many difficulties with past on-line auctions and thus the negatives outweigh the positives. We are currently trying to find an alternative FFCA school-wide activity that is suitable for all campuses. We are asking if any stakeholders have any ideas on a one-school event please send to their campus council chair.

Thank you,

Laura Freeman
Chairperson ASC



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Reporting Late or Absent Students (24 hour Attendance Line)

All student lates or absences should be reported to the school office.

We have 24-hour Attendance Line—**403 258-2728 ext 221**

- even if the teacher has been notified—in case there is a substitute teacher who does not have access to the staff email messages
- this helps the office track missing students in a timely fashion
—particularly on busy days such as bad weather days)

Please give . . .

- student name & homeroom
- late or absent
- reason for late or absence



Please & Thanks! Carole Hilger—School Secretary

NEW

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DATES

Thursday, January 26 & Friday January 27

EASY

SCHOOL SOFT—CONFERENCE BOOKING SYSTEM

Please refer to the 'bright' notice sent home January 11!

System opened Saturday, January 14 at 8:00am.

Register—then Book your own date(s) & time(s)!

<https://ffcasoutheast.schoolsoft.ca>

or

[www.ffca-calgary.com/Campuses/SEE/Links-Parent Conference Schedule](http://www.ffca-calgary.com/Campuses/SEE/Links-Parent%20Conference%20Schedule)

Our SEE Kindergarten children making a difference!

Calgary Refugee Health Program

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December 19, 2011

Dear FFCA,

Our staff allowed me the privilege of writing this letter in the hopes that I could somehow communicate our collective gratitude for your generous donation of stuffed animals and toys. Alas, I am still at a loss for words, for no one word in the English language can describe the emotion that your gift brings to the little ones at this clinic. "Hope," comes close, but it's more than that. "Bliss," almost conveys it, but bliss implies a lack of worry, which may not be wholly accurate either. Rather, when a child grasps a stuffed toy and hugs it close, the strangeness of this strange, cold new land is temporarily put aside and for a time all is made right because all that matters is this new friendly fuzzy brightly colored joy. Thank you for letting us share this gift with the children. We all hope you have a wonderful holiday season. You certainly deserve it.

Sincerely,

Eric Norrie

M.O.A
Calgary Refugee Health Program

SEE KINDERGARTEN CLASSES — 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE'!

'The Kindergarten classes at SEE have continued our tradition of working with the Calgary Refugee Health Clinic as their Service Learning project.

Students in all four classes were asked to bring in gently used toys from November 14 - 23 to donate to the children of families who use the services of the health clinic. These families struggle to meet daily living needs and toys are often a luxury item.

Through this project, kindergarten students were able to give and show compassion by being part of a caring community.

What better time of year than now to show that they can 'make a difference'!



Wow, this letter emits such a passionate, and genuinely conveyed 'Thank You!'.

Our SEE Kindergarten children can once again experience the joy of giving.

(article from the December Newsletter)