



## 2011-2012 Volume 4

## Happy New Year SWE Families!



I trust you had a safe and enjoyable winter break and are ready to hit the ground running as we have already here at the Southwest Campus.

I am looking forward to continuing to develop our parent partnerships throughout the year.

Please take a moment to read the following announcements from our Association of School Councils. Any questions can be forwarded directly to me at [cjwhitbread@shaw.ca](mailto:cjwhitbread@shaw.ca).

**Joy Whitbread**  
School Council Chair

"Life is no brief candle for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

*George Bernard Shaw*

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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 for stakeholders who have any ideas for a one-school event to please send them to their campus Council Chair.

### CHARACTER FUND ANNOUNCEMENT

The ASC (Association of School Councils - an 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

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### FFCA SWE Annual Family Skating Event



The first 100 children through the door will get a treat!

Come enjoy the lovely month of February (Valentine's Day and Family Day!) with an afternoon of skating fun with family and friends to celebrate our wonderful FFCA community!

**When:** Thursday, February 16th from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

**Where:** Southland Leisure Centre Arenas, 2000 Southland Dr. S.W.

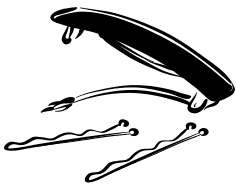
**Cost:** \$2 per person or \$5 per family (fees are to help with costs)

**First 100 children through the door receive a treat!**

Save the date! See you there!



### Uniform Reminders



Please remember that hair accessories should be **burgundy**, **white**, **black**, or **forest green**.

Please keep in mind that hair accessories **need to coordinate** with our uniform. They should be either **burgundy**, **white**, **black**, or **forest green**.

We also have a small supply of extra buttons for cardigans, burgundy polo shirts, and Wear It white polo shirts. If you need one, please let me know.

If you have any concerns about the uniform, please feel free to speak with me so that I can pass the information along to the Administration and Central Office.

**Elizabeth Zielke**  
**Character & Wellness/ Uniform Representative**  
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### Uniform Consignment Site

Get great deals on gently-used uniform pieces!



Check out the **Uniform Consignment Site** to purchase gently-used uniform pieces to keep your child looking good.

Parents have reported to me that they found the site easy to use and were able to purchase just what they needed at a great price. If you have items that you do not need anymore, I encourage you to post them on the website because *there is a parent out there waiting to buy it!*

The site can be found under your Family Log In on the FFCA Website:

Choose "[Parent Information](#)", then "[Family Log In](#)".

To shop and buy, choose "[Consignment Store](#)".

To post an item for sale on the site, choose "[Your Consignment Items](#)".

All purchases are between parent and parent. Purchasing is **not** through the website.

Please check out the website!

**Elizabeth Zielke**  
Character & Wellness/ Uniform Representative

Also, don't forget to *sell your items* as there is always someone looking for a good deal.

### Remember to Check Out Our FFCA Specialty Items!



We are excited to offer an array of specialty items emblazoned with our FFCA logo, available for purchase through the office. Please see our October School Council Newsletter in the Southwest Elementary Campus link on the FFCA website for complete details on the full range of products available.

Please stop by the gym hallway cabinet to check out some of the items on display!

These items are a great way to support FFCA and show your school spirit!





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### Campbell's Labels for Education



Andy Warhol said he painted soup cans because he had soup for lunch every day for 20 years!

Great work on collecting labels! The next pickup will be on Fun Lunch Friday, which is **January 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Keep saving those product labels, and, if you are looking for volunteer work to do at home, please ask your teacher or room parent about counting the labels for your child's classroom.

Kathy Becker  
Campbell's Soup Representative  
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**January is  
National Soup  
Month!**

**The earliest  
archeological  
evidence for  
the consump-  
tion of soup  
dates back to  
6000 BC, and  
the main  
ingredient was  
hippopotamus!**

Please remember to keep the **Parent Volunteer Workroom** as neat and tidy as possible for everyone.

As parents, we have been afforded the luxury of a GREAT place for the siblings to play while we volunteer our time.

It is **our** responsibility to keep the workroom clean and organized. **Please** take a peek before you leave to make sure that it is even better than it was when you arrived!

### Don't forget to log your **January volunteer hours** on-line!

1. Go to the FFCA website [www.ffca-calgary.com](http://www.ffca-calgary.com) and choose the **Parent Information** tab. Click <Family Login>.
2. Login using your valid username and password.
3. On the **Welcome to the Family Zone** page, select <Family Volunteer Hours> on the right.
4. Using the drop down arrows, complete the form. We are the Southwest Elementary Campus.
5. At the bottom, click **Create/Add**.

Do not forget to log out by clicking **Logout** at the top right when you are done!



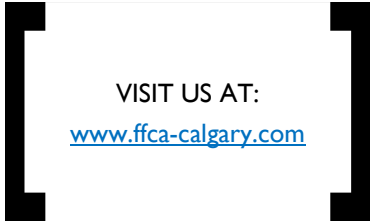
**Keep a lookout  
in your email  
inbox for more  
great volunteer  
opportunities!**

**If you need  
help logging  
your volunteer  
hours, do not  
hesitate to ask!**



## SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY CAMPUS

Join us at our next School Council Meeting!



Next Council Meeting: Monday, February 13 @ 6:15pm

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 15 @ 6:00pm

Casual Day: Friday, January 20 – “Show Your Culture Day”

Fun Lunch: Friday, January 20—Taco Bell

Student-Led Conferences: Wednesday, January 25-Friday - January 27

Family Skating: Thursday, February 16, 2:30pm—4:00pm

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### VISION

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