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Warmest Greetings SWE!



Is it just me or are others wondering how it got to be November already?

I know one thing, there has been no shortage of activity around Southwest Elementary!

If you have missed it, there is no need to worry – November and December are packed with fun and educational goodness as well. Ask us how you can get involved!

Thank you to all who were able to attend the last School Council meeting on November 14th! What??? You missed it??? Well, guess what? There is another one right around the corner on December 12th at 6:15 pm. We're saving you a seat!

Enjoy the crispness in the air and stay warm (and active!).

Joy Whitbread
School Council Chair

"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them become what they are capable of becoming."

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Holiday Baking for the Staff



Volunteers are needed to provide baked goods for the staff in December.

Christmas is around the corner and, as the Community Coordinator, I'm looking for some parent volunteers who are willing to provide some yummy baking for our hardworking staff at FFCA. If you can provide some goodies in **December** please contact me, Karen Brown, at minds@shaw.ca.

I'd also like to send out a huge **"thank you"** to the parents who provided food for our last teacher appreciation dinner on October 6. It turned out fantastic!

Karen Brown
Community Coordinator

Campbell's Labels for Education



Volunteer to count the labels. Just ask your room parent for more information!

The next label pick-up is Friday, November 18th!

Did you know that women are more than twice as likely as men to cite soup as a typical lunch?

The October labels are just being counted now – it looked like families had been saving them all summer long! Great work!

The next pick-up will be on Fun Lunch Friday, which is early this month – Friday, November 18th.

If you are looking for volunteer work to do at home, ask your teacher or room parent about counting the labels for your child's classroom.

Keep saving those product labels! For a full listing of eligible products, please see our October Newsletter.

Kathy Becker
Campbell's Soup Representative
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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. See our October Newsletter for photos and descriptions of our items.

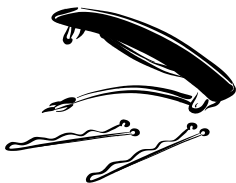
These items are a great way to support FFCA and show your school spirit!

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





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

Uniform Reminders

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

Tip: The holiday break is a great time to have your child bring home his or her school shoes to check for fit and shape.

With the feasts of the Holiday Season fast approaching and the aftermath of all the Halloween candy... you may find that your child does some growing in the next few months.

Check out the **Uniform Consignment Site** to purchase gently-used uniform pieces to keep your child looking good. Take time during the break to take inventory of what you need to add to your stock.

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



Take time during the break to check on your child's uniform needs!

Access to the site is through your **Family Log In** on the **FFCA Website**.

Tip: The holiday break is a great time to have your child bring home his or her school shoes to check for fit and shape.

Elizabeth Zielke
Character & Wellness/ Uniform Representative

Wellness Committee News



Over 8,000 pieces of candy were collected and donated to the Mustard Seed!

Dump Your Junk was a success in gathering Halloween candy. We had over 8,000 pieces of candy donated to the Mustard Seed.

The **12 Days of Wellness** will run from December 1 to December 16 to lead our staff and students into the Holiday Season on a healthy note. School Council will be donating mandarin oranges to all students and staff for the first day of the **12 Days of Wellness**.

Elizabeth Zielke
Character & Wellness Coordinator,
on behalf of the Wellness Committee





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Volunteer Hours

Greetings SWE Families!

From field trips to take-home projects, hot lunch distribution to classroom volunteering, every minute counts. Not only does it count towards your volunteer commitment but, more importantly, your efforts contribute to enriching the lives of the children in our school.

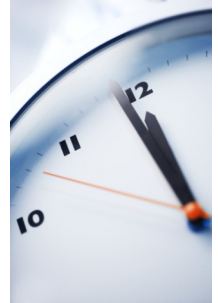
Congratulations to the following families on achieving the 20-hour volunteer commitment:

Filonova, Floyd, Janke, Loepky, Wells, Bell, Chant, Lerner, Sallis, Wiebe, Niaz, Erkin, Locke, Nadeau-Bender, Miles, Lomboy, Crowchild, Byers, Horrocks, Chen, Rolfe, Vespa, Teo, Krippel, Garcha, Schmidt, Bates, Parkinson, Murray.

Our campus has had 47% of families log volunteer time and I know there are many more families that have volunteered but have not logged hours yet. Please remember to do so and, if you need assistance, please let me know and I can show you how, or log them for you. Also, your child's teacher, room parent, and the volunteer coordinator are here and able to help any family, in any situation, to at least track one hour of time towards your 20-hour volunteer commitment.

Happy Volunteering!

Amanda Lomboy
SWE Volunteer Coordinator



Every minute you volunteer has a positive impact on the lives of the children at FFCA SWE.

Please remember to log your **November and December volunteer hours** on-line!

1. Go to the FFCA website 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!

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



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Join us at our next School Council Meeting!

- Next Council Meetings: Monday, December 12 @ 6:15pm
- Monday, January 9 @ 6:15pm
- Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 14 @ 6:00pm
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- Casual Day: Friday, November 18 – “What I Want To
- Be When I Grow Up” Day
- Friday, December 16—Pyjama Day
- Fun Lunch: Friday, November 18
- Friday, December 16
- Term I Report Cards: Wednesday, November 23
- PD Days (No School): Thursday, November 24
- Friday, November 25
- Winter Break: December 19—January 1
- PD Day (No School): Monday, January 2



Look for the next School Council Newsletter in January 2012!



Have a wonderful Winter Break!