

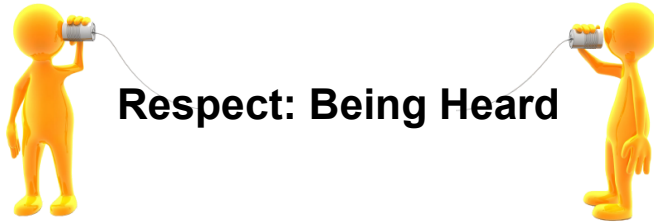


The Phoenix Messenger

Southeast Elementary Campus 9711 Academy Drive SE Calgary, AB T2J 1A9

“ A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL ”

By: Brandi Symonds and the Grade 3 team



Respect: Being Heard

For the month of October and November, SEE will be focusing on the character trait of **RESPECT**. The students will learn about respecting themselves, one another, and the world around them.

Treating everyone with respect is essential to creating a safe and caring environment at FFCA. Respect begins with basic courtesies that make our days better—**please**, **thank you**, and **excuse me** are the first evidence of a respectful community. Respecting peoples’ time is the next. Respectful people show up as promised and ready to begin. And then there is the true test of a respectful community—how you treat the person you disagree with or the stranger who can do nothing for you.

At FFCA, we don’t leave important things to chance and that includes our commitment to teaching and modelling exemplary character in our daily lives. It should come as no surprise to anyone that we have a very special document called **“Being Heard”**.

The Being Heard document sets out the communication process for anyone who does not feel satisfied with the way a conversation is going or a concern is being addressed. Stated as simply as possible, you always bring your concern to the person directly first. You assume the other person is interested in hearing your perspective and acknowledging your concern. We have included a copy of the **Being Heard** document in this newsletter for your future reference.

At SEE, we strive to act respectfully everyday in the little things like please and thank you and the big things—hard professional conversations and a culture of ongoing and wide-reaching collaboration.

Knowing you will be treated with respect helps build trust and trust allows people to take risks and taking risks is necessary to learning. We don’t call **RESPECT** a core virtue for nothing!



OCTOBER 2019

THANK YOU

I'M SORRY

PLEASE

EXCUSE ME

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

Our VISION at FFCA is:

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



IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO BE...

ABSENT?

(Sick, appointment, holiday, etc.)

LATE?

(Appointment / car trouble, etc.)

Please notify the school office by:

Calling the 24 hour Attendance Line 403-258-2728 ext. 221 and leave the following information:

- Student's Full Name
- Homeroom
- Reason for Absence or Late



The SEE Library
will not be
circulating books
from

October 7-31

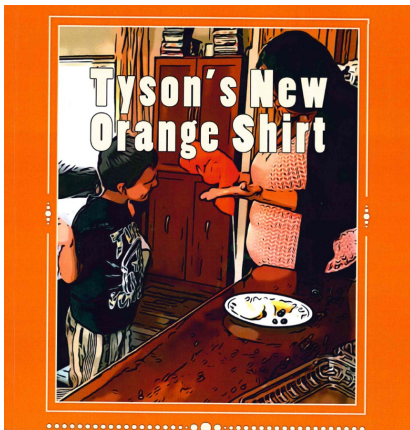
All student materials need to be returned between October 7-18.

FFCA is changing to a new library management system and while every effort was made to keep the school library functional during the transition—we have reached the point where we need to pause our circulation for a bit to finalize the data transfer and maintain accurate inventory records.

The library will be open to teachers and students during the school day during this time.

Thanks you in advance for your understanding!

Orange Shirt Day



September 30 has been designed as a day to remember all of the children who were forced to attend residential schools.

We read **Tyson's New Orange Shirt**. As a school, we reflected on what makes us unique and special and how lucky we are to be able to go home to our family at the end of every school day.

All students all received an **Orange Shirt** Button to wear in memory of the residential school students, including Phyllis Webstad who had her brand new

orange shirt taken from her as a child. We posted the video we made and watched on the **Edsby** river.



Counselor's Corner

Hi Parents of SEE,

It is so amazing to be back in the full swing of the school year. There are so many great things already happening and lots of learning and fun to be had this year.

I am going to a professional development course on October 3rd on children's developing brains and the use of technology. This is something that I am very interested in as sometimes even with limited screen time, kids can be so hyper focused on their devices. There is also a parent component to the course. Anyone can attend. It is run through the Calgary Regional Consortium (CRC) and will be held on the evening of October 3rd. If you would like more information about the evening event please visit the CRC website at <https://www.crcpd.ab.ca>

Also, if you cannot make it to the evening session, but would like more knowledge or information about the session, please email me so I can share what I learned with you.

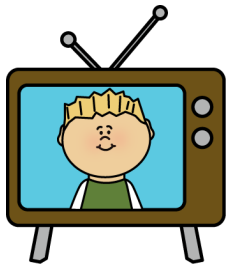
Thanks for a great start to the school year!

Anna Hodgson

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403.258.2728 ext 247

RESPECT TV - Tune in!



For the months of October and November, the Grade 1 team will be leading SEE students on a school wide project to help students develop their understanding of the character virtue of respect. **Each class will be creating at least one episode for our school wide "TV channel," *Respect TV*.** Teachers will air one episode per day in their classrooms, so that all students are both watching and contributing to *Respect TV*.

Episodes might feature short skits, interviews, read alouds, poems, or jokes all centered around the theme of respect. Episodes will be designed and created by students, with the support of their teachers. The project will cumulate in a school assembly led by the Grade 1 students later in November. We are so excited to launch *Respect TV* and to highlight the important character virtue of respect.



SAVE THE DATE

Spring Concert

Tuesday, March 3rd @ 6:30 PM

First Alliance Church

(more details to follow in the New Year)

WestJet Raffle

School Council is offering you the chance to:

**Win one (1) roundtrip flight for two (2) guests,
to any regularly scheduled WestJet destination.**



Tickets will be sold during Parent Teacher Interviews on **October 10th & 11th** in the school lobby. A limited number of tickets (1450) will be sold for \$10 each (cash only). Tickets sold on a first come basis.



Please see full contest rules posted in the school lobby. Watch your kids homework folders for further information coming home in October.



2019-2020 Casual Days

September 27 RED & WHITE DAY – Terry Fox Run

October 18 Tickle Trunk (Dress up Day)

November 29 NO THEME

December 20 PJs and Stuffies

January 17 NO THEME

February 28 Career Day

March 20 NO THEME

April 17 Crazy Hair Day

May 23 NO THEME

June 12 WESTERN WEAR DAY



Digital Citizenship

Internet Safety



At school we have been learning the importance of digital citizenship. You might be wondering what that really means to an SEE student. There is a lot to learn about passwords and how you use the internet safely. We would like to share what we have been doing here at school so that you can use these same words at home to support safe and responsible use of the computer and any other device that connects to the internet.

This is Georgina.

Safety Hat: She has a safety hat on to help her to remember to protect her private information. Never put your name on the internet or tell others your passwords.

Heart of Respect: Remember to speak kindly to others when you are online.

Stomach Stay Safe: If you are playing on an internet site and your stomach starts to feel uneasy, that is your body telling you that something you are looking at is wrong. Click on the x and get out of the site right away.

Feet: Balance your internet time with other outdoor activities, and remember to stomp out cyber bullying.

Red light website: This would be a website with lots of words and no fun kid pictures. Shut down this site immediately.

Yellow light website: May have some pictures, but not a fun place to play. You need permission from your parents to be on this site. It might ask you for your name.

Green light website: It a safe place to play. Your mom and dad let you go to this website and it has lots of fun activities.



Children live in a connected world; let's teach them to play & learn safely.



**Welcome
Memory Book Coordinators!**

A warm welcome to our 2019/20 Memory Book Coordinators. Thank you for volunteering!

I am very excited to share that all of the memory book coordinator positions for this year are filled!

Please help these amazing volunteers, who put hours of dedication into creating memories for our kids, by sending them your pictures when you volunteer.

The hardest part of our job is collecting pictures. Please do your best to make this easier on the memory book coordinator for your classroom and send them your pictures as soon as possible.

Information will be available soon on Edsby regarding how to order a Memory Book for your child this year. You will be able to order one copy of the memory book on Family Login for \$25. Additional copies may be purchased by emailing me directly.

Marcia Bruce

Lead Memory Book Coordinator, SEE
marciabruce@gmail.com



Room	Memory Book Coordinators
KMAM	<u>Kima S.</u>
KMPM	Amy K.
KTAM	Ashlyn B. & Lisa B.
KTPM	Marcia B.
1C	Kasia C.
1D	Robyn C. & Nimisha C.
1K	Caylee D.
1M	Erika H.
2D	Anastasia B.
2K	Janelle A.
2M	Lisa B.
2V	Grace W.
3CL	Leona F.
3CO	Marcia B.
3H	Grace W.
3S	Candice P.
4C	Anastasia B.
4R	Renee M.
4S	Erika H.



Keeping Fun Lunch Fun and Manageable

A few reminders

- ☑ Some parents are bringing a fast food lunch for their child(ren) on Fun Lunch Days presumably because the child did not like the option that day. We ask that ALL **LUNCHES be left at the OFFICE with their name(s) and homeroom on it.** Please **do not deliver the lunch to the classroom** as it interrupts learning time. We will deliver any dropped off items promptly at lunch. One more reminder: **We do not allow pop at school.**
- ☑ For those ordering fun lunch, you **still need to send a snack** for your child on that day. We see several students coming to the office for snacks because they are hungry.



Fun Lunch 2019-2020

- October 18 – Boston Pizza (Pizza)
- November 29 – Noodle Box
- December 20 – Pita Pit
- January 17 – Boston Pizza (Pasta)
- February 28 – Mucho Burrito
- March 20 – A&W
- April 17 – Boston Pizza (Pizza Pockets)
- May 22 – Wok Box
- June 12 – Subway

School Council would like to thank you, the parents, for continued support of the Fun Lunch Program! A reminder that ordering closes Sunday evening, the week of the fun lunch & we cannot accept late orders through Healthy Hunger. Our next lunch is Boston Pizza, on October 18th. **Orders must be placed by Sunday October 13th.**

IMPORTANT: NOVEMBER WAIT LIST RENEWAL

Please be advised that the renewal month this fall will be **NOVEMBER** due to a new wait list system being launched. Additional information will be emailed to parents once the process has been finalized. Please check the website for wait list updates:

<https://www.ffca-calgary.com/cms/one.aspx?portalId=12410411&pageId=13185373>



PHOTO RETAKE REMINDER:



Southeast Elementary
PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Tuesday, October 17th

Students getting photos need to be in

GALA UNIFORM.

**If you require a retake, please return your Photo Form
(that you received on the original picture day), before October 15th.**

Watch for further information regarding Sibling Photos.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SEE IN OCTOBER?

- 2nd KMPM and KTPM — Field Trip to Calgary Farmyard
- 3rd KMAM and KTAM — Field Trip to Calgary Farmyard
- 7th School Council Meeting in the Library at 7:00 PM
- 10th No School — Learning Conferences (8:00 AM—8:00 PM)
- 11th No School — Learning Conferences (8:00 AM — 12:00 PM)
- 14th No School—Thanksgiving
- 17th Picture Retakes
- 18th Casual Day—Tickle Trunk Dress Up Day
- 18th Fun Lunch—Boston Pizza
- 24th Monster Mash Dance
- 25th Professional Development—No School
- 28th Professional Development—No School



**AP-B-401.1 Being Heard****Administrative Procedures**

REVISED August 20, 2019

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

This document, “Being Heard”, is meant to describe the ways in which individuals should work together within FFCA. The belief implicit here is that it is desirable to deal with issues at the level at which they are occurring.

PROCEDURES**1. When making suggestions or raising concerns:**

- 1.1. Focus on achieving a positive outcome. (We are all in this together!) Remember that resolving issues does not imply “getting your own way”.
- 1.2. Assume that everyone is acting out of good will and doing their best.
- 1.3. If you are not satisfied with someone’s actions, speak directly to the person. If you are unsatisfied with the person’s response, you should address your concerns to the person’s supervisor.
- 1.4. Be specific; describe the problem and identify the underlying concern.
- 1.5. Be practical; make suggestions; actively seek resolution.

2. Whom to talk with:

- 2.1. If you have a question or concern regarding the actions/decisions of a **campus staff member**, discuss the matter with the staff member directly. In the event that the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, discuss it with that campus’ **Principal Educator**.
- 2.2. If you have a question or concern regarding the actions/decisions of a **Principal Educator**, discuss the matter with that Principal Educator directly. In the event that the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, discuss it with the **Superintendent / CEO** or designate.
- 2.3. If you have a question or concern regarding the actions/decisions of a **Central Office Staff Member**, discuss the matter with the staff member directly. In the event that the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, discuss it with the **Deputy Superintendent / COO** or **Secretary Treasurer / CFO**.
- 2.4. If you have a question or concern regarding the actions/decisions of a **Central Office Coordinator**, discuss the matter with that Central Office Coordinator directly. In the event that the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, discuss it with the **Superintendent / CEO** or designate.
- 2.5. If you have a question or concern regarding the actions/decisions of the **Deputy Superintendent / COO**, discuss the matter with the Deputy Superintendent / COO directly. In the event that the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, discuss it with the **Superintendent / CEO**.
- 2.6. If you have a question or concern regarding the actions/decisions of the **Secretary Treasurer / CFO**, discuss the matter with the Secretary Treasurer / CFO directly. In the event that the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, discuss it with the **Superintendent / CEO**.

- 2.7. If you have a question or concern regarding the actions/decisions of the Superintendent / CEO, discuss the matter with the Superintendent / CEO directly. In the event that the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, discuss it with the Board Chair.
- 2.8. If you have a question or concern regarding the actions/decisions of the Board or Board Chair, discuss the matter with the Board Chair directly. In the event that the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, discuss it with the Superintendent / CEO and Board Chair.
- 2.9. If you have a question or concern regarding Transportation, discuss the matter with the campus Principal Educator. In the event that the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, discuss it with the Director of Transportation, and next with the Secretary Treasurer / CFO if necessary.
- 2.10. If you have a question or concern regarding the actions/decisions of the School Council, discuss the matter with the School Council Chair. In the event that the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, discuss it with the School Council Chair and Principal Educator.

3. Appeals to Board

- 3.1. In the event that you have followed the procedures above without resolution, please contact the Superintendent to discuss the appropriateness of lodging an Appeal to the Board (*Policy 13, Administrative Procedure AP-B-403.1.*)

NOTE: If your issue or concern does not fall into any of the categories in the preceding list, or if you are uncertain about whom to contact, please direct your enquiry to the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, (403-520-3206, ext. 8154).

Original Approval Date:
Revision Date(s): August 21, 2019

**AP-B-401.1 Appendix****Administrative Teams Contact Information****FFCA High School (403-243-3316)**

Principal Educator	Bharati Singh (ext. 1226)
Associate Principals	Doug Lamb (ext. 1224) Susan Boyd (ext. 1222)
Business Manager	Lynn Masikewich (ext. 1223)

South Middle School (403-259-3175)

Principal Educator	Justin Kool (ext. 222)
Associate Principal	Jesse Classen (ext. 223)
Administrative Assistant	Trish Mazzei (ext. 224)

North Middle School (403-253-9257)

Principal Educator	John Deines (ext. 102)
Associate Principal	Josh Symonds (ext. 103)
Administrative Assistant	Kim Burroughs (ext. 101)

Southeast Elementary (403-258-2728)

Principal Educator	Denise Budgen (ext. 222)
Associate Principal	Brian Crouch (ext. 225)
Administrative Assistant	Sally Clancy (ext. 248)

Southwest Elementary (403-259-3527)

Principal Educator	Lorie Skaper-Burtch (ext. 104)
Associate Principal	Pauline Miller (ext. 103)
Administrative Assistant	Pam Brah (ext. 101)

Northeast Elementary (403-520-5456)

Principal Educator	Krista Lee (ext. 125)
Associate Principal	Salima Hudani (ext. 127)
Administrative Assistant	Susan Oseen (ext. 128)

Northwest Elementary (403-282-5202)

Principal Educator	Preston Lowther (ext. 225)
Associate Principal	Shawna Drummond (ext. 231)
Administrative Assistant	Lee Nickel (ext. 223)

Central Office (403-520-3206)

Superintendent / CEO

Roger Nippard (ext. 8155)

Deputy Superintendent / COO

Kurtis Leinweber (ext. 8163)

Secretary Treasurer / CFO

Reta Morgan (ext. 8151)

Coordinator of Instruction

Joan Burke (ext. 8162)

Coordinator of School Services

Lorne McDonald (ext. 8152)

Director of Transportation

email: susan.goldsmith@ffca-calgary.com

Board Chairperson

email: jeff.wilson@ffca-calgary.com

School Council Chairs

(Contact information may
be requested from campus)

FFCA High School Campus – Yogesh Patel

South Middle Campus – Stephen Miles

North Middle Campus – Terri Sartori

Southeast Elementary – Raymond Chow

Southwest Elementary – Tanya Borthwick

Northeast Elementary – Tracy Wishlow

Northwest Elementary – Jon Stilborn



TERRY FOX

It was a valiant effort and the kids braved the rain and cold weather. SEE raised **\$2,603.00**.

Well done everyone!

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Learning Conferences will be on Thursday, October 10th (8:15 AM– 8:00 PM), and Friday, October 11th (8:15-12:00 PM).

We will open the Fall Parent Teacher Student conference bookings on Edsby after **5:00 PM on Friday, October 4th**.

**FFCA SOUTHEAST ELEMENTARY CAMPUS
2019-20 SCHOOL COUNCIL**

My name is Raymond Chow, 2019-2020 Chair for SEE School Council. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the 2019-2020 School Council. I would also like to thank Christa Sterkenberg (Special Events Coordinator), Jennifer Sinclaire (Kindergarten Representative), and Jocelyn Ford (Secretary) for their support at School Council last year.

This year, Zdravko Zjalic has accepted the position of secretary. We also have a new member joining our team, Ashlyn Beatty. She has accepted the role of Kindergarten Representative, as well as supporting room parents on the *Sign up Genius* platform.



Front Row Left to Right: Hoda Raffa (Casino Rep), Ashlyn Beatty (Kindergarten Rep, Room Parent Coordinator), Kristi Heggie (Fun Lunch Coordinator), Zdravko Zjalic (Secretary), Raymond Chow (Chair).

Back Row Left to Right: Meghan Miglierina (Vice Chair), Kristin Papillon (Treasurer), Marcia Bruce (Memory Book Coordinator), Terri Howe (Parental Partnership/Sign Up Genius), Lisa Beuker (Fundraising Coordinator), Lisa Rundberg (Guest and former Community Events Coordinator)

A big shout out and Thank you to all of the volunteers at SEE for their continued support. Without your support, we truly would not be able to enrich the learning experience of all the students

2019-20 SCHOOL COUNCIL Continued

at SEE. Your volunteering contributes to raising the necessary funds to purchase technology, supplies, and subscriptions for the students just to name a few. Having said that, there are a lot of exciting initiatives planned for the next few months, starting with the “In Lieu” fundraising. Please stay tuned to Edsby and paper copies in your child’s folder for more information.

SEE CASINO

SEE is in line for a Casino on November 3rd and 4th at Cowboy’s Casino, downtown Calgary. If this is your first your first Casino, you are in for a real treat. It is a fantastic way to meet other FFCA family members. Meals, snacks, and beverages are provided on site. This is an important fundraiser as it can bring in between \$60K- \$80K. Last year, with the Casino proceeds, we were able to provide student learning technology, transportation for field trips, fine arts and Physical Education programs. We need parents to sign up. Please stay tuned for details on how to register. For additional information, please contact Hoda Raffa at hodaraffa@yahoo.com or cell 403-471-9912.

WestJet Raffle

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Sibling/Family Photo Shoot

Last year, our FFCA families were able to participate in a family photo shoot provided by Life Touch (Photographer of SEE student photos). There was an overwhelming interest and we are pleased to offer the photo shoot sessions again this year during the first weekend in November. Please stay tuned for details.

Seeking Community Events Coordinator

School Council has an opening for a Community Events Coordinator. If you would like to learn more about this role, please contact Raymond at mondo1116@hotmail.com or via telephone at 403-990-0930.

FFCA SEE CAMPUS 2019—2020 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

7:00 pm in the SEE library

Monday, Oct 7th

Monday, Nov. 18th

Monday, Dec. 9th

Monday, Jan. 13th

Monday, Feb. 10th

Monday, Mar. 9th

Monday, Apr. 6th

Monday, May 11th (AGM)

Monday, June 8th

BOARD UPDATE

Last December, our Board welcomed 6 newly-elected Directors. Many of us came to the Board with experience serving on other Boards, and as we get to know each other and learn our roles & responsibilities, we appreciate the grace and warm welcome from the FFCA community. As our calendars fill with upcoming events spanning all 7 FFCA campuses, we are excited to attend as many as possible to get to know parents and staff from each school. In the coming months, we'll be introducing your Board via this newsletter, one Director at a time, in the hopes that you might recognize us and say hello. This month's profile is Rob Zagorsky.



Rob grew up on a farm outside of Tilley, AB. He and his wife Julia are big advocates for Foundations for the Future Charter Academy and the Alberta charter school system. They have two daughters; one who currently attends FFCA SEE and another who will enter kindergarten in 2020.

Rob founded Canadian cybersecurity firm iON United Inc. in 2003. With a very limited budget in the formative years, Rob recognized the need to create a network of cybersecurity customers, industry experts, advisory groups and associations including the Calgary Police Service. Over time, this approach built a strong community and set iON on a path of sustainable growth as evidenced by their achievement as one of Canada's fastest growing companies for the past 4 years.

Over the years, Rob has actively participated in numerous community initiatives including the Calgary Police Cyber Crimes Community Prevention Program, Calgary Police Rodeo (supporting Missing Children Society of Canada), Canadian Blood Services, Inn from the Cold, Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids, Calgary Drop-In Center, Calgary Mustard Seed, and iON's Stampede Chuckwagon Committee.