



# The Phoenix Messenger

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## "A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL"

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Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the world's largest environmental movement. At SEE, classes talked about what we (students and staff) can do to help the Earth. Some of the things we came up with were:

- Reduce, reuse, recycle
- Use reusable water bottles
- Conserve water
- Help pick up trash
- Pack a trashless lunch
- Save paper by using both sides



Another important discussion was around how we can do little things every day, not just on Earth day, to help protect our Earth. Often we take for granted the beauty around us and forget that we

are responsible for protecting it. The Seventh Generation Principle is based on an ancient Haudenosaunee (Indigenous) philosophy that the decisions we make today should result in a sustainable world seven generations into the future. When making decisions the Haudenosaunee considered how it would impact the future for those who came after them. Our students at SEE are working to protect our environment for all future generations.



How wonderful it is  
that nobody need wait  
a single moment  
before starting to  
improve the world.

-anne frank

### 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."



## School Council News

At FFCA SEE, we focus on Academic Excellence and Character Development in everything we do. School Council would like to ensure that all families are clear on what our fundraising efforts are being applied to uphold this mission in education for our students and faculty:

- Support to faculty for enhanced learning and support on professional development days
- Enhanced learning activities for students. i.e., Potters House, In-Line Skating, Swimming, Storybook Theatre, etc.
- Recess Equipment Replenishment
- Hosting special events for families/students
- Enhanced Library Resources

**Thank you for your continued efforts in helping raise funds for these initiatives!**

### School Council Needs You!

Interested in making a difference at FFCA SEE? Enjoy supporting events that impact your family directly? Good with numbers and delegation? Love recognizing and supporting the school faculty through events and good deeds? School Council may be what you're looking for! We are looking for new School Council Members to join in on the fun starting in May 2023 or sooner. Please email [FFCAsEECouncil@gmail.com](mailto:FFCAsEECouncil@gmail.com) for more information, or join us at one of our upcoming meetings (links are sent out to families on Edsby one week before the meeting).

### Important!

We are looking for parents to join School Council, commencing in May via the AGM that will be held. With members of the School Council, support and initiatives are easier to achieve. Please consider how you can join and make a difference! Remember, all families are required to volunteer 20 hours/school year.

#### FFCA SEE School Council Meeting Details:

\*Meetings are approximately 90 minutes.

April 17		FFCA SEE Library	7-8:30 pm*
May 15	Council + Society + <b>AGM</b>	FFCA SEE Library	7-9 pm*
June 19, 2023		FFCA SEE Library	7-8:30 pm*

### Casino Update!

School Society is pleased to announce the final funds received from the November Casino that will be used over the next two years to help support large initiatives at FFCA SEE to continue to enhance their learning. With the efforts, time commitment and genuine enthusiasm from all parent volunteers FFCA SEE raised \$73,214.21. This is a significant result, and all volunteers that helped support this initiative deserve a huge round of applause.

# Fundraising

## Spell-a-thon – Test Day May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Sharpen those pencils - SEE is excited to kick off our annual Spell-A-Thon fundraiser!

Students will be given a list of words to learn and are asked to seek pledges for a specific amount of money per correctly spelled word.

Students who receive at least one pledge will be eligible to have their name entered into a draw to win a \$50 gift card! There will be 5 gift cards awarded, one per grade level, which will be randomly drawn on Tuesday May 23, 2023. Be sure your child fills out the entry ballot at the bottom of their pledge form and returns it to school prior to the deadline. This will ensure their entry into the draw. GOOD LUCK!

Please remember that all pledge forms and money must be returned to the school by Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Electronic Money Transfer (EMT) is the preferred method of payment and can be sent to [ffcaseecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ffcaseecouncil@gmail.com). Cheques and Cash are also accepted, please make cheques payable to "FFCA SEE School Council".

If you are sending an EMT, please login to your online banking website and follow their directions. Please include the student's name in the notes section of the EMT.

### WestJet Raffle Winner!



FFCA SEE's WestJet Gift of Flight Voucher fundraiser has come to an end raising \$6800 for our campus!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this fundraiser a great success and congratulations to our winner, Yvonne Roche Ticket #C-1407.

### On Going Fundraisers:

#### Skip the Depot

To utilize this service, set up an account through <https://skipthedepot.com>, setup a pickup time and during this process there is step that asks you for an 'organization'. Search for "FFCA SEE".

Skip the Depot will then come to your residence to pick up your recycling on a pre-arranged date. This program includes beverages, electronics and clothing! The recycling refunds will then be donated to the FFCA SEE Campus, making this an effortless way to recycle and support the school!

#### Mabels Labels

As you are maintaining your child's supplies and uniforms throughout the year, don't forget that all student's items should be labelled at school. If you are looking for labels, consider purchasing through Mabel Labels. A percentage of all sales will be returned to the school. Visit <https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com> and enter FFCA SEE Campus.



 On-Line Lunch Ordering  
[www.HealthyHunger.ca](http://www.HealthyHunger.ca)

Our Fun Lunch from **Cedars Deli** will be by grade on the following days:

**Thursday, May 25 - Grade 1 & 2 (Orders due by May 20)**

**Friday, May 26 - Grade 3 & 4 (Orders due by May 21)**

Interested in volunteering for Fun Lunch? Please go to the following links below to sign up:

Grade 1 & 2: <https://volunteersignup.org/F4B3Y>

Grade 3 & 4: <https://volunteersignup.org/4RAHE>

If you have any questions, please contact Marla Schatz at:  
[funlunchsee@gmail.com](mailto:funlunchsee@gmail.com)



**If you are moving or planning to move  
between now and August ...**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS ONLINE  
THROUGH FAMILY LOGIN**

Once you have made the change, the system will send a notification to the campus.

If your student currently takes the bus, you will need to check with our transportation coordinator by  
emailing: [susan.goldsmith@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:susan.goldsmith@ffca-calgary.com)

to ensure there is room on the bus assigned to the community you are moving to. Many of our buses are full and at capacity and there may not be a spot for your student on the bus assigned to your new neighborhood.

## SEE Author Visit

On April 12<sup>th</sup> the school hosted **Lisa Bowes**, a sports journalist and media consultant who has covered

major sporting events like the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games (Women's Hockey), IIHF World Junior Hockey Championships and the NHL including the Stanley Cup.

Her passion for encouraging children and families to be active and to include reading together every day, helped fuel the enthusiasm around the school with her presentations to all of our students.

Our school was the first to hear her newest book that was hot off the press, "Lucy Tries Baseball".

Our library has the full selection of her "Lucy Tries" sports series. Special thanks to the Parent Council who funded this special event.



## MAY 1st - SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

The first Monday in May is set aside annually to show appreciation to the drivers. This day is recognized across Alberta to draw attention to the important role school bus drivers have in the lives of students! Our government values the efforts of school bus drivers throughout the province who transport approximately 300,000 students safely to and from school every day. This year, Monday, May 1, has been designated as School Bus Driver Appreciation Day – an opportunity for students, parents and staff of FFCA to recognize the vital function that school bus drivers serve in safely transporting our children to and from school.

Please join us in thanking our FFCA bus drivers  
for their dedication and commitment.

**Harpal, Susan, Dwayne,  
Preet, Caron & Tara**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SEE IN MAY?

1st	Bus Drivers' Appreciation
4th	Grade 1—Telus Spark
8th	Grade 4—Agriculture Program
10th	3-CL & 3CO—Teacher's Pet
11th	3-D & 3-H—Teacher's Pet
15th	School Council, Society & AGM Meeting @ 7:00 PM—Library
19th	Organizational Day—No School
22nd	Victoria Day—No School
25 & 26	Fun Lunch—Cedars Deli
	Grade 1 & 2 —25th
	Grade 3 & 4 —26th
26th	Casual Day—No Theme
26th	Grade 1—Heritage Park

