



The Phoenix Messenger

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"A Matter of Principal"

Hi Northeast Elementary Families!

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great summer and that you had the opportunity to connect with lots of friends and family. We're off to a great start here at the school. Thanks to everyone for attending Family Orientation! It was great seeing you all at the school. You and your child's excitement and enthusiasm really shone through, energizing all of our staff.

Recently our School Council treated all our students and staff to a pizza lunch! Our students had great fun relaxing outside and enjoying their pizzas. It's events like this that highlight the relationship our school has with our parents, facilitated by our wonderful School Council!

Our first set of Learning Conferences is right around the corner: Thursday, Oct. 5 and Friday Oct. 6. We will also have a book fair during that time, so if you're in the building be sure to check out the library.

Thanks to you all for making FFCA such a great community. Together in partnership with you, we look forward to another great school year here at NEE.

John Deines
Principal Educator

Salima Hudani
Associate Principal



October 2023



Dates to Remember

October 4—Fun Lunch—NO CASUAL DAY

October 5 & 6—Learning Conferences
NO CLASSES for ALL STUDENTS

October 9—Thanksgiving—NO SCHOOL

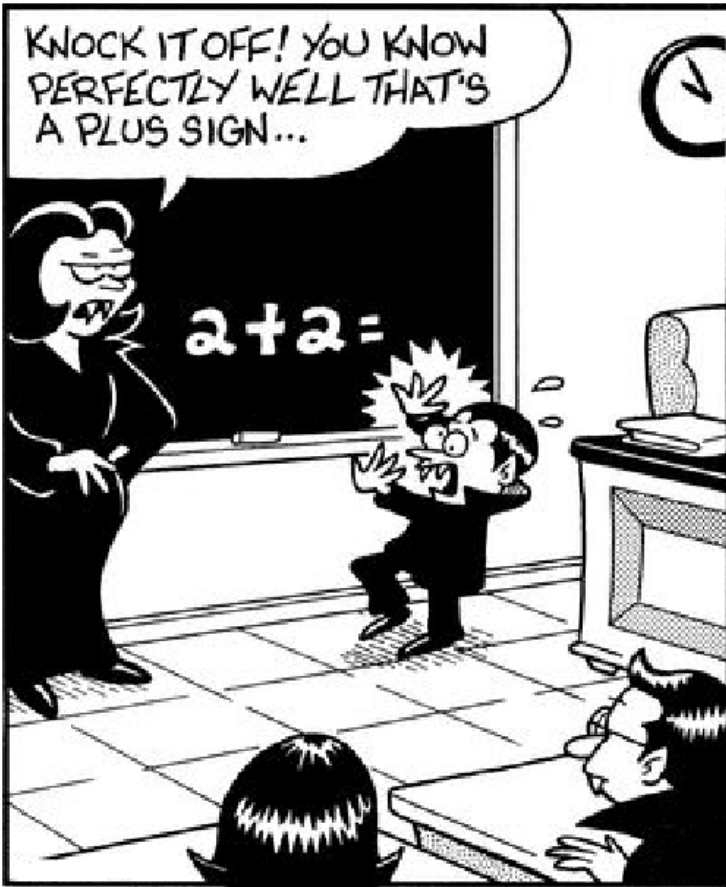
October 16 - School Council meeting

October 17 - School Picture Retakes




October 19 & 20 —PD Days—NO SCHOOL

October 27—Casual Day and Fun Lunch






**Amusing
FACTS**

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 The largest pumpkin ever was in Italy. It weighed almost 3,000 pounds!
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 Did you know the first Jack O' Lanterns weren't made of pumpkins? It's true, they were made out of turnips!
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 The fastest pumpkin carving took only sixteen seconds!

Halloween Word Search

Try to find all of the hidden words

S	S	I	N	S	T	A	B	O	R	C	J	HALLOWEEN
O	E	E	E	I	N	G	A	O	R	A	F	HAUNTED
F	M	R	P	N	K	U	H	B	I	N	V	SPOOKY
Q	U	I	A	D	H	P	R	O	P	D	J	BATS
S	T	P	R	Q	I	A	M	H	S	Y	J	PUMPKIN
E	S	M	T	S	D	O	U	U	M	T	O	COSTUMES
K	O	A	Y	H	P	M	T	N	P	C	S	WITCH
C	C	V	F	L	I	O	N	R	T	L	C	VAMPIRE
I	Y	D	H	A	L	L	O	W	E	E	N	TRICK
R	H	G	B	C	A	X	A	K	S	A	D	MASKS
T	A	C	B	U	X	V	M	O	Y	Q	T	CANDY
M	A	S	K	S	W	K	W	I	T	C	H	TREAT
												PARTY
												BOO
												GHOSTS



- Why don't mummies take vacations?
They're afraid they'll relax and unwind!
- What do you give a vampire with a cold?
Coffin drops!
- Who did Frankenstein take to the dance?
His ghoul friend!
- What is a ghosts favorite party game?
Hide-and-go-shriek!
- What kind of mistakes do ghosts make?
Boo Boos!

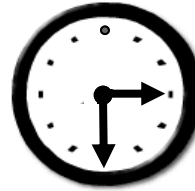


School Hours

8:35	Entry Bell
8:40—8:43	Announcements
10:45—11:15	RECESS (Whole School)
11:45—12:15	Grade 1 & 2 LUNCH
12:15—12:45	Grade 3 & 4 LUNCH
1:15—1:45	Grade 1 & 2 RECESS
1:45—2:15	Grade 3 & 4 RECESS
3:15—3:20	Homeroom
3:20	Dismissal
3:30	Buses leave



School doors will NOT open until **8:25 a.m.** Supervision does not begin until this time.



Children must be picked up by **3:30 p.m.** If you are unable to pick them up, please make arrangements with friends or family to pick them up.

KINDERGARTEN
 AM—8:35—11:25
 PM—12:30—3:20

To report an absence, please contact your child’s teacher. If your child is late, you must report to the office for a late slip.

PICTURE RETAKES

RETAKES
WILL BE TAKEN ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR
FULL GALA UNIFORM.



RETAKES



PARKING



This is a reminder to parents that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should you stop to unload or pick up students in the STAFF parking lot. Although it is tempting to stop briefly to let your child out or to pick them up, this causes congestion which in turn jeopardizes the safety of our students. Please use appropriate street parking and do not park in the staff parking lot. Also, please respect our neighbours by not blocking their driveways.

Thank you.





PICKING UP YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL

If you are picking up your child and remaining in your car, please pick up from 21st St NE after busses, as we have an efficient pick up system from that area.

Please remember that the drop off zone on Mackid Road is DROP and GO. Please do NOT park in the drop off zone.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Reminder for parents to check the Lost & Found Group on Edsby to view photos of lost items.

**LEARNING CONFERENCES
OCTOBER 5 & 6**

**NO CLASSES for
ALL STUDENTS**

Thursday, October 5, 2023

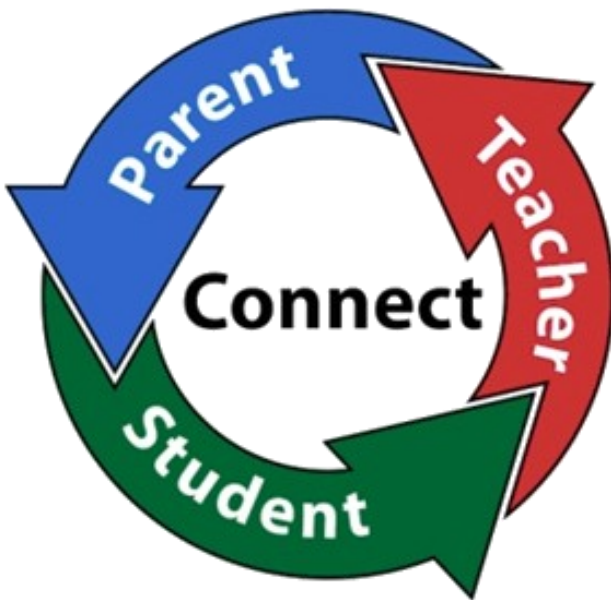
Virtual - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

In person - 1:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Friday, October 6, 2023

Virtual - 8:30 am - noon

**These conferences are
MANDATORY**



After School Dismissal and Pick Up

In order to support an orderly dismissal of students from school, please help us by doing the following:

- Students who ride the bus will be dismissed first by bus number starting at 3:20 pm
- Students who are picked up by parents will be dismissed at 3:30 pm

Picking up your child for an appointment or early, please do the following:

- Email the teacher to let her know when you will be coming to pick up your child
- Ring the front doorbell when you get to the school
- Your child will be sent down to the front office to meet you
The office staff will sign out your child

If you bring your child back, please bring him/her to the front door.

Thank you for all your help.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please contact your **CHILD'S TEACHER** before 8 am either through **EDSBY, EMAIL or by PHONE:**

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Ms. Thompson - x3108

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Grade 2

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Ms. Hinton - x3103

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Mrs. Bezo-Rao - x3102

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IMPORTANT BUS REMINDERS



-  When dropping off or picking your child up at the bus stop, you must be there at your stop **at least 5 minutes** before the bus arrives both in the am and pm.
-  **NO PARKING** in bus zones at the bus stops or at the school.
-  Your child must be out of the car before the bus arrives at your stop so that everyone can board the bus quickly.
-  Please ensure that you sign up for the bus delays



WHERE'S MY BUS?

FAMILY BUS BROADCAST SUBSCRIPTIONS - SOUTHLAND ROUTES

If your child rides the bus, please sign up for our monitoring system. All of our Southland buses have GPS units installed so you will be able to see where your child's bus is at any point during its scheduled route. If there is a substitute bus due to mechanical issues, you will not be able to see where the bus is, but you will still see expected delays and dispatch comments. The code for your campus is available on Edsby. Ensure you add the AM and PM routes if your child rides two-way. See the website for additional information and to register: <http://www.mybusstop.ca/>.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

If your family is moving to a home that is outside the boundary of your student's current campus, your student may remain at that campus, but you will be responsible for transportation to and from school. Bussing is not available outside the designated campus boundaries. If you require transportation, you will need to apply for an internal transfer to the campus designated for your new address. Apply by March 1, 2024 to have the best chance of being considered for the 2024/25 year. The transfer request applications are processed through the Online Waitlist system. Internal transfer Requests will precede most waitlist students (including priority status and siblings). If the requested campus is unable to accommodate your student, the current campus will hold a seat to ensure the registration is guaranteed. Please see the following link for the instructions to request a transfer.

Please note:

- transfers do not occur mid-year
- transfers can only occur if a seat becomes available in the requested campus (possible wait of 5+ years)

Please follow the link below for more details

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/admission_information/internal_transfer_requests

Healthy Lunch Program for NEE Campus



SIMPLE, ONLINE ORDERING FOR YOUR SCHOOL'S LUNCH PROGRAM

HOW TO REGISTER

Go to www.HealthyHunger.ca
Create 'New Parent Account'



Waitlist Application Renewal NOVEMBER 1-30, Annually

IMPORTANT: If you have an address or grade change to make, see the RENEWAL FAQs on the website or [click here](#).

You can renew your application by following these steps:

- Go to the FFCA website, www.ffca-calgary.com. Scroll down and click on the Waitlist Quick link
- Go to the [Online Waitlist System](#) link
 - Enter your email address (ID) and your password
 - If you cannot remember your password, click on "Forgot Your Password?", enter your email address and answer your challenge question. An email will be sent to you with your new password.
- Click on the Update and Renewal Gateway.
- You should see your child/ren listed. The status does NOT mean anything. Please ignore it!!
- Click on the [Update/Renew](#) link
 - Confirm your information on each screen. Fields with a red asterisk are required.
 - You cannot change your child's name, date of birth or gender. You'll need to upload a picture of either the birth certificate or name change certificate, then email the waitlist coordinator with the requested change.
- To update your address, click Yes below your old address
 - Enter your new address, then upload an Address Verification Document
 - You are required to provide Home Address Verification. All documentation must be uploaded by November 30th to complete the renewal AND have your child included in the upcoming year's admission process.
- To update your student's grade, click No below the listed grade and enter the grade you are applying for.
 - Upload a report card for grade verification by November 30th to complete the renewal.
- Enter the sibling information IF the students are actual siblings and one student currently attends an FFCA campus.
- Now you will do the actual renewal on page 60-79%.
- Enter your electronic signature and click "I confirm" to agree that all your account information is correct and you want to Renew the application for the coming school year.
- Click Save and Next
- Confirm that you have completed this student
- Now click Continue, and you will see a pop-up with further information
- You will receive a confirmation email shortly from registration.FoundationsAB@registrationgateway.net
 - Please add that email to your address book so that it isn't sent to your junk mail or blocked entirely (especially if you use Gmail)
 - Each student will receive an individual confirmation email
 - If you change your address or student's grade, you will receive an email once the documents have been verified. That could take weeks. The date/time that you complete the renewal will be recorded in the timestamp, not the date/time that the documents have been verified.
- You will now be redirected back to the list of your students. The status will say "Pending," but that does not mean you haven't completed the renewal. Additionally, when you log back in, it will likely say Your Action Needed. Please ignore the status!
- If you have more than one child, continue to the next child to renew the application until all your children have been renewed.
- Click Logout

For further information and step-by-step instructions with screenshots, see the RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS & FAQs on the website or [click here](#).



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TIPS for Safe Trick-or-Treating

Ghosts and witches aren't the only scary part of Halloween. While Halloween is a fun time for youngsters, the excitement of the night combined with costumes, the weather, and darkness can also make it dangerous.

You can't control the weather or the darkness, but there are some things you can do to make Halloween safer, says Dr. Gerry Predy, Senior Medical Officer of Health (with Alberta Health Services).

Costumes

- Children should wear face paint or make-up instead of a mask that interferes with their vision.
- If your child is wearing a mask or a head piece, ensure he/she can see clearly from the front and both sides.
- Footwear and costumes should fit properly.
- Put reflective tape on costumes and treat bags. This makes your children more visible.
- Never allow children to carry sharp, dangerous costume props, such as knives or swords.

Trick-or-treat Goodies

- Children should bring their treats home so an adult can inspect them.
- Never let children eat candy that has loose or open wrappers.
- Wash all fruit, and cut it into pieces to inspect it before eating.

Jack-o-lantern carving

- Leave the carving to the adults.
- Carve in a clean, dry and well-lit area.
- Use a pumpkin carving kit.

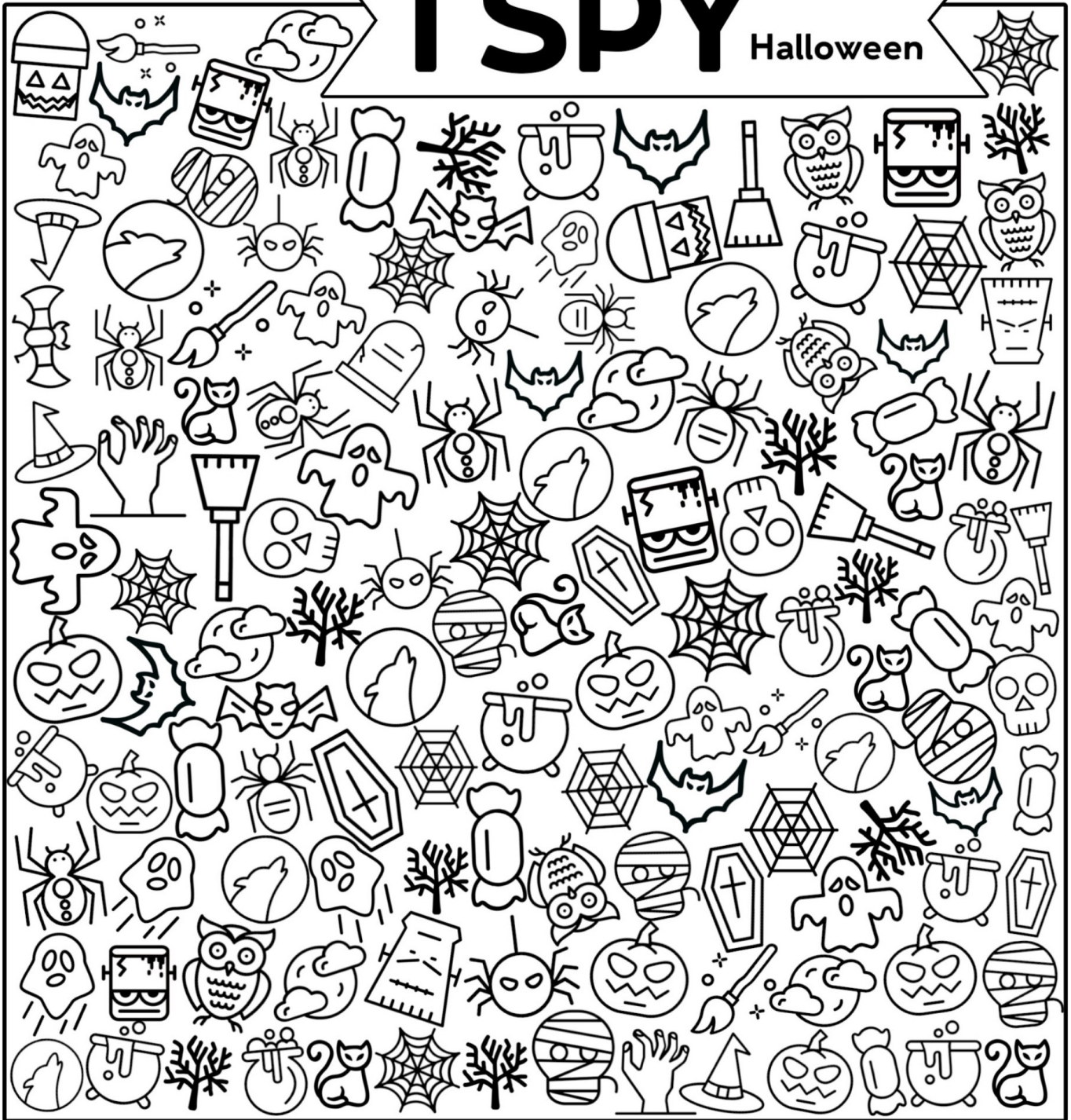
General Tips

- Stay in well-lit areas and carry a flashlight.
- Children should trick-or-treat with an adult or in a group — never alone. Children under eight should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Don't allow children to play near jack-o-lanterns with candles burning.
- Always walk on sidewalks. Cross the street at crosswalks or street corners.
- Walk, don't run.
- Trick-or-treat at the homes of people you know.



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Halloween



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October 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 FUN LUNCH NO CASUAL DAY (Wear uniform) Board meeting SWE—6:30 pm	5 	6 
9  	10	11	12	13
16  School Council meeting 6:30 pm	17  Full Gala Uniform	18	19  PD Day NO SCHOOL	20  PD Day NO SCHOOL (TAAPCS Conference)
23	24	25	26	27 
30	31 			