



# THE PHOENIX MESSENGER

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## "A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL"

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we approach the exciting Fall Break. It's been an incredible journey for our young learners, and we have some exciting updates to share with you.

**Character Education Theme - Respect:** Throughout the month of October, we have been focusing on the character education theme of "Respect." This theme encourages our students to understand the importance of respecting themselves and others. "Respect" will continue to be our theme for the upcoming month as well.

**"Caught Doing Good" Tickets:** Our "Caught Doing Good" initiative has been a huge success this month. Students have been receiving special tickets when they exhibit acts of respect towards their peers, teachers, and the school community. It's been heartwarming to witness the kindness and consideration our students have shown.

These tickets are drawn at assemblies and students whose names are drawn receive a character book. We're delighted to see the positive impact this program has had on our school community.

**Respect in Elementary School:** Respect can take many forms in our elementary school, and we believe it's vital for our students to understand what respect looks like. Here's how respect manifests at FFCA NEE:

**Respect for Others:** Our students are learning the importance of treating others with kindness, empathy, and consideration. This includes listening when others speak, taking turns, and resolving conflicts using strategies such as Kelso's choices taught in class.

**Respect for Themselves:** We encourage our students to have self-respect, to believe in themselves, and to set personal goals. This helps them build self-confidence and positive self-esteem.

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## NOVEMBER 2023

## LEST WE FORGET

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them"*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- NOVEMBER 3  
REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY  
10:30 a.m.
- NOVEMBER 6—10  
FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL
- NOVEMBER 20 - 6:30 p.m.  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
- NOVEMBER 22  
BOARD MEETING (SHS) - 6:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 24  
CASUAL DAY & FUN LUNCH



**Respect for Property:** We instill the values of taking care of our school, belongings, and the environment. This includes keeping our classrooms and common areas clean and respecting the property of others.

**Respect for Diversity:** We celebrate and appreciate the diversity within our school community. Students are taught to be open-minded and to value differences in culture, language, and perspective.

**Respect for Learning:** We emphasize the importance of respecting the learning process and the efforts of our fellow students. Encouraging one another in academics and extracurricular activities fosters a positive learning environment.

As we continue to focus on respect, we invite you to discuss this theme at home and encourage your children to apply these values in their daily lives.

Honouring Remembrance Day As we approach Remembrance Day on November 11th, we encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by our veterans and active service members. This can be an excellent opportunity to teach your children about the significance of this day and the importance of showing respect to those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to an exciting month ahead as we continue to explore the theme of respect with our students.

Wishing you a fantastic Fall Break, and may the upcoming weeks be filled with warmth, reflection, and respect.

*John Deines*  
*Principal Educator*

*Salima Hudani*  
*Associate Principal*

*We will  
remember them*



Join us  
Friday, November 3, 2023



*Lest We Forget*  
**REMEMBRANCE  
DAY**

10:30 am  
NE Elementary Campus  
1140 Mayland Drive NE

# PRINCIPAL'S WALL OF FAME



Gies—PM

Ovi  
Harsh  
Gurnav  
Marcus  
Naina

Walthers AM

Jasmeen  
Azeez  
Isaiah

Walthers PM

MaLhaar  
Devina  
Amer

Mehtaab—1Hum  
Ria—1Hum  
Mannat—1Hum

Elva—2M  
Jassman—2M  
Jayden—2M

Aarna—3F  
Naman—3F  
Nivin—3F  
Aarav—3F

Guneet—4BR  
Kayla—4BR  
Uyai—4BR  
Avery—4BR  
Tianna—4BR  
Harris—4BR



- The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. Replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to provide assistance to Veterans.
- The Royal Canadian Legion suggests that the poppy be worn on the left lapel of a garment and/or as close to the heart as possible.
- The bugle is often played at military funerals and on Remembrance Day, to symbolize that soldiers can rest in peace. In war, the bugle was used to tell soldiers it was time to return to their barracks and sleep.

Always  
&  
Forever



## Remembrance Day Word Search

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J X M C K S Z A V N I A N C I Q G  
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F N A H I A L R U Q W D Q L S K L  
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M F O R G I V E N E S S O M U K A



LOVE  
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MEMORIAL  
REMEMBER  
WAR  
ARMISTICE  
FLANDERS  
NOVEMBER  
SACRIFICE  
WREATH  
CEASEFIRE  
FORGIVENESS  
PEACE  
SERVICE  
CONFLICT  
FREEDOM  
POPPY  
SILENCE

## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
the larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields



# Winter Wear

As the weather gets colder, students need to remember to dress appropriately.

Here are a few reminders:

- Winter coats, toques and gloves are to be worn.
- Snow pants are a good option to keep our legs warm when we are outside. If a girl wears a tunic, you can wear a pair of black pants, but they must be removed when she comes in.
- Black knee socks or tights for girls when wearing a tunic. NO leggings or tights with designs.
- A plain, solid all-white golf shirt or turtleneck to be worn with the sweater, vest, cardigan or tunic.
- The burgundy monogrammed golf shirt (approved supplier only) can be worn without a sweater or vest.



## DON'T FORGET!

On November 5, 2023

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Set your clocks **BACK** one hour



### Healthy Lunch Program for NEE Campus

# Healthy Hunger

SIMPLE, ONLINE ORDERING FOR YOUR SCHOOL'S LUNCH PROGRAM

#### HOW TO REGISTER

Go to [www.HealthyHunger.ca](http://www.HealthyHunger.ca)  
Create 'New Parent Account'





## 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.**



## ARE YOU MOVING? INTERNAL TRANSFER PROCESS

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)
- we may not be able to accommodate all children in the same family in the same year

Please follow the link below for more details




[https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important\\_information/admission\\_information/internal\\_transfer\\_requests](https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/admission_information/internal_transfer_requests)






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DAYCARE**



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\$1,000 SIGNING BONUS**







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HOLIDAYS OFF. PERFECT FOR  
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**APPLY TODAY**  
**Visit [southland.ca/careers](https://southland.ca/careers)**



## 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/>.



## Grade 3 & 4 Skiing Lessons At Winsport

Grade 3 & 4 students at NEE will be taking ski/snowboard lessons at Winsport on **Thursday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All students will go on both days.**



***One day full day of skiing was paid for by the NEE Casino Fund.***

**Thank You!**

**Permission & Payment:** Online – due Monday Nov 20, 2023

- One full day is being covered by the NEE Casino Society!
- Parents pay \$57.04 (includes bussing, cost of the lesson and all ski equipment for both days).

**Schedule:**

- Students will leave the school at approximately 9:30am and return to NEE at approximately 2:45pm.
- Lunch will be eaten in the ski lodge at Canada Olympic Park.
- Students will have two hours of instruction with a qualified Winsport instructor.

**Parent Information:**

- Students will receive lessons at their ability level (skill level).
- Students will review the Alpine Safety Expectations in P.E. class prior to the field trip.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- Many volunteers are required to help on this day. Parents do not need to know how to ski.
- If you are interested in volunteering, please email me: [Melissa.brooks@FFCA-Calgary.com](mailto:Melissa.brooks@FFCA-Calgary.com)
- Volunteers can ride the bus with the students to and from NEE OR meet us at the ski hill.
- Volunteers will assist the students to put on and take off equipment and be available to help students during the day on the training hill).

**What to wear during lessons:**

- Students need to be dressed appropriately for the weather.
- Two layers of athletic clothes (example: undershirt and sweater, leggings under sweatpants)
- Warm winter outer gear (winter jacket and snow pants)
- Winter hat and neck warmer
- Mittens or gloves (thick warm, water-resistant ones)
- Socks (do not wear multiple pairs of socks as that is more likely to cause blisters)

**What to pack:**

- An extra pair of mittens or gloves
- A large, nut free snack
- A large, healthy **NUT FREE** lunch– **No** microwaves available – Students will **NOT** be allowed to purchase food items.
- A water bottle

If you have questions or concerns about this activity, please contact me ASAP.

Mrs. Brooks

FFCA NEE Physical Education Specialist



## 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.

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## 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:**

### Kindergarten

Ms. Thompson - x3108  
[jennifer.thompson@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:jennifer.thompson@ffca-calgary.com)  
Mrs. Gies—x3108  
[karen.gies@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:karen.gies@ffca-calgary.com)  
Mrs. Walthers - x3109  
[judy.walthers@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:judy.walthers@ffca-calgary.com)

### Grade 1

Mrs. Pinette - x3112  
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Mrs. Sime - x3115  
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Mrs. Hum - x 3110  
[stephanie.hum@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:stephanie.hum@ffca-calgary.com)  
Mrs. Hemmings - x3111  
[jacqueline.hemmings@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:jacqueline.hemmings@ffca-calgary.com)

### Grade 2

Mrs. Schnellert - x3113  
[lori.schnellert@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:lori.schnellert@ffca-calgary.com)  
Mrs. Dhanani (Jetha) - x3114  
[eram.jetha@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:eram.jetha@ffca-calgary.com)  
Mrs. Liesch - x3142  
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Mrs. Manji - x3118  
[nishma.manji@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:nishma.manji@ffca-calgary.com)

### Grade 3

Mrs. Fletcher - x3106  
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Ms. Omar - x3101  
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Mr. Nicholas-Luong - x3105  
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Mrs. Hodson - x3107  
[jana.hodson@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:jana.hodson@ffca-calgary.com)

### Grade 4

Ms. Sharrock - x3122  
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Ms. Hinton - x3103  
[taryn.hinton@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:taryn.hinton@ffca-calgary.com)  
Mrs. Bezo-Rao - x3102  
[leslie.bezo-rao@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:leslie.bezo-rao@ffca-calgary.com)





## 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:

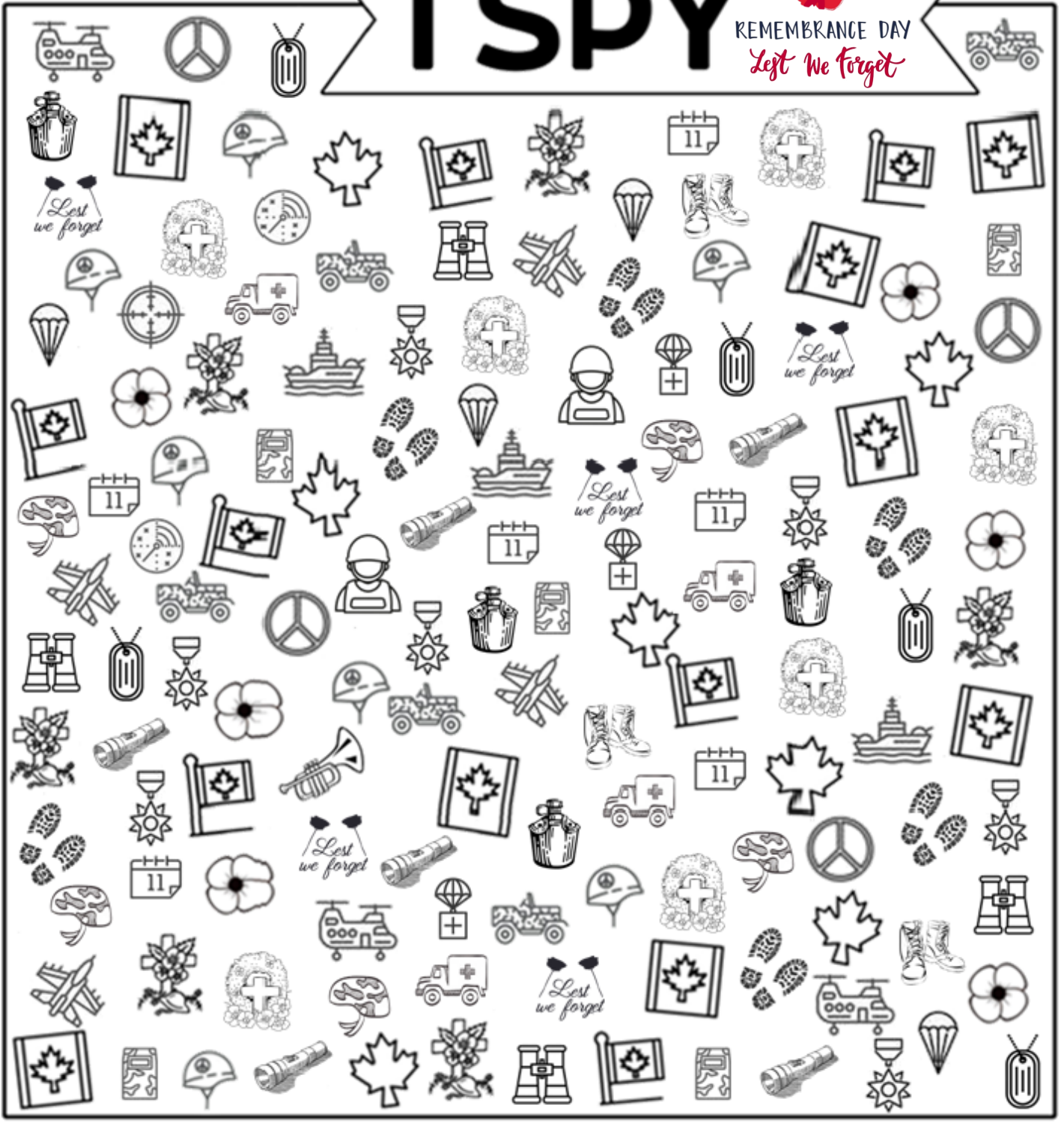
- Go to the FFCA website, [www.ffca-calgary.com](http://www.ffca-calgary.com). Scroll down and click on the Waitlist Quick link
- Go to the [Online Waitlist System](#) link
  - Enter your email address (ID) and your password
  - If you cannot remember your password, click on “Forgot Your Password?”, 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let's We Forget*




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# NOVEMBER 2023



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3  <b>REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>

## FALL BREAK

13	14	15	16	17
20  <i>School Council meeting</i> <b>6:30 pm</b>	21	22 <i>Board meeting</i> <b>6:30 pm</b> 	23	24  <b>ASUAL DAY</b> <b>FUN LUNCH</b>
27	28	29	30	