

# **FIRESIDE FOCUS**



## Fireside Focus – November 22

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### *Upcoming Dates*

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- Wednesday, Nov 27 - Grade 8 Field Trip to Theatre Calgary

- Friday, Nov 29 - Spirit Day - - PJ and Comfy Clothes Day
- Friday, Nov 29 - Junior 'B' Volleyball Tournaments (Girls @ Mitford, Boys @ Bears paw)
- Sunday, Dec 1 - Grade 4-6 Choir Performing at the Bears paw Christmas Market (3:45pm-4:35pm)
- Monday, Dec 2 - Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- Tuesday, Dec 3 - Term 2 Options Begin (Gr 7 & 8)
- Wednesday, Dec 4 - Fireside School Council (6:30 pm) and Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings
- Friday, Dec 6 - SOAR Assembly - Wear your Family Colours

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*From the Admin Desk*

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Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

We had a busy week and we are ready for a weekend of calm! Thank you to every family that came out for our parent teacher conferences on Wednesday and Thursday evening; the turn out was massive. The buzz in the building was great to see. Our teachers appreciated that so many of our families took the time to come, connect, and collaborate around their child's experience here at Fireside. Our lost and found was out and many items found their way back to their owners. The remaining items were all dropped off tonight for donation. Our lost and found carts will remain around the building and we will be sure to have things out again on December 17th when families are in the building for our first music performance of the year (more information below).

When you come in the office, you will see that Mr. Banderk got some fish! This has been a highlight in the building and so many students love coming to check on our new friends. If your children come home telling you something about fish, shrimp and snails, you now know what they are talking about! Our students have enjoyed so many great experiences lately. The Grade 4's have enjoyed their soccer intramurals and the beginning of their social studies game on Alberta's history. There have been class projects happening throughout the building and our option classes continue to learn new skills! Thank you for all the great opportunities that our teachers are creating to keep learning exciting; we truly appreciate the time and dedication they put into enriching the learning that happens daily.









We welcomed our first big snowfalls of the year and this weekend is going to only add more to the play areas. Please remind your students that we are not allowed to bring toboggans or any other items to slide down the hills on. We are working with our students on winter safety and appreciate you continuing the conversations at home. At Fireside we ask that the kids look before they slide, ensuring that there is no one below them before sprinting down the hill. As well, we ask that students do not throw snow and are very careful when walking around the play areas, as it can get quite slippery...penguin feet are a must at times!

As we wrap up November, our Jr.B Volleyball teams continue their season. As that slows down, our Jr.A Basketball teams are gearing up with tryouts and practices. We have so many fun things planned for the whole student body as December progresses, so ensure that you continue to check your student's agendas, teacher emails and the Focus for updates!

We hope you all find some joy in the snowfall this weekend and we will see everyone back on Monday!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)









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### *SOAR Corner*

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Our students did great this month showing what *Ready to Learn* looks like in our classrooms and around the building.

For the next month, we are still focused in the **Responsible** column of our school matrix and are narrowing in on **Keeping Our School Clean!** This is a much trickier task with the snowy weather, winter gear, and wet mucky footwear, so this will take dedication and diligence by all.

Please talk with your students about all the ways they can help to keep our school clean. How does taking your shoes off on the carpet and carrying them to the next location help the caretaking team? How does it help our building if everyone picks up garbage on the floor rather walking by it? How does keeping our belonging tidy in our lockers, in our book bins, or on our desk help?

#### **ALSO...**

Family Colour Day is coming up for our next SOAR Assembly, Friday, December 6th! There 'may' be a small prize for the class that shows the most school spirit by showing off their family's colours!

We appreciate all the support families provide us as we dive into all these initiatives that help build our students into well rounded citizens!

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*Spirit Day - Friday, November 29th*

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Friday is PJ & Cozy Clothes Day as the students head into the long weekend! We encourage everyone to dress as comfy as possible...fleece onsies, PJs, the best pair of sweatpants...whatever it may be, we hope you feel comfortable all day long! Students should check in with their teacher in advance before bringing in blankets or stuffies. REMEMBER, no school on Monday, Dec 2nd.

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### School Spirit - December School Performance

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Students in the 3/4 split class, along with the students in Grade 4 and 5 have been working tirelessly in music class preparing for our enormous undertaking of *School Spirit* - an energetic musical about spooky rumors, friendship, and belonging.

Students all over the school are donating their free time to construction projects, rehearsals, prop/costume design, and so much more. This original, hilarious, and touching performance will begin at **6:00 PM on Tuesday, December the 17th** and run for nearly an hour. The school **front doors will open at 5:30 PM** and as usual, expect a full house.

We are looking for a couple artificial Christmas trees to use as stage props. If you have one to donate for the week of the 17th, please message Mr. Petterson at [dpetterson@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:dpetterson@rockyview.ab.ca)

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## "Share Your Christmas" Food Drive

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STARTS MONDAY!!

This year our food donation drive in support of the Cochrane Actievettes is accepting donations from November 25-December 11th for "12 Days of Giving". Classes are working together to check off as many of their Bingo Boxes as possible to earn a Fireside Family reward of Popcorn & A Movie afternoon in the gym or a class pizza party!

This year, we are working with other RVS schools including Rancheview School as a Cochrane-wide fundraiser for the Actievettes! Stay tuned to see which school wins the school wide competition for bringing in the most donations!

12 Days of Giving To Support Our Community!



### FOOD BANK BINGO

Cochrane Actievettes

Donations Accepted Nov. 25- Dec 11!

6 packs of lunch-size Juice boxes	<b>FREE SQUARE</b> 2 Donations of Any Non-Perishable Food Item!	4 Boxes of Oatmeal	3 Cartons or Jugs of Juice	2 boxes/bags of coffee or tea bags.
2 cans of cranberry sauce	Any 3 canned pastas	2 Jars of Peanut Butter	6 cans of canned meat (ham, chicken, etc)	1 Box of Pancake Mix
5 jars/containers of any type of jam, marmalade, or honey	6 Cans of Tuna/Salmon/ Fish	2 boxes of any dried soup packs	<b>FREE SQUARE</b> 3 Donations of Any Non-Perishable Food Item!	2 bottles of maple syrup
5 boxes of cake, cookie, or muffin mix	2 total can/pack of gravy (any variety of gravy)	5 Boxes of Cereal	10 total cans of any Canned Vegetable	1 box of stuffing
4 small boxes Fruit snacks/cups for lunches	4 Boxes or Bags of Rice	<b>FREE SQUARE!</b> 2 Donations of Any Non-Perishable Food Item!	6 Packs of Pasta	5 total cans of any Canned Beans &/or legumes
4 Boxes of Granola Bars	2 boxes of cookies	10 Cans of Soup	8 cans of fruits	4 of any chocolate or sweet treats

Cross off the donations that are brought in to your homeroom class. Complete squares to earn up to 16 points for your Fireside Family! Complete ALL squares (Blackout) to enter the grand prize for your class!  
Drop off your completed Bingo Sheets to the office.

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*Friends of Fireside*

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Just in time for Christmas, here's an incredible fundraiser that also supports a local business and the Fireside School—a true win-win! Find the perfect gifts for teachers, bus drivers, parents, and grandparents, and spread the holiday cheer!

- Ordering is open NOW
- DEADLINE TO ORDER IS NOVEMBER 30th
- Fill out the attached bulk order sheet! Please collect orders first and submit them all at once on the website. Follow the [LINK](#) and use the **code FIRESIDE2024**
- **IMPORTANT** ADD A NOTE TO THE ORDER: There is a section on checkout to add a note to the order so they get appropriately assigned and packed should individual family and friends use the code independently.
- **\*\*The code FIRESIDE2024** must be used for this fundraiser, as it cancels out the shipping costs.
- Pick up: Friday, Dec 6th at Fireside School (details to follow)
- <https://lannieraegourmet.com/pantry/>

give a gift of great taste!

And one that gives back!

This holiday season, The Friends of Fireside are proudly fundraising & supporting local with gourmet breakfast & baking mixes from Lannie Rae Gourmet. These flavourful mixes make great gifts or a special addition to your own pantry!

ORDER ONLINE BY:  
November 30th

PICK UP ON:  
December 6th  
FIRESIDE SCHOOL

[lannieraegourmet.com/pantry/](https://lannieraegourmet.com/pantry/) | code: FIRESIDE2024

**Fundraising with Lannie Rae Gourmet**

This sheet is to help you keep track of orders if you choose to do a bulk entry / order on the website.  
Bulk orders are to be submitted and paid online at: <https://lanniaraegourmet.com/order/>

ORDER DEADLINE: DECEMBER | ORDER PICK UP: DECEMBER

Name   Contact	Every Day Collection - Pancake & Waffle Mixes						Fall & Festive Pancake & Waffle Mixes						Baking Mixes			Paid	Total			
	Tuesday/Wednesday Pancake/Waffle	Thursday/Friday Pancake/Waffle	Saturday/Sunday Pancake/Waffle	Apple Cinnamon Pancake/Waffle	Blueberry Pancake/Waffle	Carrot/Pumpkin Pancake/Waffle	Orange Pancake	Apple Cinnamon Pancake	Pumpkin Spice Pancake	Apple Cinnamon Pancake	Blueberry Pancake	Carrot/Pumpkin Pancake	Apple Cinnamon Pancake	Sunday Pancake/Waffle	Apple Cinnamon Pancake/Waffle					
	\$14	\$14	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16		
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*Volunteer Opportunity - Literacy*



Our Literacy Teacher, Mrs. Hall is looking for ongoing help with student literacy and fostering a love of reading. We are looking for parent volunteers to read with students in grades 1 through 4. This is a great way to contribute to your child’s learning experience while also supporting other students in the school.

Flexible Commitment:

- We understand that parents have busy schedules, so there is no minimum or maximum commitment required. Whether you can spare 30 minutes after school drop-off or before pick-up, any time you can give is greatly appreciated!

When and Where:

- Student(s) will come with a selection of books they pick and together you will find a comfortable spot (Learning Commons, Literacy Room etc.) to read to/with the student. You do not need to commit to a regular schedule; even a half-hour session here or there can make a big difference in a child’s reading development and confidence.

you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Leslie Hall at [lahall@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:lahall@rockyview.ab.ca) to sign up or ask any questions.Thank you!

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*Volunteer Opportunities - Christmas School Leadership*

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Student Leadership is looking for Holiday Elves to support some upcoming student-led initiatives! If you are available to support with the below initiatives please email our Leadership Teachers of these events (Mrs. Pyle [bpyle@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:bpyle@rockyview.ab.ca) and Ms. Smith [lismith@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:lismith@rockyview.ab.ca))

- Candy Gram Sales: supervise the cash sales led by students. (12:00-1:00 only) - - Dec 3,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13
- Candy Gram Sorting/Prep: December 17th & 18th (during the school day, time flexible)
- GingerBuild Competition Support Supervisors - - December 12th,13th,16th from 1:00-2:00pm. Primarily in Elementary classes

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### *Volunteer Opportunity - School Performance*

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If you have some time on the evening of December 17th, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm, Mr. Petterson would really appreciate a couple more volunteers to help make the school performance of *School Spirit* truly magical. If you are available, please reach out to him at [dpetterson@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:dpetterson@rockyview.ab.ca).

#### **Contact Us!**

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