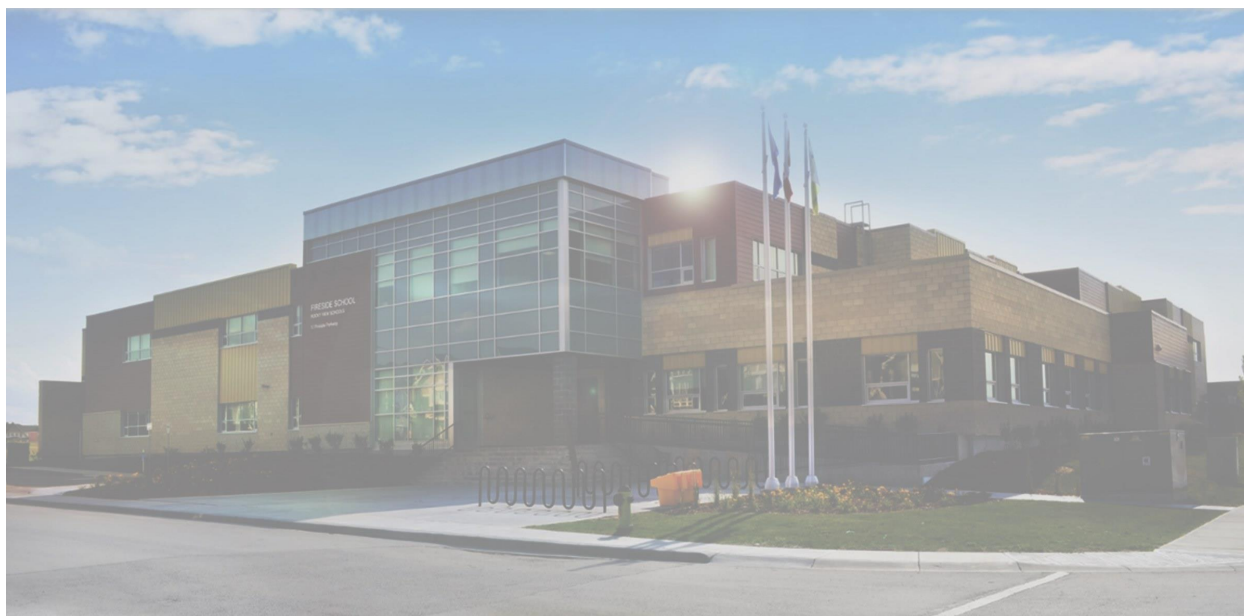


FIRESIDE FOCUS



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Upcoming Dates

School Website Calendar

- Sunday, Dec 1 - Grade 4-6 Choir Performing at the Bearspaw Christmas Market (3:45 pm - 4:35 pm)
- Monday, Dec 2 - Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- Tuesday, Dec 3 to Friday, Dec 6 - Hot Chocolate Cart (see below)
- Tuesday, Dec 3 to Friday, Dec 13 - Candygram Sales (see below)
- Tuesday, Dec 3 - Term 2 Options Begin (Gr 7 & 8)
- Wednesday, Dec 4 - AHS at Fireside for Immunizations
- 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
- Wednesday, Dec 11 - Last Day for Food Drive Donations
- Friday, Dec 13 - Junior 'A' Basketball Tournaments (Girls @ Fireside, Boys @ Rancheview)
- Monday, Dec 16 - Festive Hat Day
- Tuesday, Dec 17 - Wear Red & White Day
- Tuesday, Dec 17 - *School Spirit* - Grade 4/5 Performance (6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, doors open at 5:30)
- Wednesday, Dec 18 - Ugly Sweater Day
- Thursday, Dec 19 - Dress Formal & Snowball Dance Day
- Friday, Dec 20 - Candygrams Delivered & Pajama Day
- Friday, Dec 20 - Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break
- Monday, Jan 6 - First Day of Classes After Winter Break

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

It was a chilly, yet Winter Wonderland-y week for us at Fireside with a couple of indoor recesses needed to keep us in from some particularly cold mornings. On that note, it's worth mentioning that we use Environment Canada's website to confirm temperature and wind chill ratings in Cochrane a few minutes before each recess. Our approximate "line" for calling an indoor recess is -20C, including windchill. That said, we sometimes rely on the "step outside and see for ourselves" method when temperatures are hovering just above the line.

Student safety is our top priority, but we also know how important it is for the kids to get fresh air and release some energy. Warm clothes are key, and if they seem to have vanished, please encourage your kids to check the lost and found. On the flip side, as much as we all love sledding down a freshly snow-powdered hill, sleds, toboggans, and other sliding implements need to remain at home.



Our Grade 8s were excited this week to check out Theatre Calgary's *A Christmas Carol*. It was one of many holiday themed experiences our students will be enjoying as we get closer to the end of 2024. Our event calendar above is pretty thick, with lots of activities and theme days coming up in December. Mark your calendars & set reminders for those days when kids need to remember to bring something to school. Coming right up will be Bring Your Own Mug for Hot Chocolate days.

Wishing everyone a warm and happy weekend!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)



1 - Indoor Recess Fun



2 - Grade 5 & 8 Buddies help Kinders learn about flight by making paper airplanes.





3 - A little game of "Heads Up" in grade 6 for some multiplication fact recall.

Hot Chocolate Cart (Bring Your Own Mug)!

Bring Your Own Mug!

The best part of December is a nice warm cup of hot chocolate after playing outside, or shared with friends over a good book. Students may bring their own mug for a free cup of hot chocolate on their Fireside Family's Day.

Tuesday December 3 River Day

Homeroom Teachers: Russell, Larsen, Pare, Shaw, McCormick, Duong, Whittleton, Pyle

Wednesday December 4 Valley Day

Homeroom Teachers: Cheverie, Nusl, Stark, Espersen, Waugh, Nakesch, Slack, Warwick

Thursday December 5 Mountain Day

Homeroom Teachers: Carriere, O'Neal, Grainger, Colling, Lawrence, Simpson, Smith, Soroka

Friday December 6 Forest Day

Homeroom Teachers: Sinanan, Cox, Cooledge, Doll, Pedersen, Fuller, Loewen, Hanson

Hot chocolate will be made from "Carnation Rich & Creamy Hot Chocolate." Canister
Ingredients: **Sugars (sugar, glucose solids, lactose), Modified milk ingredients, Cocoa* ,
Hydrogenated vegetable oil (coconut and/or palm kernel and/or soybean), Carrageenan, Salt,
Potassium chloride, Dipotassium phosphate, Monoand diglycerides, Silicon dioxide, DATEM,
Natural flavour.**

Candygrams!!

For two weeks in December, students will be able to buy Candygrams to send to their friends.
There are specific days when each Fireside Family is able to purchase their Candygrams:

Forest (Sinanan, Cox, Cooledge, Doll, Pedersen, Fuller, Loewen, Hanson): December 3rd & 9th

Valley (Cheverie, Nusl, Stark, Espersen, Waugh, Nakesch, Slack, Warwick): December 4th & 10th

Mountain (Carriere, O'Neal, Grainger, Colling, Lawrence, Simpson, Smith, Soroka): December
5th & 11th

River (Russell, Larsen, Pare, Shaw, McCormick, Duong, Whittleton, Pyle): December 6th & 12th

Candygrams are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Cash only. Any proceeds will be used to support future
student leadership activities.

Messages will be reviewed for appropriateness before being delivered.

School Spirit - December School Performance



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

Reminder: "Share Your Christmas" Food Drive

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!

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| 6 packs of lunch-size Juice boxes | FREE SQUARE 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 | FREE SQUARE 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 | FREE SQUARE! 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.



Reminder: Friends of Fireside Fundraiser

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!

FRIENDS OF FIRESIDE

GINGER BREAD
CRAFT PANCAKE & WAFFLE MIX

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

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- 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

Volunteer Opportunity - School Performance

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. Mr Petterson is also hoping to borrow some artificial Christmas trees for the student performances on Dec 17th. If you're able to help, please contact him.

Reminder: Volunteer Opportunities - 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. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Leslie Hall at lahall@rockyview.ab.ca to sign up or ask any questions. Thank you!

Contact Us!

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