

# **FIRESIDE FOCUS**



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*Upcoming Dates*

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- [School Website Calendar](#)
- Monday, Dec 9 to Friday, Dec 13 - Candygram Sales (see below)
- 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

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*From the Admin Desk*

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Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

What an energy filled week! If it was any indication of the next few weeks, this building is going to be buzzing by December 20th! Our students have been so excited for all the activities that our teachers and leadership teams have been planning. Thank you to everyone who helped to deliver hot chocolate to classes throughout the school. Mrs. Lawrence may never want to mix a cup of hot chocolate again, but as helpers visited classes with jugs of warm chocolatey goodness, there was only appreciative kids to be seen.

Volleyball season has officially wrapped up and we wanted to be sure to send out one more massive thank you to all the coaches who stepped up and helped our students grow their passion for athletics this season. Their dedication to sport and helping our athletes improve this year is truly appreciated.

Junior 'A' Girls: Sarah Warwick & Breanne Pyle

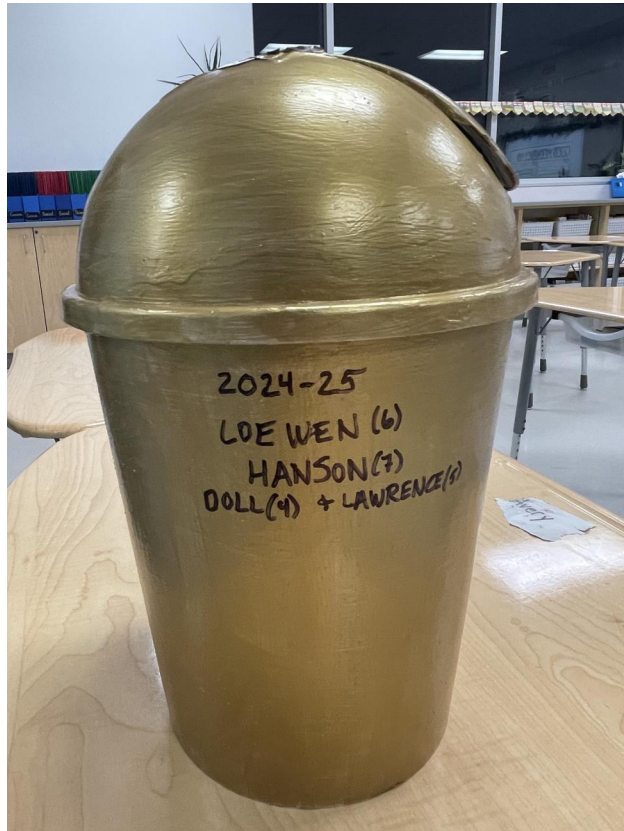
Junior 'A' Boys: Mel Hamilton & Amanda Soroka

Junior 'B' Boys: RJ Unguran & Lisa Wedderburn

Junior 'B' Girls: Jaimie Waugh, Judy Humphrys, Jenna Latham & Dayna Freitag

Grade 6 Girls: Stephanie Colling & Tanya McIntyre

Grade 6 Boys: Owen Clayton, Alison Clayton & Mel Hamilton



Among the many activities students are diving into during December, this week has seen the kids pouring their energy into winning "The Golden Trash Can." Our positive behaviour theme this month has been "Keeping our School Clean," and in fitting with that theme, classes have been competing each day to end with the most beautiful classroom in the school. After school lets out each day, judges take a tour and decide which class has been left the most beautiful, That class is awarded The Golden Trash Can for the day and is entered into a draw for a class pizza party at the end of the competition! The tidying has been truly epic.

Lastly, our monthly SOAR awards were held on Friday, showcasing students who have exemplified the principles of SOARing above and beyond in November, whether in their work ethic, positive school spirit, kindness, or growth in their learning. Congratulations to all the winners pictured below.

Have a warm and happy weekend everyone!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)







*1 - The Candygram line was almost 100 students deep on Thursday!!*



*2 - Grade 8s help their Kinder buddies make Gingerbread Man puppets.*



3 - The competition between River and Valley families at our SOAR assembly was fierce! Team speed wrapping is no easy sport!



4 - Rehearsals for the upcoming musical were humming along wonderfully this week! (more below)

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### ***Gingerbuilds are BACK!***

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The leadership group is once again hosting a friendly, festive community building activity. Each class will have the chance to construct their gingerbread house in whatever ways their creativity inspires! These will be on display at our winter concert. Get your students thinking of ideas to help the creativity shine through!



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*Updated: Candygrams!!*

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**WOW!** What an incredible turnout to spread some kindness and cheer to friends this week with our Candygrams! If students are still hoping to purchase them, there is one more day next week. **Students need to know the homeroom teacher of the person who they're sending their candy gram too!**



Next week, there are specific days when each Fireside Family is able to purchase their Candygrams during their lunch recess:

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

**Mountain** (Carriere, O'Neal, Grainger, Colling, Lawrence, Simpson, Smith, Soroka): December 10th

**River** (Russell, Larsen, Pare, Shaw, McCormick, Duong, Whittleton, Pyle):: December 11th

**Valley** (Cheverie, Nusl, Stark, Espersen, Waugh, Nakesch, Slack, Warwick): December 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.

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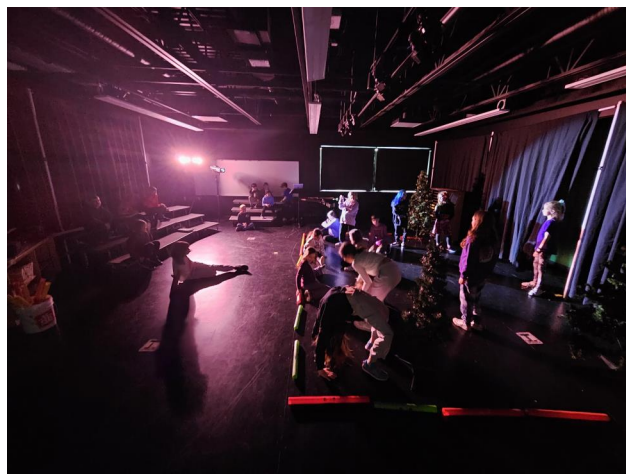
*Reminder: School Spirit - December School Performance*

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Students continue to prepare in music class for their music celebration *School Spirit* which is an energetic musical about spooky rumors, friendship, and belonging.

We are excited to welcome the families of our Grade 3/4 split, along with those in Grade 4 and 5, to watch this original, hilarious, and touching performance. A reminder that the 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.



*Reminder: "Share Your Christmas" Food Drive*

**We are well over 700 donations** so far and this does not include the boxes we still have to count and sort. Thank you to all those that have been able to give for this campaign. Stay tuned to see our total numbers next week and the winners of our class, family, and school vs school competitions! **If families are still hoping to give, donations must be dropped off by start of day on Thursday.**

All food donations are in support of the Cochrane Actievettes. Classes continue to work 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!

**ALSO...**don't forget...This year, we are working with other RVS schools including Rancheview School as a Cochrane-wide fundraiser. Stay tuned to see which school wins the school wide competition for bringing in the most donations! There may be some principals sitting on the edge of their seats, waiting to see who wins, as their may be some friendly wagers on the line!

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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*Reminder: Volunteer Opportunities - December Student Leadership Activities*

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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). 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.

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### *Reminder: Volunteer Opportunities - Literacy*

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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](mailto:lahall@rockyview.ab.ca) to sign up or ask any questions. Thank you!

### **Contact Us!**

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