

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – Winter Break Eve Edition

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- Monday, Jan 6 - First Day of Classes After Winter Break
- Wednesday, Jan 8 - School Council (6:30 pm) and Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings
- Friday, Jan 10 - Junior 'A' Basketball Tournament (Girls @ Fireside, Boys @ Mitford)
- Wednesday, Jan 15 - Healthy Hunger - OPA!

- Friday, Jan 24 Junior 'A' Basketball Tournament (Boys @ Windsong, Girls @ Bearspaw)

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

WE MADE IT!!! It is our first big break of the school year and it seems that we all reached the finish line in good spirits. Don't get us wrong, there are many tired faces, but with all the amazing opportunities that our staff and leadership students have provided, we had a lot fun (and still some quality learning) right up to the last day. Find the Present, Gingerbread House Building, a visit or two from the Grinch, the Snowball Dance, and Candygrams are just a few of the many amazing things that have brought our school community together this month.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Candygram sales. We sold over 2900 Candygrams!!! What an unbelievable feat. From the sales, we were able to host our winter dance and give a sizeable donation to the Cochrane Activettes. The kids were so excited to receive their candy canes on Friday and to read all the lovely notes sent from their peers. There was one very special candy cane purchased for which we could not find its home. You can see it here... we hope it touches even more hearts than its intended receiver by being shared here in the Focus.

As we say good by to 2024, we'd like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you, our community members, for the dozens of ways you have supported your kids and our school this year. So many of our families go above and beyond as volunteers, school council members, fundraisers, fund "givers," advocates, and partners in your children's learning journeys. We cannot express our appreciation more deeply.

We wish everyone a wonderful break, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hannukah, Kwanzaa Blessings, and a very Happy New Year!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)



1 - The Snowball Dance!







2 - Dance Decoration Committee



3 - Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Pyle, Mrs. Cooledge & Ms. Smith preside over 2900+ Candygrams

School Spirit, the Musical

A HUGE congratulations to the 3/4 split class, Grade 4s, and Grade 5s on their amazing performance this week! Mr. Petterson, Mr. Chung, and everyone behind the scenes and in front of the bright lights: your efforts really paid off. The show was wonderful! Tuesday evening the halls were a buzz with how amazed everyone was with the performance. We love seeing the gym filled with so many family members, friends and community members. Performances such as these are great opportunities for everyone to connect and celebrate the great students of Fireside! And special kudos to Mr. Petterson for writing the musical from start to finish. What an accomplishment!



4 - Set preparations



5 - Fireside School Presents: School Spirit, the Musical







Reminder: Volunteer Opportunities

As we head into the holidays, we want to thank all of the volunteers that have been in our school, on field trips, or helping behind the scenes to help bring opportunities to our students. There have been so many great stories from those volunteering on how much they enjoyed their time in the building! In the New Year, please check back for more opportunities!

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