

## The Week Ahead ~ November 18 to November 25, 2022

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, Nov 20		<b>Last day to place Budding Artists orders for Winter Break deliver (see below)</b>
Wednesday, Nov 23		<b>Last day to place Fireside Gear orders with Kodiak Sports online for December delivery (see below)</b>
Monday, Dec 5		<b>Professional Learning Day (No School)</b>
Wednesday, Dec. 7	6:30 to 8:00 pm	<b>School Council Meeting</b>
Wednesday, Dec. 7	8:00 to 9:00 pm	<b>Friends of Fireside Meeting</b>
Thursday, Dec. 15	6:00 to 7:00 pm	<b>Winter Concert (see below)</b>
Friday, Dec 22		<b>Last day of classes before Winter Break</b>
Monday, Jan 9		<b>Classes Resume</b>

Greetings Fireside families & friends!

We were happy to welcome families into the building for 3-Way Conferences Wednesday and Thursday this week. It was good to connect with you about learning and student growth, as we are a third of the way through the year already – hard to believe!

Reading groups in grades 4-6 are up and running, and students are enjoying their books. You could ask them about what they're reading and use their 5-point summary (a comprehension strategy they're using). Grade 3 students were making their own islands with flags and kindergarten students were beginning portraits of themselves (see below).



On Friday, staff and the Junior A Volleyball teams played some friendly matches. The Junior A Girls managed to split their 2-game match with the teachers, while the staff team triumphed over the Junior A Boys Team in two games. Fun was definitely had by all, including the classes of spectators, who chose their team to cheer for. Junior B Volleyball teams are at a tournament tonight.

We've had a lot of absences in recent weeks. Just a friendly reminder that, if your student is showing symptoms of illness, please keep them home. Thank you for helping to keep us all healthy. If entering the absence in *SafeArrival*, please enter it as illness; if you are leaving a voicemail or sending us an email, please let us know the student is sick so it can be entered in our attendance system correctly. Thank you. Wishing everyone a healthy, relaxing weekend.

Dave, Tara, & Jason  
Fireside Administration Team

**In this week's edition:**

**NEW: Friends of Fireside - Budding Artists Products to Purchase**

**NEW: Fireside Winter Concert**

**NEW: Halloween Dance Fundraising Success!**

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**REMINDER: School Council Update**

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**[NEW: Friends of Fireside – Budding Artists Products to Purchase](#)**

We are excited to offer a great opportunity to preserve a beautiful artifact of your child's imagination. You will find their artistic masterpiece in their backpack. You can choose to place their artwork on any Budding Artists product and boost their creative confidence. All items will be delivered to the school for distribution in time for gift giving.

Misplaced your artwork? No worries, contact Budding Artists at [info@buddingartists.ca](mailto:info@buddingartists.ca) or 519-639-4588 for more info. But hurry! To receive the items in time, the deadline to order is November 20<sup>th</sup> (that's this Sunday)!

For instructions on how to order, please see the flyer at the end of this week's Focus.

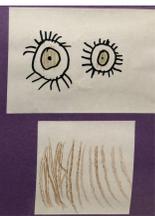
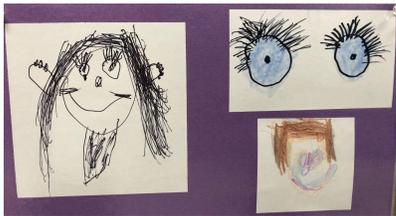
**[NEW: Fireside Winter Concert](#)**

Fireside School will host its first live winter concert in three years on **December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. The concert will be the first of three in the year, each featuring its own set of grades performing. The winter concert will feature performances from our Kindergarten, grade one and grade two students. We look forward to our older students performing in the new year. Look for more updates on our winter concert in next week's Focus.

**[NEW: Halloween Dance Fundraising Success!](#)**

The Halloween Dance in October was an amazing event and a whole lot of fun. Friends of Fireside let us know they were able to raise more than three thousand dollars for the school!! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this extraordinary event a success and to everyone for attending and supporting our school.

**NEW: Art and Activities This Week**



### **UPDATED: Fireside Swag**



Looking for a Christmas gift idea? How about a Fireside School hoodie, ball cap, or touque? Orders can be placed through Kodiak Sports; those placed prior to next Wednesday, November 23, 2022, will be delivered to the school office before Winter Break.

Check out the online store:

<https://fireside.rockyview.ab.ca/news/fireside-swag>



### **REMINDER: Adult ELL Class Registrations Open**

Rocky View School Adult Learning is now offering online and in-person English Language Learning classes. If you or someone you know would benefit from improving their fluency in English, please see the posters at the end of this newsletter for additional information.

### **REMINDER: School Council Update**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! Watch for updates in future editions of *Fireside Focus*.

At the November meeting, Rocky View Schools' Board Chair and Trustee Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert provided updates regarding RVS, Cochrane schools, and Fireside. This update included the Board's [Advocacy Priorities](#) (click link): Space for Students, Funding for Students, and Support for Students. The infographics in the bottom right-hand sidebar review key information for Cochrane schools and future projections, and there is also information on how parents can be involved in advocating for their students and learning.

### **UPDATED: Friends of Fireside**

Coming up: *Artrageous!* Keep your eye out for the order form and get some cool holiday gifts with custom artwork created by the students.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00, following the School Council meeting. Again, it will be a hybrid meeting with both in-person and Zoom available. Please watch for updates in future *Focus* editions.

### **REMINDER: Filling out Annual Forms**

We are still missing a number of annual form completions. Families who have forms that are not submitted or are incomplete would have received an email earlier this week.

Annual Forms include forms for use of images (which allows us to share the great things your kids are doing in school here in *Fireside Focus* and allows students' photos to be in our *Yearbook*), walking-distance field trip authorizations, and others. Please log into <https://rockyview.schoolengage.ca/> to complete these forms if you have not done so already. Thank you.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the school office; we are happy to help.

**Contact Us!**

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403.932.4868  
[fireside@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:fireside@rockyview.ab.ca)  
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**Follow these 4 steps!**



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**Sunday November 20**

*Items are perfect for gifts and keepsakes!*

Prices range from \$5 to \$45

