

FIRESIDE FOCUS

OPEN MINDS ■ OPEN HEARTS ■ OPEN DOORS

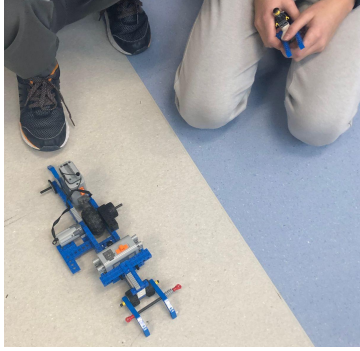
The Week Ahead ~ November 25 to December 2, 2022

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, Dec 1		Last day of Term 1 Options and Term 1 deadline for classes
Friday, Dec 2	3:00 & 6:00 pm	Junior B Boys Volleyball at Fireside
Friday, Dec 2	5:00 & 6:00 pm	Junior B Girls Volleyball at C.W. Perry (Airdrie)
Monday, Dec 5		Professional Learning Day (No School)
Tuesday, Dec 6		Term 2 Options Begin for Grades 7&8
Wednesday, Dec. 7	6:30 to 8:00 pm	School Council Meeting (Meeting ID: 956 1746 1383 Passcode: 891360)
Wednesday, Dec. 7	8:00 to 9:00 pm	Friends of Fireside Meeting (Meeting ID: 956 1746 1383 Passcode: 891360)
Thursday, Dec. 15	6:00 to 7:00 pm	Winter Concert (see below)
Friday, Dec 16		Last day to request Term 2 Option changes for Grade 7 & 8 students (see below)
Friday, Dec 22		Last day of classes before Winter Break
Monday, Jan 9		Classes Resume after Winter Break

Greetings Fireside Families & Friends!

We had another full week at Fireside. Kindergarten students prepared their pictures for the Mail-a-Smile activity, where they will send their smile pictures to a relative or friend in another part of the country or world. Grade 2s worked with buddies in the 7 & 8 Coding class to tell fairy tales with tiny robots as main characters. Grade 4's were making robotic Lego cars and testing them out, and Grade 5's were making animal art. Grade 7's were beginning their work around the Power of Words this week with their teachers and Child Development Advisor Mrs. Soch, and the Grade 8's were showing off their reporter-style writing skills (see below).





As we look ahead to the last four weeks of school before Winter Break, there will be lots of fun activities coming up for all grade levels. We will be happy to share them with you in *Focus* next week and each week to follow. Also, please watch for your teacher's updates, which will contain important information about classes, learning, and these events. For Grades 7 and 8 students, there is a reminder about completing all work for classes, including options, by Thursday, December 1; students should connect with their teachers regarding this deadline if they have any questions or need help meeting it.

This coming week marks the official start of our annual December food drive. Fireside has earned a reputation for being one of the biggest donors to the Cochrane Activettes each holiday season. Our hope is to make this the most giving season we've had yet. See below for more details.

As always, if there is anything you think we need to know or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and we look forward to another great week next week.

Dave, Tara, & Jason
Fireside Administration Team

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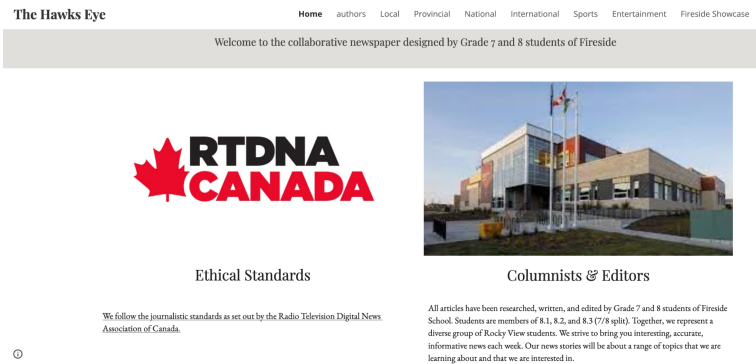


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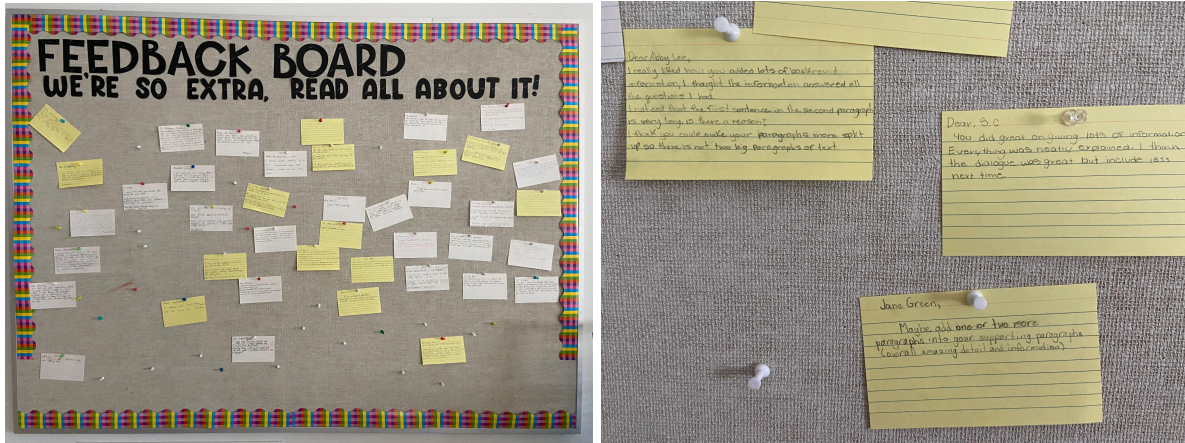
It's time for our annual Winter Food Drive, supporting the Cochrane Activettes' efforts to keep families food secure this winter. At the end of this newsletter is the "Food Drive Bingo Card" that outlines the most needed items this winter. Classes will compete with one another to see who can fill the greatest number of Bingo cards. All donations are due to the school no later than the morning of December 7th. We can also use some empty boxes for toting all the donations once the event is done. Please feel free to send these to school with your child or drop them off at the main office. Smaller to medium sized boxes are preferred over larger ones for ease of transporting. Thank you in advance for your generous donations this year!

NEW: Grade 8's Journalism Share

Grade 8 students (and our 7/8 combined class) have been working through a journalism unit. On their website (see below), students will be reporting on various events locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally over the next few weeks in class. Many are writing under an alias, which is to encourage students to try new things in their writing and take on new perspectives.



On Friday, students went through the whole site and provided feedback to each other; they wrote to each other under their aliases. Students could then find and take the feedback meant for them throughout the day to polish their final piece for posting. Here are pictures of our feedback board today:



We welcome you to check out the wonderful work of these students on the site: <https://sites.google.com/rvschools.ab.ca/firesideshowcase/international>. It will be an ongoing project, so stay tuned and check out the updates each week. Great work, Hawks!

NEW: Friends of Fireside

We invite you to join us for our December meeting on Wednesday, December 7, right after School Council (around 8:00 pm). There will still be a hybrid-option of in-person or Zoom (see above). Our meeting will follow the School Council Meeting. We look forward to talking about what is coming up in the year ahead and sharing how Artrageous went.

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.

If you have any questions or anything you would like to share, please contact us at president@friendsoffireside.ca.

NEW: Absences

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.

UPDATED: Fireside Winter Concert

On **December 15 at 6:00 pm**, Fireside School will host its first live winter concert in three years. 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 seeing you there. And 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*.

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.

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!

Fireside School

403.932.4868

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<http://fireside.rockyview.ab.ca>

FIRESIDE WINTER FOOD DRIVE

4 of... Canned Meats (fish, ham, chicken, etc) 12	2 of... Cereal or Oatmeal 10	2 of... Pancake Mix or Syrup 6	3 of... Canned Meals (chili, pasta, stew, etc) 8
1 each of... Cranberry Sauce & Stuffing Mix 4	2 of... Honey, Jam, Peanut Butter 10	4 of... Granola, Cereal, Fruit Bars 8	2 of... Condiments (ketchup, mayo, etc) 8
2 of... Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate 8	2 of... Rice or Pasta 8	3 of... Cake Mix 6	5 of... Canned Fruits, Veggies, Soup 10
2 of... Juices (lg or pcks of boxes) 5	2 of... Pasta Sauce 7	5 of... Packaged Rice or Macaroni Meals (KD, Knorr, etc) 10	2 of... Crackers 8
1 of... Chocolates or Holiday Treats 6	1 of... Pajamas (any age) 12	1 of... Family Game or Puzzle 14	2 of... \$10 Store Gift Card 20

COMPLETE CARD: BONUS 20 POINTS

**“Extra” items that don’t complete a card STILL COUNT.
Please bring in your extras!**

Are you interested in ONLINE adult English Language Learning (ELL) classes?

ELL Speaking/Pronunciation ONLINE

January 17 - March 23, 2023

Tuesdays/Thursdays

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

(10 weeks, 20 classes, 30 hours)

Cost \$75

Register at

adultlearning.rockyview.ab.ca

Other ONLINE Options:

Bow Valley College online ELL classes:

<https://bowvalleycollege.ca/programs-courses/english-language-learning/linc-home-study>

Adult Learning Alberta online ELL classes:

<https://adultlearningalberta.ca/events/?search=&time=&comaction=calendar>



Adult English Language Learning

Aprendizaje de inglés para adultos

Вивчення англійської мови для дорослих

成人英语语言学习

ਬਾਲਗ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਸਿੱਖਣਾ

Pag-aaral ng Wikang Ingles para sa Nakatatanda

Cochrane Classes

January 10 - March 23, 2023

Tuesday/Thursday Evenings

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost \$100

Register at:

adultlearning.rockyview.ab.ca

