

# **FIRESIDE FOCUS**

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## The Week Ahead ~ December 2 to December 9, 2022

Date	Time	Event
Friday, Dec 2	3:00 & 6:00 pm	<b>Junior B Boys Volleyball at Fireside</b>
Friday, Dec 2	5:00 & 6:00 pm	<b>Junior B Girls Volleyball at C.W. Perry (Airdrie)</b>
Monday, Dec 5		<b>Professional Learning Day (No School)</b>
Tuesday, Dec 6		<b>Term 2 Options Begin for Grades 7&amp;8</b>
Wednesday, Dec. 7	6:30 to 8:00 pm	<b>School Council Meeting</b> (Meeting ID: 956 1746 1383 Passcode: 891360)
Wednesday, Dec. 7	8:00 to 9:00 pm	<b>Friends of Fireside Meeting</b> (Meeting ID: 956 1746 1383 Passcode: 891360)
Thursday, Dec. 15	5:30 to 7:00 pm	<b>Winter Concert (see below)</b>
Friday, Dec 16		<b>Tacky Sweater Day</b>
Friday, Dec 16		<b>Last day to request Term 2 Option changes for Grade 7 &amp; 8 students (see below)</b>
Thursday, Dec 22		<b>Last day of classes before Winter Break</b>
Monday, Jan 9		<b>Classes Resume after Winter Break</b>
Friday, Jan 20		<b>Junior A Basketball – Boys are at Fireside; Girls location is TBD (please watch for updates)</b>
Friday, Jan 27		<b>Junior A Basketball – Girls are at Fireside; Boys location TBD (please watch for updates)</b>
Monday, Jan 30	<b>NEW</b>	<b>This is now a school day for students (please see below regarding changes to RVS Year-Calendar)</b>
Friday, Feb 10	<b>NEW</b>	<b>Professional Learning Day (no school for students)</b>

Greetings Fireside Families & Friends!

It has been a very chilly past few days, as we saw the entire week's worth of recesses spent indoors. The forecast for next week is looking slightly more promising. However, please be aware that temperatures may hover near the mark where we might choose to keep students inside. When it's near, but not beyond that line (approximately  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  depending on windchill), we'll send the kids out. For those with proper winter wear, this should be no issue. However, we frequently see students heading out in clothing that is not weather appropriate. While we won't put students in harm's way, we do expect them to be prepared to go outside, both for recess and physical education. Please help us keep your kids safe by sending them to school with attire that keeps skin exposure to a minimum when they are outside.



Final tryouts for Junior A Basketball were this week; the teams have now been finalized. We look forward to their tournaments in January. Our Food Drive was in full swing. **The last chance for food donations is on Wednesday morning.** Thank you for all the donations you have provided so far. Grade 7/8 Options for Term 1 concluded; Term 2 Options begin on Tuesday. Any students who would like to request an option change for Term 2 or Term 3 can fill out a request form at the office. **Note: Until a change is confirmed with them directly, students need to attend the option they are currently enrolled in.**

In classes this week, Grade 2s finished up their swimming lessons. Grade 4's held their Merchant Market on Friday, learning all about market economics as they sold their creations (in some cases, graciously supported by parents) to classroom guests for play money. Grade 8s conducted preference surveys to develop understanding on ratios and percentages. They also finished their studies on philosophers and other figures of the Renaissance. This week we also had our first lockdown practice of the year. It went very well. Both Junior B Volleyball teams are finishing the weeks at a tournament; the boys are playing at home and won their first match! Way to go, Hawks!



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

Dave, Tara, & Jason  
Fireside Administration Team



**In this week's edition:**

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**[NEW: Update to Rocky View Schools' 2022-2023 Calendar](#)**

Please note that the [School Calendar for 2022-2023](#) has been updated by Rocky View Schools. Monday, January 30, 2023 is now a school day for all students, and Friday, February 10, 2023 is a professional learning day (no classes for students).

**[NEW: Provincial Achievement Test Updates \(Grade 6\)](#)**

Students in Grade 6 will be writing Provincial Achievement Tests in all four core subject areas this year. Each assessment begins at 9:00 am and each has its allotted time. This information will be sent directly to grade 6 parents and families prior to Winter Break.

The dates of these assessments are as follows:

Wednesday, May 17, 2023:	English Language Arts Part A (Written)
Tuesday, June 20, 2023:	English Language Arts Part B (Reading Comprehension)
Thursday, June 22, 2023:	Mathematics Part A
Friday, June 23, 2023:	Mathematics Part B
Monday, June 26, 2023:	Social Studies
Tuesday, June 27, 2023:	Science

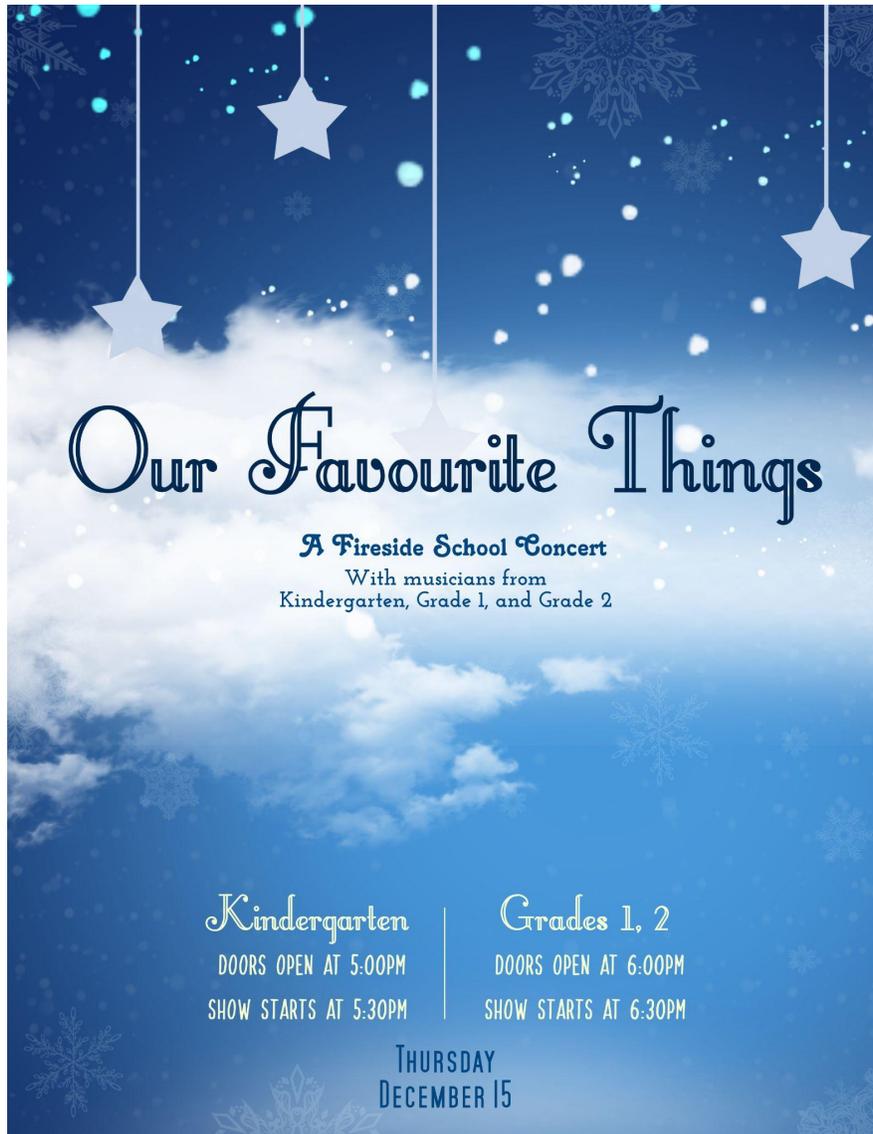
Further information about [Provincial Assessment](#) can be accessed on Rocky View Schools' site and the [Grade 6 Parent Guide, 2022-2023](#).

**[NEW: Transportation Issues?](#)**

If you have concerns with student conduct on buses, please reach out to school administration. If there are any other concerns or questions, please contact Rocky View Schools' Transportation Department at 403.945.4100 or [transportation@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:transportation@rockyview.ab.ca).

**UPDATED: Fireside Winter Concert**

We're very excited for our winter concert, entitled *Our Favourite Things*, on **Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 pm (Kinders) and 6:30 pm (1s & 2s)**. Doors open 30 minutes before each show. We look forward to seeing you there.



**UPDATE: Grade 8 Journalism**

Please take another visit to our Grade 8 students' [journalism site](#). They continue to report on issues and events that are local, international, and everything in between. They have been hard at work in trying to publish their writing to an authentic public audience. Thanks for taking a look.

### **[REMINDER: Fireside Winter Food Drive](#)**

All food drive 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 for your generous donations this year!

### **[REMINDER: School Council Meeting](#)**

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: 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](mailto:president@friendsoffireside.ca).

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