

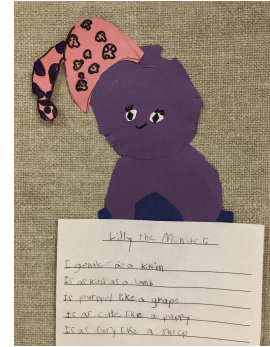
The Week Ahead ~ December 9 to December 16, 2022

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, Dec. 15	Kinder 5:30 pm; Gr. 1&2 6:30 pm	Winter Concert (see updates below)
Friday, Dec 16		Tacky Sweater Day
Friday, Dec 16		Last day to request Term 2 Option changes for Grade 7 & 8 students (see below)
Friday, Dec 16		Junior A Basketball Tournaments Boys @ Rancheview 4:00 & 7:00 pm Girls @ Beiseker at 3:00 & 6:00 pm
Thursday, Dec 22		Last day of classes before Winter Break
Monday, Jan 9		Classes Resume after Winter Break
Friday, Jan 20		Junior A Basketball Tournaments Boys @ Fireside at 3:00 & 7:00 pm Girls @ Rancheview at 4:00 & 5:00 pm
Friday, Jan 27		Junior A Basketball Tournamnets Girls @ Fireside at 3:00 and 4:00 pm Boys @ Beiseker at 4:00 & 7:00 pm
Monday, Jan 30		This is now a school day for students (please see below regarding changes to RVS Year-Calendar)
Wednesday, Feb 1	6: 30 to 7:30 pm	School Council Meeting (Meeting ID: 956 1746 1383 Passcode: 891360)
Wednesday, Feb 1	7:30 to 8:30 pm	Friends of Fireside Meeting (Meeting ID: 956 1746 1383 Passcode: 891360)
Friday, Feb 10		Professional Learning Day (no school for students)

Greetings Fireside Families & Friends!

Although this was a short week, there was a lot going on. It began with students in all grades bringing in final items for Food Drive (see below). Tuesday also saw us welcoming Holy Spirit School into our gym mid-morning when they had to evacuate their own school for an unplanned fire alarm (all was well).

Grade 7 and 8 students started new options on Tuesday and Thursday, which they will continue into the early part of 2023. Grade 3 students completed Monster Simile Poems and Kindergarten explored the speeds of different items when they pushed them in the snow. Grade 1-3 students continued their Literacy group work and Grade 4-6 students practiced deeper discussions in their guided reading or literature circle groups. By Wednesday, everyone was excited to return outside for recess. Junior A Basketball started practicing as they look ahead to their first tournaments next Friday (see above).



School Council and Friends of Fireside meetings were held on Wednesday evening. We were excited to see some new members and hope to see others join us in the future as well. School Council discussions included new opportunities for parents to be involved, common messaging around expectations for students, S.O.A.R. Awards, swimming lessons, and other large scale field trips. Updates were also given about the successful Food Drive (see below), the 12 Days of Giving some students are completing before Winter Break. Friends of Fireside looked at what new fundraisers they'll bring forth in the new year, the best ways to communicate with parents and families, what Read-a-Thon might look like in 2023, as well as upcoming Home Alone presentations (coming up in the new year). The next School Council and Friends of Fireside meetings will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

In the coming week, we look forward to our Winter Concerts, featuring our Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students – please see below for the times and updated information about family seating. Next Friday, we invite all students and staff to wear their favourite Tacky Sweater for Tacky Sweater Day. Then, it's one more short week until Winter Break.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Dave, Tara, & Jason
Fireside Administration Team

In this week's edition:

NEW: Food Drive

NEW: Term 1 in PowerSchool

NEW: Grade 4 Market Memories and Shadow Photography

UPDATED: Fireside Winter Concert

UPDATED: Grade 8 Journalism

REMINDER: Update to Rocky View Schools' 2022-23 Calendar

REMINDER: Provincial Achievement Test Updates (Grade 6)

NEW: Food Drive

Fireside showed its deep generosity once again this year. After two weeks of gathering, our school assembled more than \$10,000 worth of food, gift cards, pajamas, and games. The Cochrane Activettes were thrilled to be able to accept our donation, and on their behalf we would like to thank the many families who helped gather it. We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Copithorne's (Carriere's) class who brought in the most donations.



NEW: Term 1 in PowerSchool

Term 1 ended last week. Yes, we are one-third of the way into our school year. Thus, it is a good time to check on updates to comments and marks in PowerSchool. For Grade 7 and 8 students, Term 1 Option grades are now finalized for all students. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's homeroom teacher.

NEW: Grade 4 Market Memories and Shadow Photography

Grade 4's began the week by reflecting on their marvelous markets last week. The markets focused into classroom economies and help students to consider the cost of goods, but also the value of money. They are looking forward to their next ones: two more in 2023!

This week, Grade 4s learned about light and shadow, taking photographs to demonstrate their learning and understanding. Students learned about light by studying the effects of light on things within their environment. They learned about light sources, about materials that light can pass through, and about what happens when a material blocks or changes the path of light. By observing shadows and their motions relative to a light source, students discovered that light and shadows fall along a predictable path. Here are some examples of their learnings:



UPDATED: Fireside Winter Concert

On **Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 pm (Kinders) and 6:30 pm (1s & 2s)**, we will be holding our Winter Concert, entitled *Our Favourite Things*. Doors open **30 minutes before** each show for family seating.

We ask that Kindergarten parents drop off their children to the respective classrooms and then find seats to watch the concert. Before the Grades 1&2 Concert, we ask that a parent take their child(ren) to their classrooms.

If you have children in both concerts, here is some important information: please have your grade 1/2 sit with you in the gym for the Kinder Concert. Once the Kinder Concert is finished, please take your Grade 1s/2s to their respective classrooms; your Kindergartener will then sit with you to watch the second concert. For supervision purposes, this is very important, please.

We look forward to seeing you there. It will be a night of magical melodies and merriment!



[UPDATED: Grade 8 Journalism](#)

Our Grade 8's have been working hard this week to polish new pieces for their [journalism site](#). Issues and events that are local, international, and everything in between is there for your reading and enjoyment. They continue to work hard in trying to publish their writing to an authentic public audience. Thanks for taking a look.

[REMINDER: 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).

[REMINDER: 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](#).

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