

FIRESIDE FOCUS

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The Week Ahead ~ December 16 to December 23, 2022

Date	Time	Event
Friday, Dec 16		Junior A Basketball Tournaments Boys @ Rancheview 4:00 & 7:00 pm Girls @ Beiseker at 3:00 & 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 21		"Fest Up, Dressed Up" Day. Wear festive colours (red, green, white, blue, silver, gold)!
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 Tournaments 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!

The final countdown to winter break is officially on. With 4 more days before holidays, the building is buzzing with festive spirit, holiday crafts, treats, and... most of all... excitement. Ask your kids how "Find the Present" is going so far for their class. Competition is getting heated in this school-wide activity that will no doubt become an annual tradition.



Thursday saw our first public concert in three years, featuring performances by our Kinders, Grade 1s & Grade 2s. Songs were recorded, hearts were warmed, and spirits were lifted. It was great having so many families together at the school, and we

are already looking forward to our next one with the 3s to 6s early next year. A very special thanks to Mr. Peterson & Mr. Chung for the considerable time and effort they spent making this the fabulous event it was.



And speaking of thanks, we'd also like to extend some belated ones to our volleyball coaches now that all of the seasons have wrapped up. We are very grateful for the support from Ms. Simpson, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Dancey, Mrs. Espersen, Mrs. Martin, Ms. Colling, and Mr. Peterson that allows our volleyball programs to run. Congratulations on your great seasons, and thanks to you all!



Next week, we are expecting some particularly cold weather and a full slate of indoor recesses. Just a reminder that our first bell rings at 7:50 and the lock timers for the doors don't release until that bell. On days that it's quite cold, we do let the students come in early to stay warm, but not every door is monitored before the bell rings. If you expect your child to arrive at the school well before the bell, please let them know they may come around to the main entrance so they can be let in to stay warm.

We've got a short Fireside Focus for you this week. Enjoy and have a lovely weekend!

Dave, Tara, & Jason
Fireside Administration Team

In this week's edition:
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Fireside students took part in a Unified Sports Day hosted by Springbank High on Wednesday. Unified Sports is a program and movement spearheaded by Special Olympics Canada. It is a model of social inclusion that integrates individuals with and without intellectual disabilities. Students compete as pairs in sports and activities against other school teams. Our team of four did an amazing job playing Human Hungry Hippos, bowling, and running obstacle courses. We are so proud of their effort and accomplishments. Way to go Hawks!



REMINDER: Term 1 Complete

Term 1 for Grade 7 & 8 students ended earlier this month. Term 1 Option classes are complete, and final grades for them are in. If you have any questions about course marks, please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's teacher. If you have difficulty with PowerSchool, please contact the office.

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