

FIRESIDE FOCUS

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The Weeks Ahead ~ December 22, 2022 to January 13, 2023

Date	Time	Event
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 23		Kindergarten Registration Opens (stay tuned for details in the new year)
Monday, Jan 30		School Day for students (please note this change in the Rocky View Schools 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!

Well, it was a shorter week than expected, but despite that and the cold, we managed to have a lot of fun this week, showing our holiday spirit in a number of ways. Our Student SOAR team led the school in “Find the Present”, a friendly competition that saw Mrs. Waugh’s grade 6 class winning in the final round on Thursday.

We started the week with some excitement after our Junior A Girls basketball team won one of their games at their tournament in Beiseker last Friday: way to go Hawks! Both the Junior A boys and girls teams continued to practice this week and are excited for the two tournaments in the new year (see above).



Miss Alison's Kinders baked gingerbread cookies with 7s and 8s, and grade 6 students worked on finalizing their infographics for science, which included Indigenous connections linked to their learning in social studies. Grade 6s also designed beautiful snowglobes of their own invention and imagination in art. Grade 7 students created clay ornaments for their science unit focused on Heat and Temperature.



Wishing everyone a lovely Winter Break and holiday season and all the best in the new year. We look forward to seeing you safely back in 2023!

Dave, Tara, & Jason
Fireside Administration Team

In this week's edition:

NEW: Friends of Fireside

NEW: Grade 5 Students Learn About Inuit Culture

NEW: SOAR Awards

UPDATED: Thanks Coaches!

[NEW: Friends of Fireside](#)

We have seen some beautiful artwork come by when handing out our *ArtRageous* fundraiser orders this week! Didn't get your order yet? Please contact us asap.

Thank you to all the volunteers, Friends of Fireside members, School Council members, parents, and school staff for all your support and hard work to make the Fireside School the awesome place it is today! We are excited for the new year and can't wait to break ground on the new outdoor learning space! Our next meeting will be February 1, 2023. Please join us either in person or on Zoom.

Happy Holidays to you all and your families!

[NEW: Grade 5 Students Learn About Inuit Culture](#)

Ms. Waugh's Grade 5 class had the honour of spending Tuesday morning with Commissioner Jim Igloliorte learning about Inuit culture. Jim continues to support and work with Inuit families in Labrador, Newfoundland. The children were mesmerized by the story of how the Goddess of the Sea, Sedna, turned her loss into beautiful creatures of the sea. They continued to gain a better understanding of Inuit culture throughout the morning, asking interesting questions, sharing personal connections, and listening to the wealth of knowledge Jim kindly shared. Fireside School thanks Jim for sharing his knowledge with our students.



[SOAR Awards](#)

Every month, Fireside recognizes a few of the amazing students in our building at our monthly SOAR Assembly. Students are nominated by staff members who recognize them for their demonstrations of Spirit, Outstanding Character, Achievement, and Respect. We're so proud of these Hawks and the many ways they make our school and community better.



[Updated: Thanks Coaches!](#)

In last week's focus, we thanked Ms. Simpson, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Dancey, Mrs. Espersen, Mrs. Martin, Ms. Colling, and Mr. Peterson for all their support of our volleyball teams this year. Unfortunately we missed a few other important folks who donated their time to be "behind the clipboard." Our apologies and thanks to Mrs. Doll, Mrs. Soroka and RJ Erickson who also played a big part in our teams' successes.

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