

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – December 1

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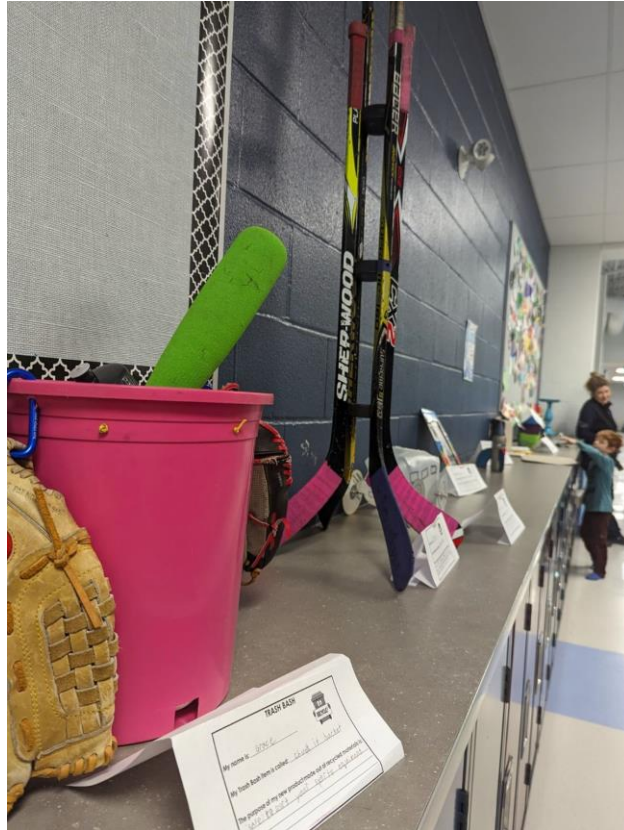
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- Tuesday, Dec 5 – Term 2 Options begin (Grades 7 & 8)
- Wednesday, Dec 6 – Immunizations (for students with signed consent forms)
- Wednesday, Dec 6 – School Council and Friends of Fireside meetings (6:30 to 8:30 pm)
- Dec 7, 8, & 9 – Purdy's orders delivered to school

- Friday, Dec 8 – Winter Spirit Day #1 – Head to Toe! (see below)
- Monday, Dec 11 through Friday, Dec 15 – Bring Your Own Mug Day (see below)
- Friday, Dec 15 – Junior A Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament #1
- Tuesday, Dec 19 – Winter Concert: *Flakes* (Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, 2/3 Class -- see below)
- Friday, Dec 22 – Winter Spirit Day #2 – PJ Day
- Friday, Dec 22 – Last day of classes before Winter Break
- Monday, Jan 8 – First day of classes after Winter Break
- Friday, Jan 12 – Junior A Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament #2
- Friday, Jan 19 – Junior A Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament #3
- Thursday, Jan 25 – Junior A Girls & Boys Divisional Tournament

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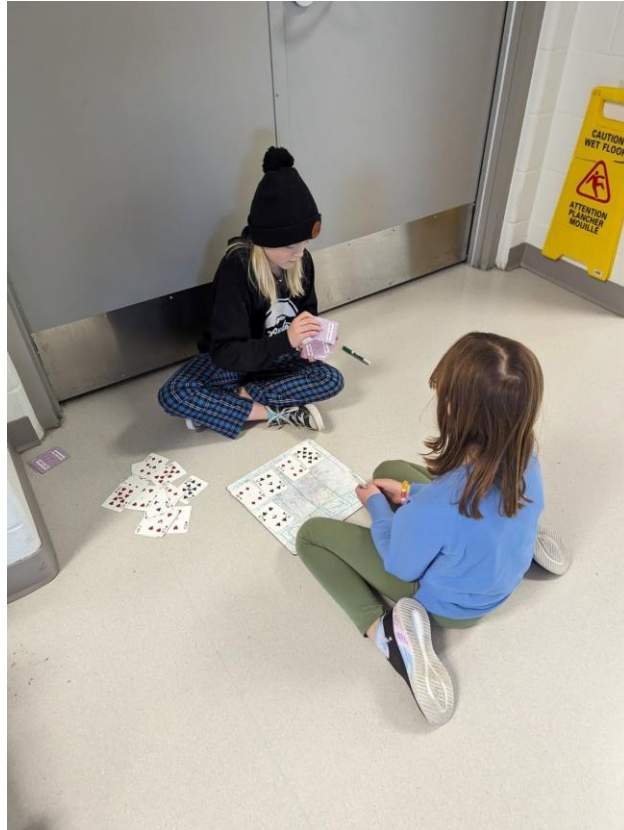


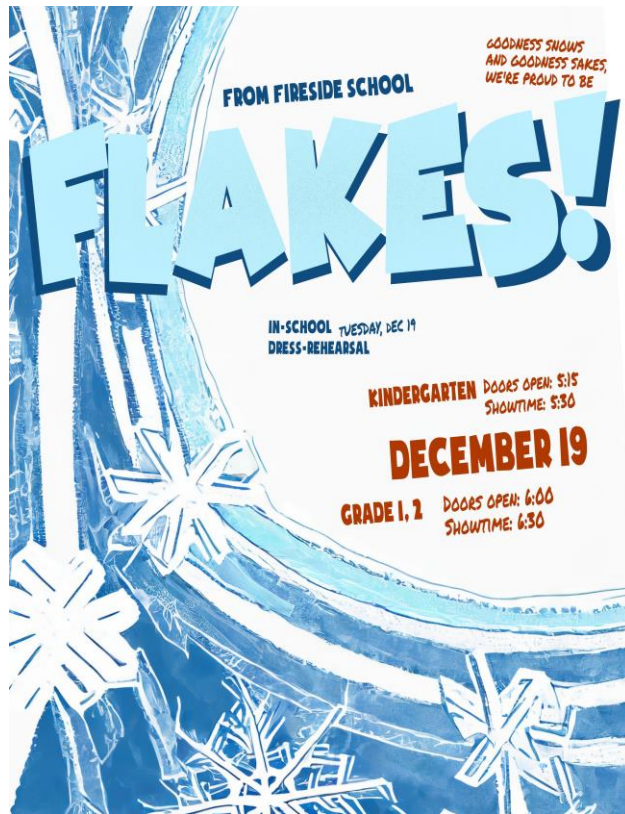


Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

The last week of November was filled with many activities, and the countdown to Winter Break officially began for many of us.

Ms. Alison's Kinders were at the Fireside Forest this week furthering their connection with and understandings of the land. They were joined by two of the RVS Indigenous Learning Specialists. Grade 2, 3, and 4 Buddies had fun with math tasks this week, and Grade 4 Trash Bash projects were still on display for students and staff. Mrs. Doll's Grade 4 class made Snow Globes with Student-Teacher Miss T to celebrate the first day of December. Grade 3's finished swimming lessons this week, with much excitement as they received their "report cards" showing the growth they'd all made during their time at the SLS Centre.





Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 students are excitedly practising their songs and performances for the upcoming Winter Concert (see below). We've heard some classes singing for their teachers and heard students humming a tune to themselves in the hallways for extra practice.

Junior B Volleyball Teams have been enjoying their tournaments in the past couple of weeks. The final tournaments are tonight, with our Boys Team playing here at Fireside and the Girls Team playing at C. W. Perry in Airdrie. This week, Junior A Basketball Teams were chosen and posted. The first tournament will occur on Friday, December 15 (venues to be determined), with the remaining tournaments happening when we return in January (January 12 and 19).





All classes were extremely committed to bringing in as many items as they could for our food bank collection in the past two weeks. Our Learning Commons is filled! Thank you to all students and families for your generosity.

On Tuesday, Grade 7 and 8 students will begin their Term 2 Options. New options for this term include Drama and French.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

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New: Winter Spirit Days and Spirit Activities

Our Winter Spirit Days are here, starting next week. And, by participating, classes have the opportunity to raise points for their Fireside Families: every participant = 1 Family Point.

- Friday, Dec 8: Head to Toe for the Winter Holidays! Mix and match 1, 2 or 3 of any of these:
 - Head - wear winter (toque, earmuffs) or festive (hat, ears, etc) headwear
 - Body- wear a favourite cozy sweater or 'tacky' festive sweater
 - Toes - wear fun, fuzzy, or festive socks
- Friday, Dec 27: PJ Day. Who's Ready to sleep in!? Get all cozy for the winter break with PJ's & Slippers. Talk to your teacher about maybe bringing a stuffed animal friend.

Other activities include: Fireside Family Fridays, Kindness Chain, and the a Ginger-Build Competition (kindly supported by Friends of Fireside), which will take place on Monday Dec. 18 and Tuesday, Dec. 19. You'll have the opportunity to see the finished creations at the Winter Concert. Watch for weekly updates on these happenings.

And, the week of Monday, Dec 11 through Friday, Dec 15, it is Bring Your Own Mug Days. Each Fireside Family will have a day of the week to bring their own mug to enjoy a nice warm cup of hot chocolate. Students may bring their own mug or thermos for a free cup of hot chocolate on their Family's Day.

Monday December 11 Forest Day

Tuesday December 12 Meadow Day

Wednesday December 13 Mountain Day

Thursday December 14 River Day

Friday December 15 Valley Day

New: Parent & Children Events - MHCB Stepping Stones to Mental Health

Supporting Children and Youth through Grief & Loss on January 18, 2023 at from 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: Virtual

To watch a child, grieve and not know what to do is a profoundly difficult experience for parents, teachers, and caregivers. There are many life experiences that can produce feelings of grief in a child, from the death of a relative or a divorce in the family to more everyday experiences such as moving to a new neighbourhood or losing a prized possession. The pandemic has added even more reasons, with children grieving the loss of normalcy and a sense of safety. This session is to help adults counter the false idea of "not feeling bad" and to empower children with positive, effective methods of dealing with

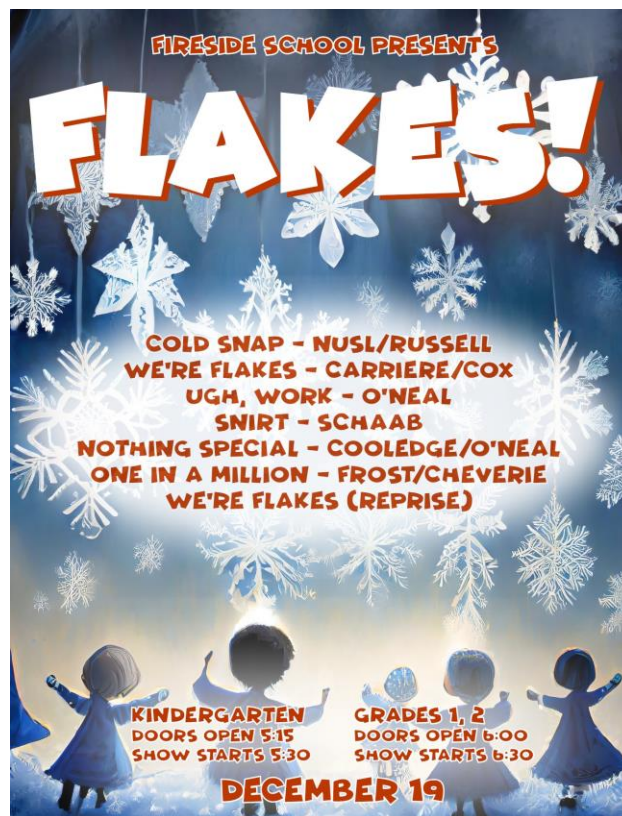
loss. We will look at guidelines for helping children develop a lifelong, healthy response to loss and how you can support them through these tough times.

Register: https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w4572Xe3SwyL_2xKw_BmJA#/registration

Stories with Santa on December 16, 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00pm

Location: Cochrane Public Library -- Come to the library for crafts, stories, and more! **No registration needed.**

Updated: K-2 Winter Concert, Tuesday, Dec 19



Hello friends, lend us your ear, In Fireside School, where winter draws near.

Our young musicians, in December they play, Conjure a blizzard in the most charming way.

On Tuesday, December 19, Fireside School's Kindergartens, Grade 1s, Grade 2s, and 2/3 Class will put on truly sparkling performances at our annual Winter Concert.

Here is information on all parts of the Concert that evening:

Kindergarten Performances: doors open at 5:15 pm, showtime 5:30 pm

Grade 1, 2, and 2/3 Performances: doors open at 6:00 pm; showtime 6:30 pm

If your child is performing in this year's Winter Concert, please arrive at Fireside School's main entrance on December 19th at the following times:

Kindergarten Arrival/Drop-Off: 5:15 pm

Grade 1, 2, 3, and 2/3 Arrival/Drop-Off: 6:00 pm

Students will walk directly to their classrooms, while audience members will go to the gymnasium to find seating (strollers/accessible seating at the front right-hand side). This year, a livestream link will be sent out the week of the concert because, for goodness sakes, we're a blizzard of flakes!

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