

# **FIRESIDE FOCUS**



## Fireside Focus – December 15

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### *Upcoming Dates*

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- Tuesday, Dec 19 – Winter Concert: *Flakes* (Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, 2/3 -- **NEW DETAILS BELOW**)
- Friday, Dec 22 – Winter Spirit Day #2 – PJ Day (see below)

- 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
- Wednesday, Feb 7 – Healthy Hunger (Mucho Burrito)
- Thursday, Feb 8 -- Grade 2 Iqualuit Day (details will follow in the new year)

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*From the Admin Desk*

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Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

This week was filled with much merriment and more preparations for activities and events coming up next week.

Late last week and early this week, the final boxes of food and household items that were generously donated during our Winter Food Drive were sent off with the Cochrane Activettes for Cochrane's Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity; it will certainly help those who are struggling this holiday season. Thank you also to our students who helped out with sorting and loading all of the items brought in. Amazing! And thanks to Qualico Homes for their generous support with additional items for this drive.





On Wednesday, members of our Grade 7/8 Leadership and SOAR Team groups had the opportunity to volunteer at the Drop-in Donation Centre in Calgary, sorting clothing and other donations to the Centre.

On Thursday, Grade 7 students enjoyed a presentation from Firefighter Mike Marianchuk, who helped them understand concepts in their Heat and Temperature Unit in Science. Thank you to Firefighter Marianchuk for sharing that time with our students.

Thursday afternoon, our Grade 6, 7, and 8 Band students attended the dress rehearsal for Bow Valley High School's Band Concert. It was an opportunity for them to see how high school bands play and the way they perform at concerts. Thank you to Mr. Taylor Grant, BVHS's Band Conductor, for the invitation. It was an amazing experience.

Earlier today, Fireside Family Buddies met up to make their Kindness Chains, and the Fireside Family Hot Chocolate days finished up. On Friday, our Junior A Boys and Girls Basketball Teams had their first tournament. Our Boys Team played at Rancheview, and our Girls Team played here at home. Go Hawks! Their next tournaments will take place after Winter Break.







And throughout the week, students were busy with many festive art projects on a variety of seasonal themes. See below for some of the pieces they were working on.

And so, we are now into the final countdown until Winter Break begins at the end of next week. But there is still more fun to come! Students will complete their Gingerbread Builds for the Ginger-Build Competition on Monday and Tuesday, which will be displayed at our Winter Concert on Tuesday evening (see below for NEW details). And students will also have lots of adventures playing Find-the-Present again this year. Looking ahead to the weather next week, it should also provide some fun recess time outside, so please help your child to bring jacket, boots, mitts, and all the other things they'll need to play safely out in the snow.

We hope everyone has a cozy, wonderful weekend.

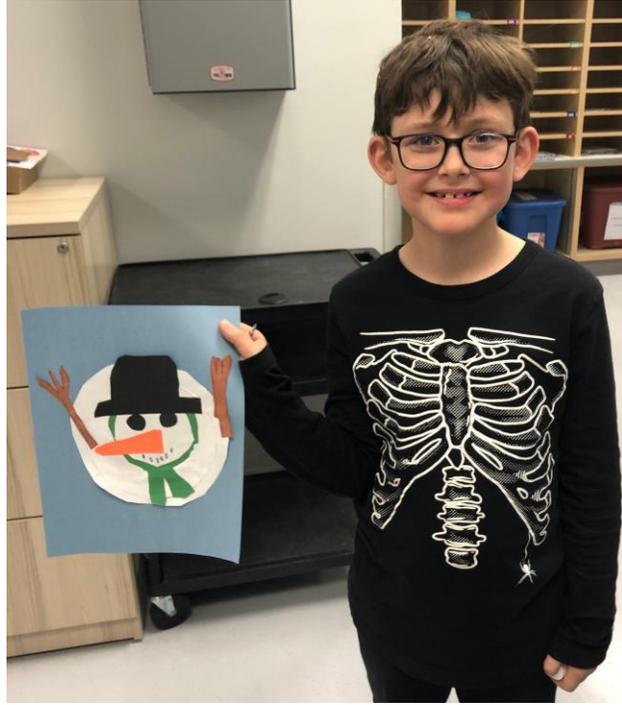
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*1 - Grade 1 Snowy Community*



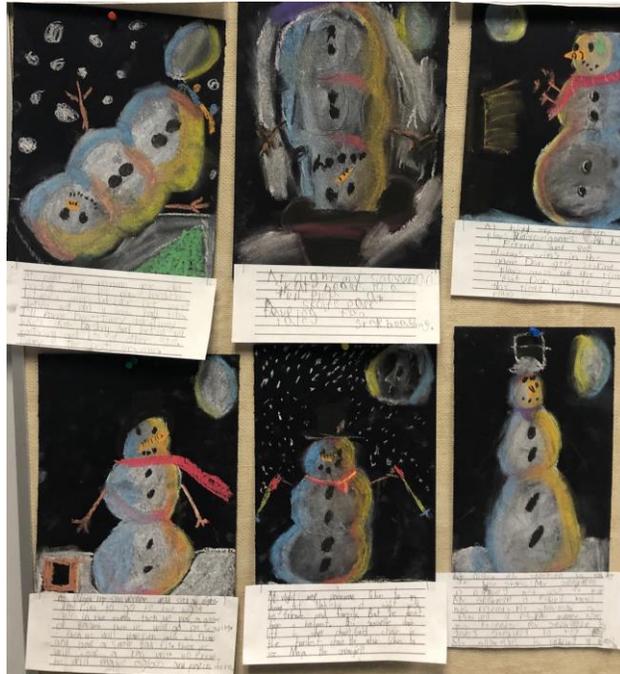
*2 - Grade 2 Melted Snowman*



3 - Grade 3 Watercolour Trees



4 - Grade 3 Community Math Arrays



5 - What Snowmen Do at Night

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***New: Dropping off Students for the Winter Concert***

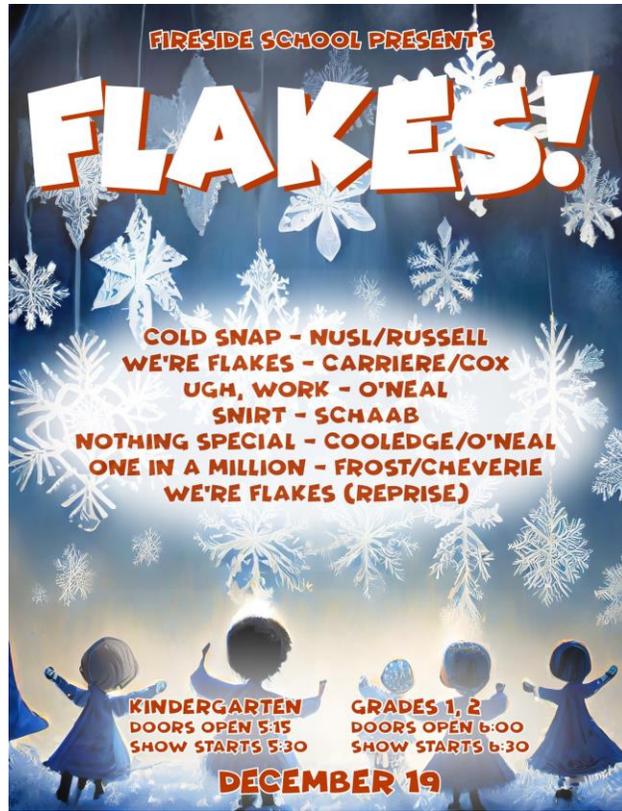
**Important new information for you about dropping off children for their concert:**

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**Between 5 and 5:15:** Kindergarten parents, please bring your children to their classrooms. Then, please find a seat in the gym for the performance. The concert starts at 5:30. Kindergarten parents will then collect their students after the concert in the classrooms. Exit through the doors nearest to the Kindergarten rooms, exiting onto the street by the bus lanes. **Please do not exit through the front doors, as the next wave of parents will be coming in for the Grade 1 and 2 concert.** Thank you in advance.

**Between 6 and 6:15:** Parents of Grades 1 and 2 and 2/3 take their child(ren) to their respective classrooms. Then, please go to find a seat in the gym for the performance. This Concert starts at 6:30. After the concert is finished, please collect your children in the classroom. Then, please exit through whatever door makes the most sense for the classroom location. Thank you.

**If you have children in both concerts:** Please have your Grade 1 and/or 2 and/or 2/3 student sit with the you in the gym for the Kinder Concert. Once the Kinder Concert is finished, please take your other student(s) to their respective classrooms. Then, please pick up your Kindergarten student and take them back to the gym to sit with you to watch the second concert.



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*New: Attending our K-2 Winter Concert, Tuesday, Dec 19*

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It's finally here! Next Tuesday, Fireside School's Kindergartens, Grade 1s, Grade 2s, and 2/3 Class will blow into the gym to put on truly sparkling performances at our Winter Concert. They can't wait to share

with you what they've been working on for the past two months in Music Class. The performances will take place in the main gym.

**Please remember that Fireside School is a Scent-free School, so please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, scented body products, and essential oils to our concert. Thank you for your attention to this health and safety concern; it truly is appreciated as it helps keep everyone safe.**

**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

This year, there will also be a Livestream link sent out for the concert.

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### *Lost & Found*

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Please check out the Lost and Found carts this week and at the Holiday Concert to see if any of the items belong to your child. They would like to go home with you for the holidays.

All items will be sorted and donated on Wednesday, December 20, in advance of Winter Break.

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### *Updated: Winter Spirit Days and Spirit Activities*

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Our final spirit day of 2023 will be next Friday, Dec 22: PJ Day! Students are invited to get cozy for Winter Break with PJ's & Slippers. Your child can even talk to their homeroom teacher about maybe bringing a stuffed animal friend along as well. One request: please consider keeping highly treasured stuffies at home that day. Stuffed animal tragedies, while rare, have been known to occur. :)

**Friday December 15 Valley Day**

Next week at our Winter Concert, the creative creations from the Ginger-Build Competition will be on display. Thank you to Friends of Fireside for kindly supporting this activity.

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