

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – November 24

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- Saturday, Nov 25 – deadline for Purdy's Orders (see below)
- Monday, Nov 27 & Wednesday, Nov 29 – Grade 7/8 Boys Basketball Tryouts
- Wednesday, Nov 29 – Grade 6 Immunizations (for students with signed consent forms)

- 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
- Tuesday, Dec 19 – Winter Concert: *Flakes* (Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 -- see below)
- Friday, Dec 22 – Last day of classes before Winter Break
- Monday, Jan 8 – First day of classes after Winter Break





1 - This week's Art creations: Grade 5 "Sweet but Scary", Grade 1 Yarn Owls, Grade 2 Force & Motion Art

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

December is within arm's reach now, and we're starting to see signs of festivity cropping up in classrooms. Diwali was observed in a number of classes earlier this month. Many classes and families are starting to look ahead to Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.

Our annual winter donations drive is in full swing, as we attempt to improve upon our sizeable contributions in years past. With 900 students in our school this year, we're confident our donation will make a significant impact on the Cochrane Activettes's ability to support families in need during the holiday season. For more details on this week's goals, see the information below.



Many classes were reading or doing projects with their "buddy" class throughout the week. It is so great to hear the conversations and connections that were happening. Grade 1 students had fun while practicing strategic thinking and physical agility on the climbing wall in Phys. Ed., and Grade 4 students showed their creativity and innovative thinking in their projects for Trash Bash, which was displayed in the Science Lab and Grade 4 hallway during 3-Way Conferences.

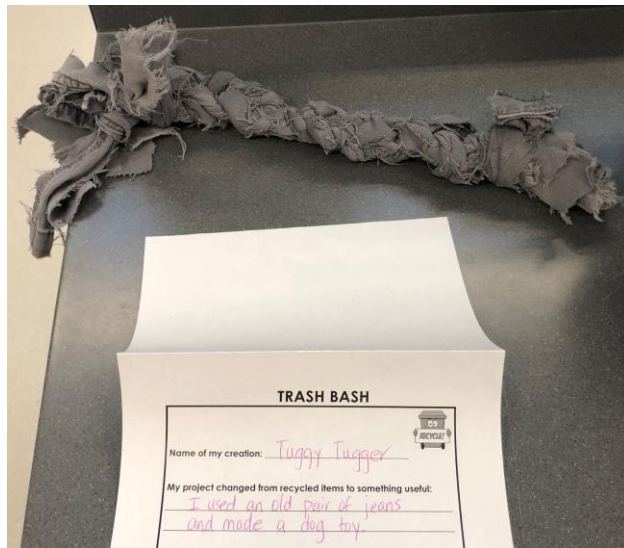
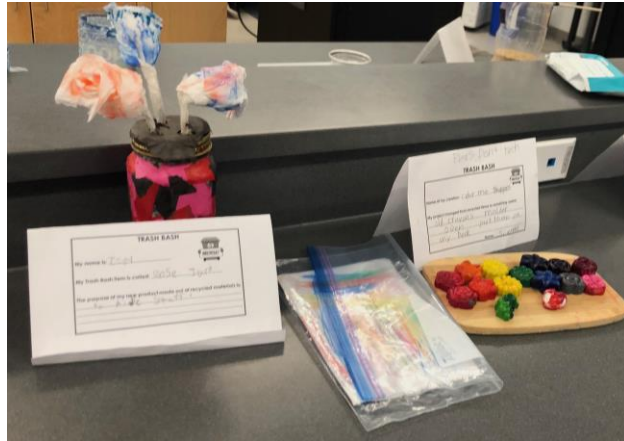
Have a wonderful (and hopefully warm) weekend.

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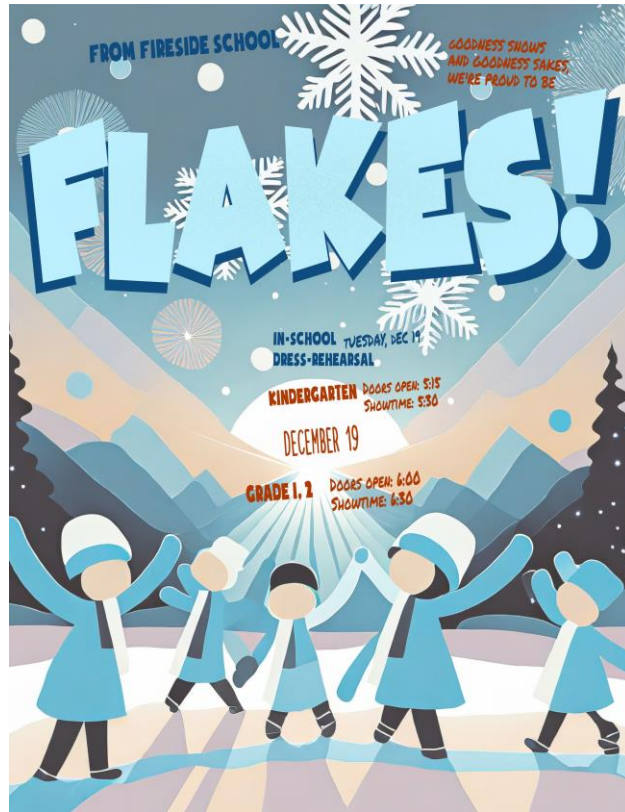
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New: K-2 Winter Concert, Tuesday, Dec 19



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.

Fireside School's Kindergartens, Grade 1s, Grade 2s, and our 2/3 split class will put on a truly dazzling performance at our Winter Concert on December 19th.

Below is our rough schedule for the evening:

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

1-2/3 Performance: doors open for seating at 6:00 pm; showtime 6:30 pm

Watch for further information about student drop off and the program.

Updated: Annual Community Spirit Donation Drive

FOOD BANK BINGO

Week 2: November 27- Dec. 1

Homeroom: _____

1 Box of Pullups (any size)	4 Bags/boxes of any Pasta	6 total 5 packs Juice boxes (250ml)	3 total bottles of body wash or bar soap
4 Boxes of Oatmeal	Any 2 NEW Children's Books	5 packs of toothpaste	3 total cans/jars of any pasta sauce
2 boxes of any dried soup packs	5 total cans of any Canned Beans/Veggies (Kidney, corn, etc)	1 "full" pack of either toilet paper or paper towel	1 total pack (OR 6 individual rolls) of Paper Towel
3 bottles of any household cleaners	10 total cans of any Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, etc.)	2 boxes of tinfoil or plastic wrap	6 small boxes Fruit snacks/cups for lunches

Cross of the donations that are brought in to your homeroom class. Compete for a bingo horizontal, diagonal, or vertical to fill in ONE family bingo square. Complete ALL squares (Blackout) to enter the grand prize. Drop off your completed Bingo Sheets to the office.

Fireside School will be collecting donations for the Cochrane Activettes and our local food bank from November 20th through December 1st. Each homeroom class has received "Bingo Cards" to track their donations; there is one card for each week. When the class completes a row, they will add an entry into a draw for their Fireside Family to win a movie in the gym. A card blackout earns the class entry into a draw for a class pizza party. There is no limit on blackouts and classes are encouraged to complete as many cards as they can!

You'll see the Week 2 card with this announcement.

As we enter the final week of collections, we are grateful for all of the items that have already come into the school donation boxes, and we look forward to sharing next week how the drive has finished up. Thank you for supporting the Cochrane Activettes and the many local families who will benefit from your gracious donations.

Updated: Friends of Fireside - Purdy's Fundraiser -- Ends Tomorrow!



You have one more day to place an order for the Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser. The order form (with images of each product to order) can be accessed [here](#).

Purdy's orders close tomorrow, Saturday, November 25th. Orders will be sent home by December 7/8/9.

Reminder: Fireside Swag

Looking for a Christmas gift idea? How about a Fireside School hoodie, ball cap, or touque? Maybe a T-shirt? Orders can be placed through Kodiak Sports. To receive orders before Winter Break, please place your order before Monday, November 20. All clothing ordered before that date will be shipped out or delivered to the school approximately 3.5 weeks later (approximately December 18th). Our apologies that the link sent out last week did not connect to the site. You can check out the online store [here](#).

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