

# Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

The Week Ahead ~ November 27 to December 3

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Friday, November 26		<b>Junior B Girls Volleyball Tournament</b>
November 29 to December 10		<b>Fireside Winter Holiday Food Drive</b>
Wednesday, December 1	6:30 - 8:00 pm	<b>School Council Meeting</b> ( <a href="https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/2781208156">https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/2781208156</a> )
Friday, December 3		<b>Last Day of Term 1.</b>
Monday, December 6		<b>First Day of Term 2. (New Grade 7 &amp; 8 Options)</b>
Monday, December 13	7:00 pm	<b>Friends of Fireside Meeting</b> <a href="meet.google.com/yzb-pgbm-zvh">meet.google.com/yzb-pgbm-zvh</a>
Friday, December 17		<b>Last day before Winter Break</b>
Monday, January 3		<b>First day back from Winter Break</b>

Hello, families and friends of Fireside!

It has been another very full week at Fireside. The grade 2s have been learning all about Northern Canada and the Inuit. Mr. Perratt's class has been slowly constructing an igloo from empty milk jugs! Grade 7s & 8s are close to wrapping up their term 1 options. Basketball season is just getting underway as volleyball season is winding down. Upper grades are showing off some fairly slick dance moves in phys ed.

Officially starting on Monday (though some classes have already gotten a head start), the annual Fireside Winter Holiday Food Drive kicks off, as we work together to help the Cochrane Activettes make this a joyful holiday season for all Cochrane area families. Please check the information below for more details.





There has been quite an assortment of weather this past week. From fog that made it hard to see across our fields, to a generous flurry of snow, to a warm and blustery chinook, it has been an interesting week. We'd like to remind parents and caregivers to ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather. While the coming week's weather is still anticipated to be mild, there may be some flurries. Sending an extra set of dry clothes may also be worthwhile, as the weather has left some wet and muddy zones around our fields.

If you seem to be missing some winter gear, why not take a browse through our lost & found gallery below?

We'd like to wish everyone an enjoyable weekend!

#### **[NEW: Fireside Winter Holiday Food Drive](#)**

The Cochrane Activettes look to Cochrane area schools as hubs for generating food and essential household supplies for families in need of support. These donations ensure there are supports available both over the holidays and well into the new year. Fireside School has provided some of the largest donations in recent years, and we would like to continue this growing tradition.

#### **[NEW: Lunch Bell Time Revision](#)**

Please note that we have made a minor adjustment to our lunch schedule. Lunch times now operate as follows:

11:35-11:55 – Lunch for grades 5-8 (grades 1-4 recess)

11:55-12:15 – Lunch for grades 1-4 (grades 5-8 recess)

#### **[Travelling and Returning to School](#)**

As you may be aware, the Government of Canada has established mandatory requirements for international travel. As a Rocky View Schools' school, Fireside follows all federal and provincial public health measures and asks that staff and families be aware of restrictions before travelling. Further information can be found on our divisional website:

[https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/school\\_2021/travelling-and-return-to-school](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/school_2021/travelling-and-return-to-school)

In some instances, your child will not be eligible to return to school for 14 days. Please visit the [Government of Canada's website](#) for the most current requirements, as they may change. The

[fact sheets on the Government of Canada website](#) provide more information on returning from international travel and what health measures may exist, depending on your situation.

### **Fireside's Annual Winter Food Drive starts Monday, November 29**

It is time for our annual Winter Food Drive! The Cochrane Activettes are eagerly anticipating another significant contribution from Fireside School.

At the end of this week's *Focus* is a Food Drive "Bingo" card that represents the Activettes's requests for the season. Each class will be engaged in friendly competition to see which class can bring in as many requested items as possible. The goal is to get as many "cards-worth" of items as possible. Each square has a point value; filling out a complete card earns a point bonus, as well. Each Homeroom teacher will be keeping track of the points for each class.

The drive officially runs from Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, to Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing our students, staff, and community come together to be able to give back to our larger community through this activity.

Students are challenged to complete "BINGO cards" that indicate which items are most in demand this year. Classes earn points for individual items and completed cards, and the class with the most points will get a special reward and bragging rights for the next year.

The Bingo Cards is shown below.

### **Friends of Fireside Updates**

Thank you to everyone who ordered for our Colibri Snack Bags fundraiser! Orders will be sent home with your child once it arrives! We will keep everyone posted for the delivery date.

Our Bento box fundraiser is still open - it ships directly to your home! Check it out at <https://www.stuckonyou.ca/affiliate/fundraiser/FRIENDSOFFIRESIDESCHOOL>

**BIG NEWS!!** Our school has the wonderful opportunity of doing a casino! We are looking for about 25 to 30 volunteers to help us run the casino! It will be at Ace Casino Blackfoot on Sunday March 20th 2022, and Monday March 21st 2022.

It will be a fun couple of days - we hope you'll join us! Please use the link below to enter in your availability - thank you so much for helping us with this **BIG** task!

<https://forms.gle/Rt5dUZ2T8KCKMwG49>

And, as always, thanks for your support!

The next Friends of Fireside meeting will take place on Monday, December 13, 2021 and the first meeting of the new year will be on Monday, January 17, 2022. New attendees are welcome.

# 10 Days of Winter Countdown Bingo

<u>Pancake Mix and Syrup</u> (5 points)	<u>Canned Soup &amp; Stews</u> (3 points)	<u>Whole Grain Cereal &amp; Oatmeal</u> (3 points)	<u>Infant foods</u> (2 points)
<u>Toiletries</u> (deodorant, soap, toothpaste, etc.) (3 points each)	<u>Canned fruit</u> (3 points)	<u>Dish Soap</u> (3 points)	<u>Canned Meats &amp; Fish</u> (3 points)
<u>Lentils/Beans</u> (3 points)	<u>Rice</u> (3 points)	<u>Cooking Oil</u> (5 points)	<u>Granola Bars</u> (3 points)
<u>Laundry Detergent</u> (5 points)	<u>Peanut Butter, Jam, Honey</u> (5 points)	<u>Canned Vegetables</u> (2 points)	<u>\$10 Grocery Store Gift Card</u> (10 points)
<u>Juice</u> (3 points)	<u>Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towel</u> (5 points)	<u>Diapers (sizes 4,5 6) &amp; Pull-Ups</u> (10 points)	<u>Pasta Sauces</u> (3 points)

Complete Bingo Card: bonus 50 points

High demand food items include proteins (meats, stews, etc.), followed by fruits and vegetables.

**Lost and Found:** Please check these photos on the next three pages to see if your child's wayward items may have been found. Among the many clothes and winter accessories we've gathered, there is also a very small, kid-sized shopping cart and a rather nice scooter in our possession. Parents and caregivers are welcome to come by the office to claim lost items or have your children come down to collect their own belongings.











