

# Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

The Week Ahead ~ January 7 to January 14

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Monday, January 10		<b>First day back to school after Extended Winter Break</b>
Friday, January 7		<b>Next Healthy Hunger Day - Brewhouse (see information below)</b>
Friday, January 14		<b>Junior A Basketball Tournament</b>
Monday, January 17	7:00 p.m.	<b>Friends of Fireside Meeting</b> ( <a href="https://meet.google.com/yzb-pgbm-zvh">meet.google.com/yzb-pgbm-zvh</a> )
Friday, January 21		<b>Junior A Basketball Tournament</b>
Monday, January 31		<b>Professional Learning Day (no school)</b>

Hello, families and friends of Fireside!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back from the Extended Winter Break on Monday, January 10th. Today's edition of the *Focus* contains a few important reminders before our return to school.

Have a safe and cozy weekend.

### **[NEW: Healthy Hunger - Friday, January 14](#)**

Our next date for Healthy Hunger is this coming Friday, January 14, 2022. The provider is The Brewhouse in Cochrane; offerings include pasta, pizza, and chicken fingers, among other items.

Orders can be placed through your Health Hunger account. If you do not already have an account, please see the end of this week's *Focus* for the registration and ordering information. The website link is: [www.HealthyHunger.ca](http://www.HealthyHunger.ca)

Please note that orders need to be in by Sunday, January 9. If you've already placed an order and need to cancel it, that is also the deadline for cancellation.

### **[NEW: Bus Lane Safety](#)**

As we return to school, just a friendly reminder to parents and families to leave the bus lanes on the north side of the school open for School Buses only. Especially with our snowy and icy conditions at this time, having other vehicles in this space presents a number of safety concerns for students, families, and vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation with and attention to this reminder.

### **[NEW: RVS Updates to Return to School Operations](#)**

For your reference, Rocky View Schools' most up-to-date [2021-2022 Return to School Operations Plan](#) has been posted to the Rocky View Schools site.

### **[NEW: Daily Health Checklist Usage](#)**

RVS will continue to require all students, staff, and visitors to use the most updated [Alberta Daily Health Checklist](#) (click on the link to view) on the Alberta Government site prior to coming to school each day. Parents/Guardians play an essential role, as they support actions in the home (such as keeping children/students home when sick and accessing testing if symptoms develop) that ultimately keep other children, students, and staff safe.

### **[NEW: Masking Reminders](#)**

A few friendly reminders about Masking as we come back to school on January 10, 2022.

As per the provincial requirements, masks continue to be required for all individuals (students, drivers, volunteers, and staff) on a school bus. Masks will not be required outdoors at RVS schools and sites.

A non-medical face mask is required while inside RVS schools and sites for:

- All students (Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 12)
- All staff members
- All visitors/volunteers

A reminder that Mask Exceptions can only be granted by a nurse practitioner, physician, or a psychologist using the provincial [Medical Note for Mask Exception](#) form.

Further information and updates on masking and mask exceptions can be found in the [2021-2022 Return to School Operations Plan](#).

### **[NEW: Reminders of Fireside School Bell Times](#)**

As we return to school, here is a copy of our bell/class schedule for your reference on the next page: entry to the school is 7:50 a.m. with instructional time beginning at 8:05 a.m..

<b><u>Grades 1 to 8</u></b>	<b><u>Kindergarten</u></b>
7:50 to 8:05 – Student Arrival and Entry	<u>AM Classes</u>
8:05 to 9:30 – Instructional Time	7:50 to 8:05 – Student Arrival and Entry
9:30 to 9:50 – Recess/ Literacy Time	8:05 to 10:40 – Instructional Time
10:10 to 11:35 – Instructional Time	10:40 – Student Dismissal
11:35 to 12:15 – Lunch/Recess	<u>PM Classes</u>
12:15 to 2:20 – Instructional Time	11:30 to 11:40 – Student Arrival and Entry
2:20 to 2:30 – Student Dismissal	11:40 to 2:15 – Instructional Time
2:30 – Bus Departure	2:15 to 2:30 – Student Dismissal
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**UPDATED: If Students Arrive to School Late for Any Reason...**

If students arrive late for school in the morning (after the start Period 1, which begins at 8:05 am) or after the start of Period 5 (12:15 pm) in the afternoon, they need to sign in at the office, please. Please note that if they arrive after 8:15 am in the morning, they will need to enter through the front doors; the same is true for after lunch, if they arrive after 12:20 pm.

**UPDATED: Community Volunteering to Return in the New Year**

Fireside School is thrilled to announce that parent and community volunteering will be making a comeback in 2022. Hopefully everyone received the link to an online form, which was sent out for prospective volunteers to be able to indicate their availability and preferred activities prior to the break.

Please note that volunteers will be required to have completed a vulnerable sector check and to show proof of double vaccination. Volunteers will also need to wear a mask during their time in the school building. We're looking forward to seeing adults back in our school and engaging in a variety of supportive activities. Please note this request does not replace those being made by individual teachers for support, which will likely be forthcoming in the next few weeks as well. Families are encouraged to continue responding to those requests with your very appreciated support.

**UPDATED: Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs at Fireside**

Grade 6 students at Fireside School will be writing Provincial Achievement Tests in May and June 2022 for this school year. In the coming months, Grade 6 teachers will continue their work with students around how best to engage and prepare for these assessments, including engagement of practice PAT assessments and reviews of assessment-taking strategies and skills.

For your reference, here are the dates for schools for Fireside students:

- Wednesday, May 18, 2022: Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A (Written)
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022: Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B (Reading Comprehension)
- Friday, June 17, 2022: Grade 6 Mathematics Part A (Numerical Response)
- Monday, June 20, 2022: Grade 6 Mathematics Part B (Multiple-Choice)

- Wednesday, June 22, 2022: Grade 6 Science
- Thursday, June 23, 2022: Grade 6 Social Studies

Parents and families can find further information on Alberta's Provincial Testing in the [Grade 6 Parent Guide, 2021-2022](#), including Testing Descriptions and Sample Questions. Further details about PAT's for our school specifically will be coming out to parents and families over the next few months in class communications and through future editions of the *Fireside Focus*.

Should you have any questions about these assessments, please do not hesitate to reach out.

### **REMINDER: Friends of Fireside**

We are excited to announce that the funds from our Casino Nights will be used to create an outdoor learning space filled with natural materials! We will send out more information in the new year! We would sincerely like to thank everyone who has signed up to help with the school's Casino - we appreciate it so much and will be following up with everyone after the break. We are still looking to fill a few more spots for our evening shifts and looking for on-call people for these evening shifts as well. If you can help out or have a grandparent or neighbour who might like to come out - please send them the link to sign up! <https://forms.gle/GegH2uFKCbuNCrUY6>

More information about the casino and our organization can be found on our website at <https://friendsoffireside.ca/casino-march-2022/>

We are also excited to announce that we will be doing another home alone/babysitting courses and CPR course - Look for more information and how to register in January!

Our next meeting is Monday January 17, 2022, at 7:00 PM - everyone is welcome, as we are always excited to have new members join us! Please use the link <meet.google.com/yzb-pgbm-zvh>

Please watch our Facebook page for new updates and thanks as always for your continued support!

### **Reminder: Fireside School Nutrition Program**

Fireside's School Nutrition Program has had some changes that we wish to bring to your attention. However, what is still the same is that food is available for students who've forgotten their lunch or snacks or for those who need school to supply a lunch (no questions asked).

For lunch: students are able to access a brown bag lunch during the lunch hour from the Servedy, which is located beside the gym, just off the Learning Commons. Ms. Michaud is there to help students get lunch at that time. Healthy snacks and fruit will still be available in the main office, the Roost, Learning Support classrooms, and CDA offices.

### **Reminder: Allergies ~ Fireside School is Scent-aware and Nut-aware**

Some students and staff at Fireside School have nut or fragrance allergies. Therefore, Fireside is a nut-aware and scent-aware school. Please do not send items with nuts to school with students. We also ask that students refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, or other strongly scented products or

sprays to school. Additionally, students should not bring perfume, cologne, or body spray products (e.g. Axe) to school with them, please. The same is true for parents, families, volunteers, or visiting teams entering the school for meetings, conferences, presentations, or tournaments. Thank you for your attention to and respect of these health concerns: we want to keep everyone safe at Fireside!



# PARENTS



## FUN LUNCHES ON-LINE

You have been asked to order your Fun Lunches On-Line... Now what? Go to [www.HealthyHunger.ca](http://www.HealthyHunger.ca) and click **“REGISTER YOUR STUDENT”**. After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming Fun Lunches, place orders, and then pay for your orders Online with Visa, or MasterCard.

## HOW IT WORKS

### Create an account

### Add Student

### View upcoming fun lunches

LUNCH DATE	STATUS	RESTAURANT & ORDER DETAILS
Oct 02, 2020	ORDER NOW	MR.SUB
Oct 08, 2020	ORDER NOW	PIZZA 73
Dec 01, 2020	ORDER NOW	Extremepita
Dec 01, 2020	ORDER NOW	Pita Pit
Dec 01, 2020	ORDER NOW	Beverly Juice
Dec 02, 2020	ORDER NOW	MR.SUB
Dec 02, 2020	ORDER NOW	MR.SUB

### Place your orders and make payment online

### STEP 1.

Click **“REGISTER YOUR STUDENT”** and create Your account.

### STEP 2.

Login, and add your children to the account.

### STEP 3.

View all the Up-coming fun lunch dates.

### STEP 4.

Place your orders and make payment Online.



## BENEFITS

1. Receive an email reminder if you have not ordered for an up-coming lunch.
2. Receive automatic email notification when your School posts a new Fun Lunch.
3. Order for multiple children attending the same or different Schools.
4. Flexibility & Control. Order for 1 lunch, 2 lunches, or the entire year.
5. Cancel orders at any time before the 5-day Cut-Off.
6. Quickly review your orders at any time.
7. Free and Unlimited Tech Support from Healthy Hunger.

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