



The Firewire Parents' Weekly

December 9-15, 2019

Our grade 6 mini volleyball Champion Firebirds! Thank you to everyone for putting this tournament on for our younger student athletes. Developing skills, team camaraderie and a tournament experience was well worth it! Thank you particularly to Shaun.

Basketball tryouts are complete, and practices are underway for an early start to the season. We set the gymnasium up for our Christmas concerts, eat pancakes at our Family Christmas breakfast, and then wrap the month up with the carol sing & dances on the final day. December continues its reputation as a busy, busy month.



This Week's Activities

Christmas concert rehearsals will be the name of the game for our elementary classes this month.

Monday – Day 2

- Basketball Games:
 - Sr. Boys host Lamont at 4:00. Sr. Girls follow.

Tuesday – Day 3

- Mr. Wever & I are now at school as our PD was cancelled.
- Basketball Games:
 - Sr. Girls & Boys travel to Lamont. Girls start at 4:00. Boys follow.
 - Jr. Girls & Boys host Rudolph Henning. Girls start at 4:00. Boys follow.

Wednesday – Day 4

- I am at the Feeder Framework meeting for the morning
- Pizza Day
- Stage set up for our Christmas concerts

Thursday – Day 5

- I am attending a budget discussion meeting at Central in the afternoon
- Senior EIPS basketball tournament starts
 - Boys play all games at Ardrossan High School. First game @5:15 p.m.
 - Girls play all games at ABJ. First game @ 5:15 p.m.

Friday – Day 6

- **13th Annual Fultonvale Christmas Pancake breakfast, 7:30 a.m. in the gymnasium.** All families of Fultonvale are welcome to come and eat pancakes with staff and other Fultonvale families. **No need to RSVP and no tickets required – our treat.**
- Sr. Boys & Girls EIPS basketball tournament continues.

On Stage for the week of December 16-20:

- *Monday*
 - A teaching & Learning day. Concert practices for elementary classes.
- *Tuesday*
 - Jr. ATB Banking Day
 - K-3 Christmas concerts at 12:30 & 6:30 p.m.
- *Wednesday*
 - A teaching & Learning day. Concert practices for grades 4-6 classes.
 - Mark & I are at Leadership meeting for the morning.
 - I am at a PD session for the afternoon.
- *Thursday*
 - Mr. Wever is at an assistant principals meeting for the morning.
 - Hot Lunch Day
 - Jr. Girls & Boys basketball teams travel to Ft. Christian. Both games @ 4:00 pm.
 - 4-6 Christmas concerts at 12:30 & 6:30 p.m.
- *Friday*
 - Carol Sing to start the day off
 - Snowflake dance (morning)
 - Junior high locker cleanout – PLEASE 😊.
 - Snowball dance (afternoon)

School News & Upcoming Events

Christmas Food Bank Drive – The final week

Our parent group (FSAC) is spearheading our school Food Bank Drive this year. Classes are accepting donations up until the morning of December 13th. FSAC will provide a pizza party to the class whose name is drawn from a hat. Our goal is to average 1 item for each student. **List is at the end of the Firewire.**

Learning Commons News

We are looking for a parent volunteer to come help out in the library to primarily need help shelving and shelf reading, especially in the picture books. Miss Schneider will explain how to do everything. We just require someone with patience and who likes to organize. Preferred times are between 8 and 11 am, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, however we can be flexible if you are interested

The Learning Common will be closed from the 17th-20th for Inventory. Students are encouraged to check out plenty of books before then as this will help with the inventory process.

Elementary Skating

Elementary classes will be skating in January at the SOC. Our grade 1-3 students will skate periods 2-4 (from 8:45-11:30) on the Tuesdays of January 7, 14, 21, 28, and February.

The grade 4-6 students will have from 8:45-11:30 on the Thursdays of January 9, 16, 23, 30 and Wednesday, February 5 (due to Convention).

Mental Health Tip:

Canadian mental health association created 8 mental wellness tips for the holidays. It is a good resource for families/parents. <https://www.mymentalhealth.ca/8-tips-for-mental-wellness-during-the-holidays/>

Casino

The Fultonvale School Advisory Council (FSAC) is looking for ALTERNATES for the upcoming **casino in January 29 and 30, 2020**. All slots have been filled but **alternates are required** should an individual be unable to attend their shift. If we do not fulfill all spots, then FSAC/Fultonvale will lose out on all casino funds. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

The casino will be in Camrose. If interested, please to email ftvhotlunch@gmail.com to sign up as a volunteer. Thank you, in advance, for your time and efforts in helping the FSAC and Fultonvale School obtain additional funds to support school programming.

Kudos

To all teachers for your work during staff meeting.

A Final Thought...

"Sometimes you will never know the value of something, until it becomes a memory". ~ Dr. Seuss

Enjoy your week. ~ Brad



Christmas Food Bank

By Grade

We realize Christmas is a tight time of year for everyone, but if we as a school are able to help out our fellow community members who rely on food hampers, that may just be the greatest gift of all!

We are asking each grade to help provide items that your kids are in, but of course we will take anything on this list to help out our local Food Bank

Kindergarten	Anything from the list from below
Grade One	Boxes of Cereal / Pancake mix / Baby Food
Grade Two	Peanut Butter/ Jam/ Nutella
Grade Three	Juice(1Litre) / Kraft Dinner
Grade Four	Canned Fruit / Pudding
Grade Five	Canned Tomatoes / Granola Bars
Grade Six	Canned Tuna/Salmon / Boxes of Crackers
Grade Seven	Canned Beans / Hot cereal/ Oatmeal
Grade Eight	Rice / Pasta
Grade Nine	Spaghetti Sauce / Jello
Staff	Soup (chicken, mushroom, stew, chilli)

FSAC will be collecting food donations until the 15th of December. We put our list together based on the recommendations from the [Strathcona Food Bank](http://www.strathconafoodbank.ca) website. They are also in need of non-food items. To learn more, check out their website @ www.strathconafoodbank.ca