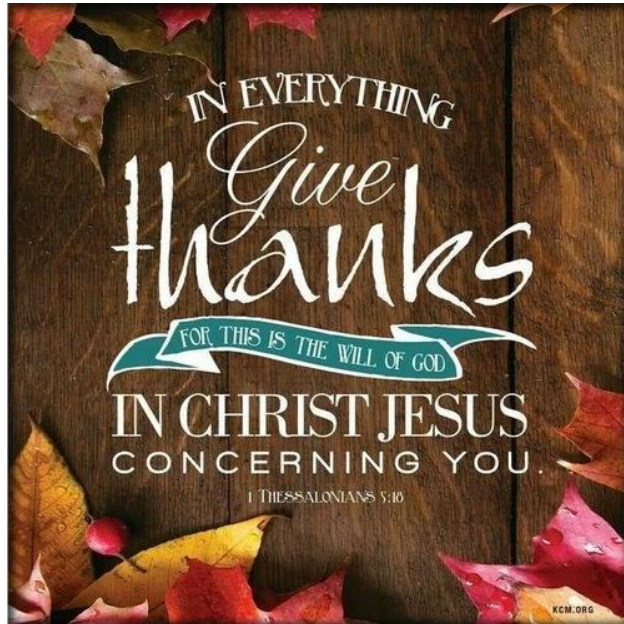


# CCA CONNECTIONS October 2023



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## Message from Administration



### *Principal's Message*

**Giving Thanks** - Let's begin this month's newsletter with a shout-out to all CCA students, staff, and parents that make up our school community. You have each made our move to a new school building a success. We have a beautiful school community with a strong commitment to bringing ongoing positivity and excitement to learning. CCA is a wonderful place to learn.

**Belonging** - We pray that each student will make a strong connection to school and develop a solid sense of belonging at CCA. October's core value 'BELONGING' states, "Students at CCA are in a safe place where each one matters. Each is loved and supported. Each is designed to connect with God and live a life full of relationship, connection, and unity with one another." We look forward to exploring this core value with our students. Join us in living out this important core value.

**Orange Shirt Day** - Be sure to connect with your child about the Orange Shirt Day activities they participated in last week. Teachers provided opportunities for students to make connections with indigenous ways of knowing.

**Harvest Party this Thursday** - Thanksgiving celebrations will take place on Thursday, October 5th. This is an important time of year to highlight the mindset of giving thanks. Be certain to check out your teacher's email about how Thanksgiving will be celebrated in your child's classroom.

**Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences** are set for October 11th and 12th.

Parents can sign up at: <https://cca.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf> , to meet with their child and teacher via Zoom or in person. Teachers will be working on setting student goals for the year, so it is imperative that

your child be included in the meeting. Also, childcare will be provided on both evenings in the Learning Commons.

**Student Accident Insurance:**

A kind reminder that RVS offers optional Student Accident Insurance. This insurance is highly encouraged for students, particularly those involved in sports. Registration information can be found on the RVS Website<sup>1</sup>.

**CCA Apple Fundraiser** - Help us raise funds for our students. Please go to School Cash<sup>2</sup> online to purchase apples

**School Council** - We are pleased to announce that the following parents will be serving on our School Council Executive in the following roles:

Chair: Debra Clarke

Co-Chair: Abby Blough

Secretary: Heather McCulloch

Treasurer: Haley Hopper

Thank you to these parents for stepping forward to contribute to CCA in these roles. Our next School Council meeting is Thursday, October 19th. Childcare will be provided.

We wish you all a blessed and rest-filled Thanksgiving.

**Mr. Allan Elkin and Mr. Richard Sampson**

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/cms/one.aspx?portalId=21765915&pageId=52597900>

<sup>2</sup><https://rockyview.schoolcashionline.com/>

## Important Dates



- **Thursday, October 5** - Harvest Party and Dress-up Day
- **Tuesday, October 10** - New students Pizza-party
- **Wednesday & Thursday, October 11 & 12** - CCA Parent Teacher Conferences  
<https://cca.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf>
- **Sunday, October 15** - Wayback Fun Lunch order due
- **Wednesday, October 18** - Apple Fundraiser Orders due
- **Friday, October 20** - Wayback Burger Fun Lunch
- **Sunday, October 22** - Pizza Fun lunch order due
- **Monday, October 23** - Lifetouch Photo retake
- **Wednesday, October 25** - Gr.6 Vaccinations
- **Tuesday, October 31** - Apple order pick-up
- **Friday, November 3** - Pizza Fun Lunch

## Daily Routines & Procedures



### BELL TIMES

- Doors Open 7:52 am
- Classes Start 8:02 am
- Recess 11:40-12:10 pm
- Lunch 12:10 - 12:40 pm
- PM Classes Start 12:40 pm
- Dismissal 2:20 pm

## BusPlanner Web

 **BusPlanner**  
EASY-TO-USE  
AND EFFICIENT SOLUTION



School Assistant (Edulog) is no longer available, log into BusPlanner Web (<https://bp.rockyview.ab.ca><sup>3</sup>). Transportation information including routes, stop locations, stop times, and students assigned to each route are found available in the system. The transportation department will be sending out an email with user credentials and instructions on how to use the system in the coming weeks.

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<sup>3</sup><https://bp.rockyview.ab.ca/>

## Allergy Awareness



We want to remind all parents that CCA is a 'Allergy aware' facility.

Please be advised that a number of our learners and staff are allergic to nuts. As such, food and treats containing nuts should never be brought to school. When a student realizes they have accidentally bought an item containing nuts, they simply need to bring it to the attention of the teacher who can assist.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the school safe for all members of our learning community.

## Food and Treats

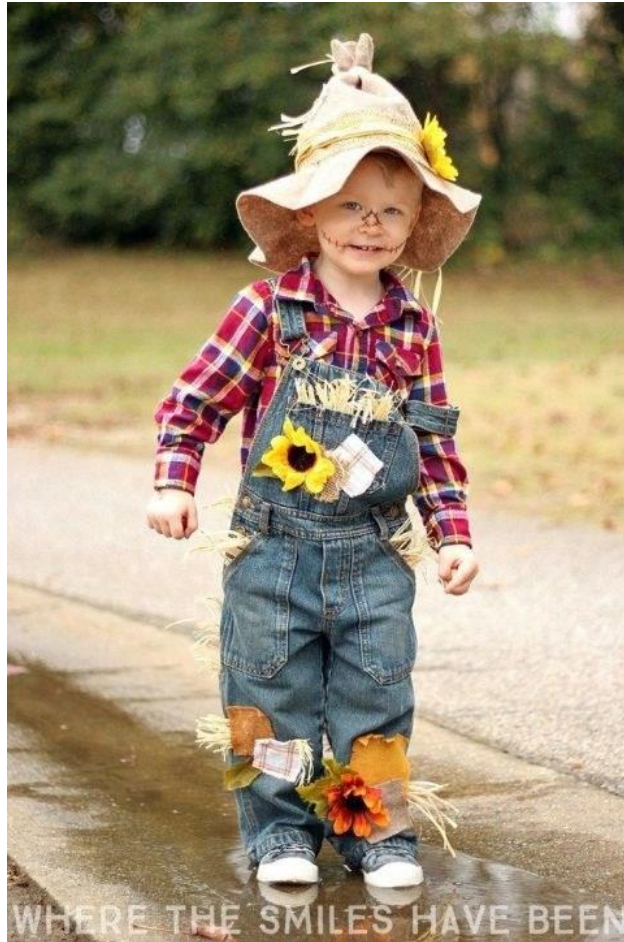


Parents are invited to send **store-bought, individually pre-packaged food and treats** to school with their child for such events as birthdays and special classroom celebrations (please consult your child's teacher for specific classroom routines).

All food sent to school to be shared with the class **must be commercially packaged**. This means such items as cake, cupcakes, and cookies baked and packaged at home (wrapped with cellophane) are not permitted.

In addition, all packaged items must be labelled 'NUT FREE'. If baked at home or not labelled 'nut free,' the food will be returned home with the child who brought it to school.

## Harvest Dress-up



**Thursday, October 5th** is our Harvest Party & Dress Up Day. We'd like to remind families that as we don't dress up for Halloween at CCA, we dress up for Thanksgiving instead. Costumes may be anything 'harvest' related - farmers, animals, or produce!

**No scary costumes, please.**

This is an important time of the year to highlight the mindset of giving thanks.

## Right Now Media



It is **FREE** and available to all students, parents, and staff. CCA is excited to share that our school has access to an extensive, video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access for free whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV.

Not registered yet? Click here<sup>4</sup>!

We hope you will sign-up and enjoy this as a family! Drop us a line & let us know how you're enjoying it.

## Welcome Back RVS



At RVS we work hard to share information about what is happening in your child's classroom, at the school and across the division. This communication comes in many forms – classroom emails, parent/teacher conferences, school newsletters, websites, social media, division letters and more. RVS teachers, school and division staff aim to provide you with the most relevant information. We encourage you to please take time to read it. Our school and division websites are a great resource for additional information and to answer questions you may have – please check them often for updates.

There are times when you may need more specific information about your child, which could be in an email, phone call or meeting depending on the question or situation. We welcome ongoing dialogue with families.

We ask for your patience and understanding in how and when a teacher or administrator responds. Most of their days are spent in front of students focussed on their learning. When they are not in the

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<sup>4</sup><https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/Cochranechristianacademyalberta>



classroom, they are preparing for the next day, reviewing assignments or getting home to their families and they might not be able to return your call or email that day. Under normal circumstances, school staff will respond to emails within 24 hours on school days (not after 6 p.m.) or by the end of the following workday if received on the weekend/holiday. Across all of RVS, we do not expect school staff/teachers to read or respond to emails after 6pm on school days or on weekends/holidays. This common expectation across all our schools and is described in administrative procedure 145<sup>5</sup> which is linked to here.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Together, we can create a supportive environment that benefits our students' learning and growth.

Wishing everyone a great 2023/24 school year.

Greg Luterbach, Superintendent of Schools

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<sup>5</sup><https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/common/pages/DownloadFileByUrl.aspx?key=N%2fo4k6V0Skb8qlZzjq8CXpQQ8wtMOQ4HpdBd4JaIktK7f71OLla0lpMOElwM9AmwSp5pWs3xD53OA23flZ8pLyNqCsquohexH9HGKITxXOxCg0TbdmH7o4jPXbExRvaf5WXk4cLgxy34dgc%2bRLRtCqP%2fRXcXCv8V6g8FY0q1whayLI4B4kDSapP2Y64%2fGutMaz6Hlg%3d%3d>

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